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Central Asia Subregion held in Ankara on 9-11 March 2015**

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DISCLAIMER

These Notes by the Secretariat are intended to as summary of the presentations and discussions and the varied views presented during the Consultation. The Notes, reflecting the informal character of the meeting, do not indicate formal decisions or recommendations by participants. The issues and points raised are much appreciated by the Secretariat as they provide a basis for further developing the programme and reporting documents for the 30th FAO Regional Conference for Europe in Turkey in 2016. They also constitute the Consultation inputs to the ERC debates and eventual decisions. These Notes and Informal Consultation material in English and Russian languages are available on the REU and SEC webpages at:

I OPENING AND INTRODUCTION

1. Opening, welcome and main objectives of the Informal Consultation

The Consultation was opened by Ms Yuriko Shoji, FAO Subregional Coordinator for Central Asia and FAO Representative in Turkey, who introduced the main objectives and expectations of the meeting, in the context of the implementation of the FAO Strategic Framework agreed at the 145th FAO Council in December, 2012. The Consultation is an important part of preparations for the 30th FAO Regional Conference for Europe (ERC) in 2016, co-hosted by the Government of the Republic of Turkey. Ms Shoji underlined the importance of involving the private sector, civil society and NGOs in work on food security and the FAO Country Programming Frameworks (CPFs). She also highlighted the importance of synergy with the UN Country Team, IFIs present in countries and other donors to ensure impact of FAO assistance. The Consultation is a key component of ERC preparatory work to incorporate the subregion's needs in the Conference agenda.

Dr Nihat Pakdil, Acting Undersecretary a. i. in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of Turkey welcomed the participants as co-host of the Consultation. Mr Pakdil introduced Turkey's experience and plans for development cooperation and expressed recognition of the support received from the FAO Subregional Office for Central Asia (SEC). He underlined that Turkey is proposing to include food security and nutrition issues as the Chair of the forthcoming G-20 agenda and is ready to share its experience and technical expertise in this field with countries in the subregion. The continuation of the FAO-Turkey Partnership Programmes – the FFTP and the new Trust Fund for Forestry will allow expanding Turkish development assistance to the subregion. He proposed conservation agriculture as an area to be included in CPFs as a priority for the subregion.

Mr Vladimir Rakhmanin, FAO Assistant-Director General, Regional Representative for Europe and Central Asia addressed the participants (by VC) on the role of the Consultation in the ERC preparations, among other things, to align FAO work in the subregion to the FAO corporate

strategic objectives. Mr Rakhmanin underlined the key importance of Governments' ownership of the CPFs. He invited the Consultation to look at the present Regional Initiatives and consider such initiatives for the next biennium, perhaps being more subregion specific. FAO global priorities also to be reflected in its work in regions include a follow up to the ICN2 and the International Year of Soils, with continuing focus on support to family farms. He invited the Consultation participants to contribute material and priorities to the preparatory process for the next ERC in 2016 in Turkey and the Informal Consultation for Europe and Central Asia in Budapest in May 2015.

II INFORMAL CONSULTATION TECHNICAL SESSIONS

2. Economic and food security situation in the Central Asia subregion countries

The Consultation, following an introduction by Subregional Office for Central Asia (SEC) of FAO approaches and analyses of food security, globally and in the Central Asia subregion, based on *State of Food Insecurity 2014*, reviewed selected key and emerging issues in the socio-economic situation in SEC member countries. The focus of this agenda item was to identify and formulate programme and projects proposals for FAO work, in collaboration with other donors on food insecurity in coming years. The work commenced by SEC on a Food Security Regional Panorama for a Regional SOFI 2015 will take a leading role in this.

The Consultation debates indicated that two emerging issues will affect all four aspects of food security in the subregion; namely, access, availability, stability and utilization. The first will be the impact of out migration from rural areas but also, increasingly importantly, return migration (including from abroad) and the changing demographic structures of rural populations (e.g. the growing number of unemployed young people). Secondly, there was agreement that climate change is already affecting food security and will do more so in future. Therefore, projects for adaptation to and mitigation of climate change impacts will become of key importance. Moreover, projects and assistance for conservation agriculture, protection of bio resources, including in aquaculture and sustainable forestry will play a major role in improving food security.

It was agreed that under- and malnutrition – but at the same time increasing obesity and unhealthy diet – recorded in particular population groups remains a major factor in food insecurity. Mainstreaming gender into projects was suggested as one way of alleviating low incomes and improving nutrition in view of women's role in improving diets through increasing incomes. There was general agreement on the need to focus assistance on small family farms. Furthermore, support to rural small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) was given as an approach to alleviate food insecurity in the short and medium term by supporting farmers to move up value added chains and ensuing increased incomes. Adding social protection to FAO work with social safety nets for population groups in need was indicated as a priority in the subregion.

3. Status and prospects of Country Programming Frameworks in SEC and current FAO activities under the CPFs and other on-going activities

A Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (REU) presentation introduced the development of the corporate CPF approach and links to the FAO Strategic Framework. The CPF experience was presented and reviewed by Consultation Participants from member countries and FAO Country Offices that have taken the lead in this work.

The experience of FAO Country Programming Frameworks, which provide guidance for identifying and formulating FAO projects in the subregion and, at the same time, allowing the identification of common issues and emerging trends was presented by FAORs and AFAORs as well as national specialists from Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkey and Uzbekistan. The presentations allowed priorities for FAO technical assistance in the subregion to be identified and confirmed. There appears to be important commonality of CPFs priorities with (i) sustainable management of natural resources shared by all countries, followed by (ii) food security and (iii) crop production, intensification, IPM and conservation agriculture and (iv) animal health as recognized priorities.

Adding the food safety component to national food security projects and, secondly, mainstreaming gender into CPFs were agreed as preferable approaches in implementation. Support to family farms was given as a cross-cutting approach for CPFs.

Member countries indicated positive experiences in linking CPFs both to national programme documents and to UN Country Teams' work and UNDAFs, where applicable, as well as assistance by other development partners. Government leadership and ownership have been evident; a multi-stakeholder approach would continue to involve the private sector, civil society and farmers' organizations, emphasizing the participatory approach. Further FAO support was requested for the implementation stages, including monitoring and evaluation using the CPFs Results Matrix, as well as support to work of Steering Committees. It was noted that resources mobilization and advocacy are key component of CPFs implementation and FAO assistance in this area will be needed.

4. Reporting on outcomes of 2013 SEC Central Asia Informal Consultation and outcomes and programme recommendations of the 29th ERC in Bucharest in 2014

The reports and programme recommendations from the previous 2013 SEC Informal Consultations and the 29th ERC (Bucharest 2014) were reported in summary, with a view to identifying confirmed and emerging priorities for FAO work in the subregion and areas of decreased priority, where relevant. The importance of both contributions of the Central Asia subregion member countries to the ERC preparatory process was underlined, as well as participation in the Conference itself to ensure a subregional focus in the ERC work and programme recommendations. It was noted that the new format and timing of the European Commission on Agriculture statutory body will serve to make it a regional forum for reviewing technical issues of importance to agriculture (including fisheries and forestry) and rural areas.

5. Implementation of the PWB 2014-15 and update on the implementation of Regional Initiatives 2014-15

The Consultation Participants were introduced to programme issues in implementation of FAO's current Programme of Work and Budget (PWB), including lessons learnt from work in the present biennium in the context of defining priorities in Europe and Central Asia region.

The approach and results of implemented Regional Initiatives (RI) were presented by REU with a view to obtaining member countries' feedback on specific needs under the RI for the subregion.

The Regional Initiatives (RI) in Europe and Central Asia, presented by REU as the main delivery mechanism for FAO work in the Europe and Central Asia region so far focused on (i) empowering smallholders and Family Farms (RI 1) and agri-food trade and regional integration (RI 2). In the next biennium, it is proposed to continue support to small family farms, strengthening the relevant capacity of government at all levels, and continue technical assistance in trade and standards, including cereals markets, through various platforms for information exchange and trade dialogue. A subregional initiative for Central Asia is a recommended option still to be discussed.

An overview and discussion of the main areas of present SEC work in the subregion provided the background for identifying priorities for the next biennium. Consultation Participants contributed to identifying priority areas for FAO work in the SEC subregion, based on countries' experience and needs, including the need for subregional level cooperation (see Section III).

6. FAO-Turkey Partnership Programme – Lessons learned and prospects Special Session on Partnership and Programming

Presentations by FAO Technical Cooperation Department Donor Liaison and Resource Mobilization (TCSR) and the FAO Turkey Partnership Programme (FTPP) provided an overview of experience of technical cooperation supported by donor countries and new FAO approaches in cooperation with prospective donors. The experience of FTFP (Forestry) and the Turkish Official Development Assistance (ODA) agency TIKA, as development partner, was presented with a view to identifying factors of successful programme partnerships. The TIKA presentation of its multiple projects in Central Asia noted the high share of support aid to infrastructure noted and confirmed the projects-based approach.

The TCSR presentation on *How to become a donor to FAO activities* provided Information and expertise on modalities and examples of co-financing projects and programmes. The Consultation Participants supported further presentation and exchange on donors' support and trust funds' modalities in order to both facilitate becoming a donor to FAO and, on the other side, better resources mobilization from available trust funds.

III MAIN POINTS OF THE CONSULTATION AND PROGRAMME RECOMMENDATIONS

The following areas were proposed in a Secretariat summary as the main areas for the Working Groups:

1. Ensuring political attention to food security and securing Governments' ownership and leadership, working with all stakeholders and private sector, NGOs and civil society
2. Food security assistance to encompass all four dimensions with food safety added as of particular importance and due consideration given to alleviating under- and malnutrition
3. Economic factors (macro and sector levels) affecting food security in particular countries, from fostering economic growth in rural areas to addressing impacts of return migrations to rural areas
4. Emerging challenges for food security in the medium term; namely, environmental constraints and climate change but also demographic changes; it was agreed that projects should incorporate gender aspects in development projects
5. Ensuring links to MDGs and post MDGs strategic goals planning
6. Countries' participation in sub/regional initiatives.

The Aral Sea environmental crisis and membership in the Customs Union with ensuing trade standards setting, in particular SPS sanitary and phytosanitary standard issues, possibly based on FAO/WHO *Codex Alimentarius*, were given as emerging areas for consideration, with a third area of GMOs use and presence in trade noted as a controversial challenge faced by the agricultural and trade sector to address. A continuing priority area is sustainable land and water resource management, including modernization of irrigation systems for better efficiency but also pro-active drought management and climate-smart agriculture and work under the Eurasia Soil Partnership. Reduction of waste and losses was a recurring theme that participants recommended should be addressed, noting that different approaches are appropriate in different regions and on different farms, processing industries and marketing levels and as such should be included and adjusted in FAO projects. FAO would verify its capacity to provide technical assistance in beekeeping (apiculture).

Cross-cutting issues and approaches

The need and rationale for subregional cooperation and projects were emphasized throughout the debates. Continuation of capacity building for Ministries of Agriculture in rural development, including technical assistance for preparing rural infrastructure and investment projects were further proposed as an important component of FAO projects.

A general policy approach, recommended, throughout the meeting was support to family farmers, in particular small farms and rural Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), with formation of voluntary farmers' organizations, cooperatives and associations for joint marketing of both inputs and products and moving farmers up the value added chain. Support to building

new, market economy cooperatives and farmers' associations were underlined as a preferred institution building approach for projects. The Consultation Participants proposed to continue extension and advisory projects in the form of demonstration farms and pilot areas and technology demonstration and training.

The Consultation supported continuation of dissemination of FAO normative and legal work, including international agreements, collection and analyses of data and statistics, especially standards and good agricultural practice, with focus on working with and training farmers and their organizations.

IV PRIORITIES PROPOSED FOR FAO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Consultation undertook to review countries' needs and views on assistance priorities, taking into account FAO's comparative advantage and experience of work in the subregion, as well as the outcomes of the CPFs, to identify those areas where FAO technical assistance will have the most impact. FAO priorities in the Central Asia subregion need, on the one hand, to reflect and correspond to FAO global and regional activities and the Organization's mandate and core functions. On the other hand, they should reflect the needs of the member countries and provide for synergy with assistance from multi- and bilateral donors and International Financial Institutions (IFIs).

FAO technical assistance priorities developed by Consultation Working Groups

The *ad hoc* Working Groups (WGs) referred to FAO Corporate Strategic Objectives and REU Regional Priorities, as well as selected FAO programme documents and relevant national programmes and policies to identify challenges and constraints faced by countries in subregion to be addressed by FAO. The expected impact of FAO assistance was considered as justification for priorities proposed.

To the greatest extent possible WGs referred to on-going or planned UN Country Teams' work or projects by IFIs and other donors for synergy; e.g. with new actors such as the Eurasia Economic Commission and indicated – where possible – national projects and specific institutions to work with.

Working Group 1 Diversification and intensification of crop production, including climate change impacts and conservation agriculture and forestry-related issues¹

The WG proposed that these items should be the main priority area of FAO technical support to all countries in the subregion. The technical assistance on above indicated priorities should be implemented on the basis of a thorough analysis and review of work done so far on diversification and intensification of crop production and adoption and promotion of

¹ Strategic Objectives 2 and 5.

Conservation Agriculture technologies, in order to ascertain the impacts so far, including (i) economic analysis, (ii) gender mainstreaming and (iii) support to family farms as cross-cutting issues.

- FAO support in formulation of the national policies and strategies on diversification and intensification of crop production should be based on (i) selection and evaluation of appropriate technologies; (ii) development of markets for alternate and diversified products; and (iii) Government support programs.
- The support on diversification and intensification of crop production should consider and be closely linked with programmes on sustainable development of irrigation, livestock husbandry, including fodder production, pastures and grassland management, as well as development seed sector and enhancing seed market based on conservation and sustainable utilization of plant genetic resources.

The WG also proposed including the following items as a priority area for FAO technical support:

- Development of the regional Action Plans on adaption and climate change mitigation;
- Support for the development of organic agriculture, including development of regional standards and market opportunities;
- Strengthening national capacities on phytosanitary control and plant protection, including transboundary pests and diseases, pesticide management and promotion of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) .

The WG recommended that the above priorities should be implemented, where appropriate, (i) in close collaboration and technical and financial support of countries at subregion; (ii) in cooperation with international research centres and development partners (iii) with support to research and extension services and (iv) in relation to capacity development, including the *curricula* amendments .

Working Group 2: Capacity development and institutional building in achieving food security, agricultural policy for reforms, agricultural trade and WTO membership ²

- Support to capacity building for agricultural trade and export growth with a focus on membership/accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO) and Customs Union, including legislation, veterinary standards, SPS (food safety, food control) through FAO training and sharing the experience of Turkey;
- FAO technical assistance for capacity building for food security policy, monitoring of all of its four aspects for identified vulnerable population groups , including building capacity for appropriate statistics, household surveys, work on and using for policy FAO food balance sheets and developing national capacity for food security assessment mapping;

² Strategic Objectives 2, 3 and 5.

- FAO assistance to record and analyse the presence and changes in under- and malnutrition, noting emerging appearance of obesity and
- Support to developing social protection programmes for targeted vulnerable population groups (social safety nets) and with policies to remedy impacts of rural in and out migration, with appropriate gender mainstreaming, based on data needed.

Ensuring the Ministries' of Agriculture leading role in food security policies and work were put forward – and related FAO assistance to achieve this – as well as need to address food security issues at sub-regional level as a necessary condition and working in close collaboration with the UN Country Teams. The WG reiterated requests for FAO training, legislative support and institution building to develop market economy cooperatives and farmers' associations in marketing of both inputs and farm products ³.

Working Group 3: Sustainable natural resource management (land and water) for environment-friendly farm and livestock production and fisheries, including support programmes for small family farms ⁴

- Management of transboundary animal, fisheries, crop and forestry diseases and dissemination of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) experiences;
- Sustainable forestry management;
- Development of organic agriculture contributing to sustainable and environment-friendly agriculture;
- Sustainable pasture management;
- Conservation of genetic resources and biodiversity in agriculture;
- Social and economic reorientation of the population from capture fisheries to aquaculture development to preserve ecosystems;
- Support to land consolidation policy;
- Access to land/water rights and support to building cooperatives;
- Efficient use of water resources and multiple use of water resources;
- Control of GMO products, monitoring markets
- Support and training for Government initiatives on policy development and
- Capacity development, experience sharing for private sector development, including market economy type cooperatives and farmers' associations for marketing.

8. Wrap-up and closure

The Secretariat provided a provisional summary of the Informal Consultation proceedings, including programme recommendations, with a view to contribute these to the 30th ERC preparatory process. The Consultation Minutes and Notes will be available on the FAO REU and SEC websites ...together with the Consultation presentations.

³ COPA-COGECA could be a prospective partner.

⁴ Strategic Objectives 2, 3 and 5.

ANNEXES

Annex 1: Annotated Agenda

ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Opening, welcome and main objectives of the Informal Consultation

The meeting will be opened by the FAO Subregional Coordinator for Central Asia who will introduce the main objectives of the meeting and expectations, in the context of the implementation of the FAO Strategic Framework agreed at the 145th FAO Council in December, 2012 and preparations for the 30th FAO Regional Conference for Europe (ERC) in 2016. The Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of Turkey as co-host of the Consultation will welcome participants, introducing development cooperation issues. The FAO Assistant-Director General, Regional Representative for Europe and Central Asia will address participants (by VC) on the role of the Consultation in the ERC preparations.

2. Economic and food security situation in the Central Asia subregion countries

Following an introduction by Subregional Office for Central Asia (SEC) of FAO approaches and analyses of food security, globally and in the Central Asia subregion, based on *State of Food Insecurity 2014*, the Consultation will review the socio-economic situation in SEC member countries, with focus on food security with a view to identify and formulate programme and projects proposals for FAO and donors in coming years.

3. Status and prospects of Country Programming Frameworks in SEC and current FAO activities under the CPF and other on-going activities

The FAO Country Programming Frameworks (CPF) provide the guidance for FAO's current programmes in the subregion; a Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (REU) presentation will introduce the development of the corporate CPF approach and links to the FAO Strategic Framework. Consultation participants from member countries and FAO Country Offices will be invited to review CPFs formulation and implementation common issues and emerging trends with a view to confirm and identify priorities for FAO technical assistance in the subregion.

4. Reporting on outcomes of 2013 SEC Central Asia Informal Consultation and outcomes and programme recommendations of the 29th ERC in Bucharest in 2014

The reports and programme recommendations from selected previous SEC Informal Consultations and the 29th ERC (Bucharest 2014) will be reported in summary, with a view to identify emerging and confirmed priorities for FAO work in the subregion and areas of decreased priority, where relevant.

5. Implementation of the PWB 2014-15 and update on the implementation of Regional Initiatives 2014-15

The Consultation will be introduced to programme issues in implementation of FAO's Programme of Work and Budget (PWB), including lessons learnt from work in the present biennium in the context of defining priorities in Europe and Central Asia sub/region. The approach and results of implemented Regional Initiatives (RI) will be presented by Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (REU) with a view to obtain member countries' feedback

on specific needs under the RI for the subregion. Consultation participants will be invited to contribute to identify priority areas for FAO work in the SEC subregion, based on countries' experience and needs, including subregional level cooperation, where relevant.

6. FAO-Turkey Partnership Programme – Lessons learned and prospects

Special Session on Partnership and Programming

FAO TCSR and FAO Turkey Partnership Programme will provide an overview on experience of technical cooperation supported by donor countries and new approaches in cooperation with prospective donors. The extensive experience of the FTTP/FTFP will be presented with a view to identifying successful programme partnership approaches. The TIKA, as development partner, will present their Regional Strategy in Central Asia.

An FAO TCSR presentation session on *How to become a donor to FAO activities* will provide expertise and examples of co-financing projects and programmes

7. Potential and recommended areas of priorities for FAO technical assistance in SEC countries

The Consultations participants will be invited to contribute to technical Working Groups to ascertain priority areas of technical assistance required by member countries, in context of work done by IFIs and other donors and FAO's comparative advantage. The Working Groups, conducted in English and Russian, will collate their technical level findings for synthesis and presentation to plenary with a view to agree on recommendations for main areas of FAO technical assistance.

8. Wrap-up and closure

The Secretariat will provide a provisional summary of the Informal Consultation proceedings, including a summary of programme recommendations approved with a view to contribute to the 30th ERC preparatory process. Secretariat Notes of the Consultation work and debates will be provided by SEC.

Annex 2: Provisional Timetable**PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE****09 March 2015, Monday**

<u>11.00-12.00</u>	Registration and informal introduction of Consultation participants
<u>12.00-13.30</u>	Lunch break
Session 1 Opening, Welcome and Main Objectives of the Informal Consultation	
Chair: Ms Yuriko Shoji, FAO Subregional Coordinator for Central Asia, FAO Subregional Office for Central Asia (SEC)	
Mr Mr Nihat Pakdil, Undersecretary a.i Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of Republic of Turkey	
<u>14.00 – 14.30</u>	Opening remarks by Ms Yuriko Shoji, FAO Subregional Coordinator for Central Asia, SEC
	Welcome message by Mr Nihat Pakdil, Undersecretary a.i Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of Republic of Turkey
Session 2 Economic and food security situation in the Central Asia subregion countries and priorities for FAO Country Programming Frameworks	
Chair: Ms Yuriko Shoji, FAO Subregional Coordinator for Central Asia and Mr Raimund Jehle, REU Senior Programme Officer	
<u>14.30 – 14.45</u>	State of Agriculture and Food Security Situation in Central Asia
	Trends in economic growth in the Central Asia subregion: emerging policy issues, including trade policies and rural development for poverty reduction. Introduction by Mr Tomasz Lonc, FAO Consultant based on FAO State of Food Insecurity 2014
<u>14.45 – 15.30</u>	Discussion, questions and answers
<u>15.30</u>	Welcome message from Mr Vladimir Rakhmanin, Assistant Director-General, Regional Representative for Europe and Central Asia, Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia in Budapest (REU; through skype)
<u>15.30 – 16.00</u>	Coffee and tea break
Session 3 Status and prospects of Country Programming Framework (CPF) in SEC and current FAO activities under the CPF and other on-going activities	
Chair: Mr Dorjee Kinlay, FAO Representative in Kyrgyzstan and Ms Tarana Bashirova, Assistant FAO Representative in Azerbaijan	
<u>16.00 – 17.30</u>	CPFs experience in the Central Asia SEC countries – Common issues and experience, possible joint priority areas
	Introductory note by Salim Zahoueh, SEC Policy Officer on CPF status in subregion
	<u>Invited country presentations</u> of CPF experience by FAORs/AFAORs and Governments
	CPF process; country implementation and links to the FAO Strategic Framework
	Introduction by Goran Stavrik, Alternate CPF Focal Point, REU
	Discussion, questions and answers
<u>17.30 – 17.45</u>	Wrap up of first day sessions and preliminary summary of draft notes and programme recommendations

19.00	Dinner hosted by Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of Turkey
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10 March 2015, Tuesday

9.00 -9.15	Secretariat resume of previous day debates
Session 4: Reporting on outcomes of 2013 SEC Central Asia Informal Consultation and outcomes and programme recommendations of the 29th ERC 2014 in Bucharest	
Chair: Mr Goran Stavrik, Secretary of the 30th ERC 2016, REU	
<u>9.15 – 10.00</u>	Reporting on outcomes of 2013 SEC Central Asia Informal Consultation Mr Tomasz Lonc, SEC Consultant Results of the 29 th ERC 2014 held in Bucharest Mr Raimund Jehle, Secretary of the 29 th ERC, REU Questions and Answers
<u>10.00 – 10.30</u>	Coffee and tea break
Session 5: Implementation of the PWB 2014-15 and update on the implementation of the Regional Initiatives 2014-15	
Chair: Ms Parvina Sadieva Viana SEC Administrative Officer and Mr Sheikh Ahaduzzaman SEC Program Officer	
<u>10.30 – 11.30</u>	Results and lessons learnt from the 2014-15 PWB implementation in Central Asia Introduction by Mr Salim Zahoueh, SEC Policy Officer Results of the Regional Initiatives for the Region with a focus on Central Asia Countries Mr Raimund Jehle, REU Senior Programme Officer Discussion and summary of agenda item by Secretariat for Informal Consultation draft report
Session 6: Special Session on Partnership Programmes in the subregion	
Chair: Mr Hafiz Muminjanov, Plant Production and Protection Officer and Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock	
<u>11.45 – 12.30</u>	FAO – Turkey Partnership Programme – Lessons learned and prospects Partnership Development to Contribute to Food Security in the Region, Knowledge and Technology Sharing, and FTTP <i>by Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of Republic of Turkey</i> Natural Resources Management, Forestry and Water Issues in Turkey and the Region in the context of FAO-Turkey Forestry Partnership Programme (FTFP) <i>By Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs of Republic of Turkey</i>
<u>12.30 – 14.00</u>	Lunch break
Session 6: Special Session on Partnership Programmes for the Subregion - continued	
<u>14.00 – 15.30</u>	Become a donor to FAO – experience across regions Mr. Andrea Lo Bianco, Funding Liaison Office, TCSR, FAO TIKA Regional Strategy in Central Asia <i>by TIKA- Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency</i>

	Discussion, questions and answers and notes for the Consultation records
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee and tea break
Session 7: Potential and recommended areas of priorities for FAO technical assistance in SEC countries for the 2016/17 biennium and possible Regional Initiatives for the subsequent biennium and the European Regional Conference 2016 Chair: Yuriko Shoji, FAO Subregional Coordinator for Central Asia, SEC Co-Chair:	
16.00 – 16.45	Overall framework for the priority definition in the biennium 2016-17 and process for preparation Mr Raimund Jehle, REU Senior Programme Officer Discussions and questions and answers
17.00	Conclusion of the second day sessions and items for Consultation reporting

11 March 2015, Wednesday

9.00	Resume of previous day by the Secretariat
Session 7: Potential and recommended areas of priorities for FAO technical assistance in SEC countries for the 2016/17 biennium and possible Regional Initiatives for the subsequent biennium and the European Regional Conference 2016 -continued Chair: Mr Thomas MothPoulsen, SEC Senior Fisheries Officer	
9.30 – 11.30	Possible areas of priorities for FAO technical assistance in SEC countries Introduction of the agenda item and main objectives for Working Groups by Raimund Jehle, Senior Programme Officer Breakout into Working Groups sessions on FAO assistance priorities - facilitated by SEC Technical Officers The three Working Groups, composed of member countries representatives will review and propose priorities and initiatives for FAO technical assistance. Coffee and tea break individually by the groups
11.30 – 12.30	Presentations of discussions and priorities by Working Groups leaders to IC plenary summary Facilitator: Mr Salim Zahoueh, SEC Policy Officer, Discussion and points for the Consultation records and notes
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch break
13.30 – 14.00	Synthesis and conclusions on the outcomes of the Working Groups and programme proposals for Regional Initiatives for the 2016/17 biennium for the subregion by Mr Raimund Jehle, Senior Programme Officer and Mr Tomasz Lonc, SEC Consultant
Session 8: Concluding Session and Wrap up Chair: Ms Yuriko Shoji, SEC Subregional Coordinator for Central Asia	
14.00 -14.15	Informal Consultation conclusions and closing

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