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

Group work discussion
Regional Initiative 2
Improving agrifood trade and market integration¹
(developing more inclusive and sustainable food systems)

Objective:
The main objective of the group work is to promote discussion and the exchange of views with respect to the main technical areas of Regional Initiative 2 to guide its programme of work for 2020–2021 and to identify ways for strengthening 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 the technical and programme areas of work to be focused on under Regional Initiative 2 in the context of your country and the region’s needs and priorities to improve agrifood trade, integrate markets, and develop sustainable food systems? (12 min)
   • What opportunities for promoting and strengthening partnerships do you see in your country and in the region to improve agrifood trade and market integration? (13 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 2 on Improving agrifood trade and market integration (RI-2) on pages 4–5 of document IC/19/7.
### Group B: Improving agrifood trade and market integration (RI-2)

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

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<td>Policy and capacity development related to WTO commitments (for pre- and post-accession countries), including:</td>
<td>Safe food and agricultural commodities in local, regional and international markets requires the effective management and prevention of animal and plant pests and diseases and food safety risks.</td>
<td>Promoting access to markets, including regional, domestic and territorial markets, including through:</td>
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<td>- Trade regulation</td>
<td>- Building capacities and knowledge of global sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) standards, including:</td>
<td>- Developing domestic and regional markets</td>
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<td>- Trade promotion</td>
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<td>- Trade facilitation</td>
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<td>- Agribusiness development, producer organizations and investment plans</td>
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<td>Analysis of agrifood trade context and opportunities, analytical support for policymakers on food and agriculture policy analysis, evidence generation and promotion of dialogue on trade policies and strategies across the region.</td>
<td>- Animal health, including transboundary animal diseases and zoonoses (OIE, Codex)</td>
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| Requires support to operators along the food chain in order to build their capacity to comply with required standards (global, regional and national) and address emerging threats, such as antimicrobial resistance. | Sustainable agrifood production and consumption | \n| Sustainable agrifood systems protect the health and future of humans, the environment, plant and animal stocks and systems (“One Health”). |  - Organic production and geographical indications | \n| \n\n**Cross-cutting areas of work**

- Sustainable value chains and food systems and climate action
- Improved food security, healthy diets and integration of food security concerns into nationally determined contributions (NDCs)
- Gender-sensitive and inclusive policies for equitable economic participation and income diversification
- Statistics and analytical support for evidence-based policymaking
- Enhanced access for farmers to market information, extension services and innovation and digital solution

**Partnerships for Impact**

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