

**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 integration<sup>1</sup>**  
**(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)

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<sup>1</sup> 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](#).

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

Component 1  Trade agreements	Component 2  Global standards	Component 3  Promoting access to markets
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy and capacity development related to WTO commitments (for pre- and post-accession countries), including:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trade regulation</li> <li>- Trade promotion</li> <li>- Trade facilitation</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>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.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>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.</b></li> <li>• <b>Building capacities and knowledge of global sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) standards, including:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Food safety and quality (Codex Alimentarius)</li> <li>- Plant health (IPPC)</li> <li>- Animal health, including transboundary animal diseases and zoonoses (OIE, Codex)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Requires support to operators along the food chain</b> in order to build their capacity to comply with required standards (global, regional and national) and address emerging threats, such as antimicrobial resistance.</li> <li>• <b>Sustainable agrifood systems</b> protect the health and future of humans, the environment, plant and animal stocks and systems (“One Health”).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Promoting access to markets, including regional, domestic and territorial markets, including through:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Developing domestic and regional markets</li> <li>- Export promotion strategies and diversification, import substitution</li> <li>- Agribusiness development, producer organizations and investment plans</li> <li>- Urban–rural linkages (linking farmers to markets)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Sustainable agrifood production and consumption</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Organic production and geographical indications</li> <li>- Food loss and waste reduction</li> <li>- Value chain analysis and development (including short food supply chains, nutrition-sensitive and school feeding programmes)</li> <li>- Support to farmers and small and medium food processors (access to information, improved skills, access to credit, etc.)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Data collection and economic analysis</b> for, among others:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Market price monitoring</li> <li>- Early warning systems, including for price shocks</li> <li>- Consumption patterns and dietary diversity</li> <li>- Food loss and waste</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### Cross-cutting areas of work

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainable value chains and food systems and climate action</li> <li>• Improved food security, healthy diets and integration of food security concerns into nationally determined contributions (NDCs)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gender-sensitive and inclusive policies for equitable economic participation and income diversification</li> <li>• Statistics and analytical support for evidence-based policymaking</li> <li>• Enhanced access for farmers to market information, extension services and innovation and digital solution</li> </ul> |
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### • Partnerships for Impact •



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