

FAO/OECD Expert Meeting on Greening the Economy with Agriculture (GEA) Paris, France, 5 - 7 September 2011 (Rev. 1)

About the meeting

This Expert Meeting is being convened as part of the preparatory process of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) to be held in Rio, Brazil, 4-6 June 2012. Within this framework, FAO has launched the *Greening the Economy with Agriculture (GEA)* initiative, while OECD seeks to extend its recent work on a *Green growth strategy for food and agriculture* to developing countries.

FAO is currently investigating the potential and constraints of the food and agriculture sector under a green economy framework by examining the different links with food security dimensions, including food availability, access, stability and utilization. The scope of the FAO/OECD Expert Meeting is to technically review the GEA documents under preparation. The Expert Meeting discussions and individual expert perspectives on the GEA papers will assist in sharpening these technical documents. Subsequently, FAO will discuss policy issues arising from the technical overview with its member countries through the FAO Council meeting of November 2011. The ultimate outcome will represent the FAO contribution to the agriculture, forestry and fisheries agenda of the UNCSD.

OECD is also investigating how to delineate a Green Growth Strategy that seeks to define an economic development path consistent with long-run environmental protection, using natural resources within their carrying capacities, while providing acceptable living standards and poverty reduction. In particular, OECD is promoting a debate for a deeper understanding on the challenges and opportunities along a green economy path for the food and agriculture sector, the role of policies and management practices and the indicators that could be used to track progress towards green economy.

Invited experts include government officials, producers' organizations, civil society actors and researchers, in their personal capacities. The meeting will be conducted in French, English and Spanish, in OECD meeting room number 13.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND TIMETABLE (rev. 1)

MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2011

- 08:00 – 08:45** Registration
- 08:45 – 08:55** Welcome by Ms. Carmel Cahill, Senior Counsellor in OECD's Directorate for Trade and Agriculture, OECD
- 08:55 – 09:05** Introduction and scope of the meeting by Mr. Alexander Müller, Assistant Director-General FAO
- 09:05 – 09:15** Welcome by Mr. Francois Pythoud, Federal Office for Agriculture, Switzerland

Session 1: GREEN ECONOMY PERSPECTIVES

- How can the Rio+20 process strengthen food security in its work on the Green Economy Roadmap?
- To what extent does the green economy achieve food security and distributional equity?
- What is the perspective of developing countries' farmers on the green economy?

- 09:20 – 09:40** Scope of UNCSD and role of agriculture, forestry and fisheries - Mr. Brice Lalonde, Executive Coordinator for Rio+20, United Nations
- 09:40 – 10:00** Towards a green growth strategy in OECD - Mr. Dale Andrew, Head of the Environment Division, OECD
- 10:00 – 10:40** Questions from the floor
- 10:40 – 11:10** *Coffee break*
- 11:10 – 11:30** Towards a green economy - Mr. Asad Naqvi, Programme Officer, Economics and Trade Branch, UNEP
- 11:30 – 11:50** Regenerative agriculture on the road towards Rio+20 - Mr. Ulrich Hoffmann, Head of the Trade and Sustainable Development Section, UNCTAD
- 11:50 – 12:00** A farmer's perspective on the green economy - Mr. Mamadou Cissokho, Farmer, Senegal
- 12:00 – 12:30** Questions from the floor

Session 2: GEA and FOOD AVAILABILITY

- Food production will need to grow till 2050 in a context of natural resources scarcity: to what extent can technological progress assist facing this challenge and what is achievable in the short- and medium-term?
- Is it feasible to establish targets for energy and nutrient flows in food and agriculture systems? If yes, how can targets on resource use be applied and enforced at the landscape level?
- What incentives do poor farmers, pastoralists, fishers and forest dwellers require for improving the eco-efficiency of their production system while sustaining their immediate food and income needs?

- 14:00 – 14:20** Presentation of the GEA paper “Food availability and natural resource use in a green economy context”, by Mr. Parviz Koohafkan, Director Land and Water Division, FAO
- 14:20 – 15:30** **Panel on Availability:**
Ms. Nadine Brisson, Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique, France
Ms. Myrna Cunningham, United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Nicaragua
Mr. Luca Ruini, Barilla, Italy
Mr. Nikolai Fuchs, Organic agricultural expert, Germany
- 15:30 – 16:00** *Coffee break*
- 16:00 – 17:30** Open discussion and questions from the floor

TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2011

Session 3: GEA and ACCESS TO FOOD

- Given the increasing pressure and competitive use over productive resources (such as land, water and biodiversity), how can access over resources and good environmental governance be secured?
- For the green economy to promote access to green jobs and decent livelihoods in rural areas, what local capacity enables people to effectively participate in socio-economic development?
- What social protection and upfront investments are needed to avoid short-term livelihood losses for producers in the transition towards a green economy?

09:00 – 09:20 Presentation of the GEA paper: “Decent rural livelihoods and rights in a greener economy”, by Ms. Yianna Lambrou, Senior Rural Employment and Gender Officer, FAO

09:20 – 10:30 Panel on Access:

Mr. Tewolde Egziabher, Environmental Protection Authority, Ethiopia

Ms. Svetlana Boincean, International Union of Food workers, Moldova

Mr. Kung Wai Ong, CertAll, Malaysia

Mr. Gaëtan Vanloqueren, Right to Food expert, Belgium

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00 – 12:30 Open discussion and questions from the floor

Session 4: GEA and STABILITY OF FOOD SYSTEMS

- In the face of macro-economic and natural shocks, how can food systems made more resilient? How could production systems deliver food security, economic development and climate resilience?
- Is recent and future prospect of higher and volatile prices a valid reason for developing countries to invest more resources into increasing domestic production and decreasing reliance on food imports?
- How likely are we to see the emergence of global governance mechanisms that improve to functioning of global markets? If collective action can produce greater overall welfare, why is it not happening?

14:00 – 14:20 Presentation of the GEA paper: “Stability of food security in a green economy environment”, by Ms. Leslie Lipper, Senior Environmental Economist, FAO

14:20 – 15:30 Panel on Stability:

Mr. Chang-Gil Kim, Korea Rural Economic Institute, Korea

Mr. Teava Iro, Titikaveka Growers Association, Cook Islands

Mr. Thomas Kützemeier, Mcongressconsult, Germany

Ms. Shuhao Tan, School of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, China

15:30 – 16:00 *Coffee break*

16:00 – 17:30 Open discussion and questions from the floor

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Session 5: GEA and FOOD UTILIZATION

- Which are the most urgent dietary transitions that need to take place towards low-footprint food systems and which investments are required to trigger those changes?
- Export of nutrients to towns and through exports results in nutrient surpluses everywhere: which are the major challenges in cutting nutrient and food waste by 50% globally?
- How can the present globalized food system and trend towards localized food systems be mutually enforcing? How can the food system ensure sustainable consumption and production?

09:00 – 09:20 Presentation of the GEA paper: “Improving food systems for sustainable diets in a green economy”, by Ms. Barbara Burlingame, Principal Adviser on Nutrition, FAO

09:20 – 10:30 Panel on Utilization:

Mr. Fabio Feldmann, Government Advisor, Brazil

Ms. Harriet Kuhnlein, Indigenous People Nutrition and Environment, Canada

Mr. Juergen Matern, Metro, Germany

Mr. Ian Crute, Food and Farming Foresight expert, UK

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00 – 12:30 Open discussion and questions from the floor

Session 6: GEA MESSAGES AND PRIORITY AREAS FOR ACTION

- What are the requirements for scaling-up good practices for GEA and food security?
- What are the institutional changes required for GEA at global, national and local levels?
- What are the transition costs, financing sources and investment requirements for GEA?

14:30 – 15:00 Presentation of the outcome document: “GEA messages and priority areas for action” by Ms. Nadia Scialabba, Senior Environment and Sustainable Development Officer, FAO

15:00 – 16:00 Discussion and questions from the floor

16:00 – 16:30 *Coffee break*

16:30 – 17:45 Final discussion

17:45 – 18:00 Closing remarks by FAO and OECD representatives