



Informal Consultation for Europe and Central Asia

Budapest, 18-19 May 2015

Programme and Timetable

Background

Informal consultation meetings to interact with member countries at regional level have been used in the Europe and Central Asia region since 2010, in view of the limited presence of FAO at the country level. The main purpose of the May 2015 informal consultation in Budapest is to:

- Update Members on FAO's work in the region and seek views on preparation for the 39th Session of the European Commission on Agriculture and the 30th Session of the Regional Conference for Europe.
- Provide a platform for exchange of views among the countries in the region, as well as non-governmental actors including CSOs and academia.

Opening, welcome and main objectives of the meeting

The Assistant Director General, Regional Representative for Europe and Central Asia, will open the meeting and introduce and outline the main objectives and expectations of the meeting.

Opening statements will be also provided by a high-level official from the Ministry of Agriculture in Hungary as host, as well as the Chair of the European Regional Group.

Areas of FAO focus for results in the region under the MTP 2014-17 including Regional Initiatives

Members will consider progress on the implementation of the Medium Term Plan 2014-17 in the Europe and Central Asia region, drawing from FAO's Mid-term Review synthesis report - 2014 and additional information provided by the Secretariat, and provide views on areas of focus for results during 2016-17.

39th Session of the European Commission on Agriculture – 22-24 September 2015 in Budapest, Hungary

The Secretariat will inform the participants of the Agenda for the 39th Session of the European Commission on Agriculture.

30th Regional Conference for Europe 2016 in Turkey

Members will review proposals and provide feedback for preparing the draft Agenda for the 30th Session of the Regional Conference for Europe 2016 in Turkey.

Monday, 18 May 2015	
12.00 – 13.00	Registration and lunch
<u>Session 1</u> Agenda Item 1 - Opening, welcome and main objectives of the meeting Chair: Mr Vladimir Rakhmanin, Assistant Director-General, Regional Representative for Europe and Central Asia	
13.00 - 13.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Katalin Toth, Deputy State Secretary for International Relations, Ministry for Agriculture in Hungary • Mr Vladimir Rakhmanin, Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative for Europe and Central Asia • Mr Zoltán Kálmán, Permanent Representative of Hungary to FAO/Chair of the European Regional Group
<u>Session 2</u> Agenda Item 2: Implementation of the PWB 2014-15 and update on the implementation of the Regional Initiatives 2014-15 Chair: Mr Zoltan Kálmán, Permanent Representative of Hungary to FAO, Chair of the European Regional Group	
13.30 – 15.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the Implementation of the Medium Term Plan 2014-17 (IC/2015/2-1 rev1) • Status of Decentralized Offices (IC/2015/2-2) • Status of Preparation of Country Programme Frameworks (IC/2015/2-3 rev1) <p><i>Introduction of the items by the REU Secretariat</i> <i>Discussion and views by Members</i></p>
15.00 – 15.30	Coffee Break
<u>Session 3</u> Agenda Item 3: Priorities for FAO's work in the region for 2016-17 Chair: Ms Yuriko Shoji, Subregional Coordinator for Central Asia	
15.30 – 18.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening Partnerships with Non-State Actors: Challenges and Perspectives for Enabling Environment (IC/2015/3-4) <i>Introduction of the item by the REU Secretariat</i> <i>Discussion and views by the Members</i> • Role of CSO in rural communities and service cooperatives development: Challenges in the region (IC/2015/3-5) <i>Introduction by Mr Viktor Teres, International Charitable Fund, Community Wellbeing, Ukraine</i> <i>Discussion and views by the Members</i> • Minutes and Notes by the Secretariat from the Informal Consultation for Central Asia Subregion held in Ankara on 9-11 March 2015 (IC/2015/3-2) <i>Introduction by Ms Yuriko Shoji, Subregional Coordinator for Central Asia, SEC</i>
19.30	Departure for Reception/Dinner

Tuesday, 19 May 2015	
Session 3 Agenda item 3 (continued): Priorities for FAO's work in the region for 2016-17 Chair: Vladimir Rakhmanin, ADG Regional Representative for Europe and Central Asia	
09.00 – 11.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REU Regional gender strategy and action plan (IC/2015/3-3) <i>Introduction of the item by the REU Secretariat</i> <i>Discussion and views by the Members</i> • Priorities for FAO's work in the region for 2016-17 (IC/2015/3-1 rev1) <i>Introduction of the item by the REU Secretariat</i> <i>Discussion and views by the Members</i>
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break
Session 4 Agenda Item 4: 39th Session of the European Commission on Agriculture – 22-24 September 2015 in Budapest, Hungary Chair: Ms Christina Grieder, Permanent Representative of Switzerland and Vice Chair of the 29th ERC	
11.30 – 12.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final draft annotated agenda for the 39th ECA (IC/2015/4-1) <i>Introduction of the item by Mr Raimund Jehle, Secretary of the 39th ECA, REUT</i> <i>Discussion and views by the Members</i>
Session 5 Agenda Item 5: Proposal for the agenda for the 30th Regional Conference for Europe 2016 in Turkey Chair: Representative from Turkey	
12.00 – 13.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft provisional annotated agenda for the 30th ERC (IC/2015/5-1 rev1) <i>Introduction of the item by Mr Goran Stavrik, Secretary of the 30th ERC, REUT</i> <i>The Members are expected to review the proposals and to provide feedback for the finalization of the agenda</i>
Session 6 Agenda Item 6: Wrap-up and closure Chair: Vladimir Rakhmanin, Assistant Director General, Regional Representative for Europe and Central Asia	
13.00 – 13.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the follow-up by the Secretariat • Wrap-up and closure
13.30	Lunch