

Session 3
Review of the FAO programmatic framework for 2020–2021
for Europe and Central Asia

Group work discussion

Empowering smallholders and family farms for improved rural livelihoods and poverty reduction¹

Objective:

The main objective of the group work is to promote exchanges in respect to the main technical areas of Regional Initiative 1 to guide its programme of work for 2020–2021 and to identify ways to strengthen partnerships at both national and regional levels.

Time: 30 minutes

Structure:

1. **Introduction by the Regional Initiative Delivery Manager** (3 min)
2. **Roundtable discussion** (total 25 min)

Guiding questions:

- What are your views on the scope of technical and programme areas under the Regional Initiative in the context of your country or the region? (15 min)
- What opportunities for promoting and strengthening partnerships in different technical areas do you see in your country and in the region to support smallholders and family farms? (10 min)

3. **Wrap-up by the Regional Initiative Delivery Manager** (2 min)

¹ For further background information on this field, please refer to the section on Regional Initiative 1 on Empowering smallholders and family farms for improved rural livelihoods and poverty reduction (RI-1) on pages 2–3) of background document [IC/19/7](#).

Group A: Empowering smallholders and family farms for improved rural livelihoods and poverty reduction (RI-1)

• Examples from the adjusted conceptual framework of the Regional Initiative for 2020–2021 •

Component 1| Sustainable agricultural production: policies and practices

- **Promotion of climate-smart and nutrition-sensitive agricultural practices on plant, livestock and fish production and sustainable forest management**, for example:
 - Integrated pest management
 - Conservation of animal and plant genetic resources
 - Organic production and agro-ecology
- **Farmers' capacity development**, for example:
 - Farmer field schools
 - Extension services
- **Support to farmer producers' organizations and cooperatives**, for example:
 - Access of smallholders to markets
- **Policy development for increased sustainable agricultural production**

Component 2| Improved rural livelihoods and access to natural resources

- **Integrated community development**, including:
 - Short value chain development and farmers' capacity building in production, youth development and entrepreneurship
 - Addressing the root causes of migration
 - Decent rural employment and equitable economic participation
 - Increased resilience of rural livelihoods to climate change-induced shocks
- **Improved access to natural resources**, for example:
 - Support to land consolidation, state land management and development and regulation of agricultural land markets
 - Implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the context of National Food Security (VGGT)
 - Diversification of agro-systems, including reforestation
- **Policy, analytical and institutional support**, including:
 - Multi-sectoral rural development policies, strategies and programmes
 - Transformation of rural institutions
 - Social protection

Cross-cutting areas of work

- **Improved food security**
- **Gender mainstreaming in policies and women's economic empowerment**
- **Strengthening support to smallholders on climate change mitigation and adaptation**
- **Statistics and analytical support**, including AGRIS and cross-sectoral policy analysis
- **Enhanced access to innovation, e-agriculture and technologies**



• Partnerships for Impact •

Governments	Bilateral partners	Multilateral organizations	International financial institutions
Academia and research institutions	Civil society organizations	Private sector	Specialized technical organizations