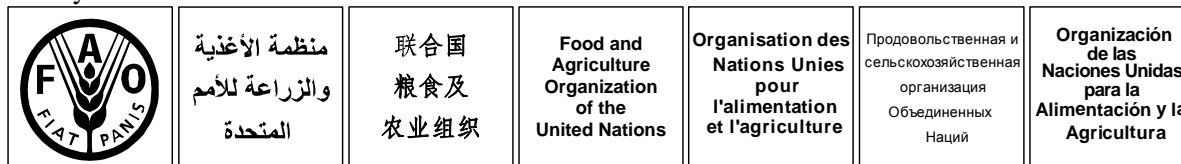


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SIDE EVENTS AND SUB-REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS

26 and 28 March 2014

Wednesday 26 March

a) Side Event : Youth and development of aquaculture and livestock in Africa

The Side Event on Youth and development of aquaculture and livestock in Africa will present case studies and examples of FAO interventions in both sectors in Africa.

For aquaculture, key questions discussed based on case studies in Kenya and Nigeria will include: i) Is aquaculture an enterprise that can offer significant income/employment opportunities for youth in Kenya and Nigeria? ii) What are the key socio-economic factors that influence the uptake of aquaculture among youth? iii) What are the different approaches used in aquaculture interventions in Kenya and Nigeria and success factors that can be replicated?

In 2009, the Kenyan Government initiated the Fish Farming Enterprise Productivity Programme (FFEPP) under the Economic Stimulus Programme (ESP). One of the main target group of this programme is the Kenyan youth. To date, over USD 50 million has been invested by the Kenyan Government in this programme. In Nigeria, the fish transformation action plan under the Government's Agricultural Transformation Agenda (ATA) plans to increase annual fish production from the current production of 0.78m MT to 3.0m MT in order to achieve self-sufficiency in fish production and supply by the year 2015.

For livestock, examples will be presented to show that i) livestock production offers significant income/employment opportunities for youth in general and in specific settings (countries, zones, production systems); ii) key socio-economic factors relate to the uptake of livestock enterprises/activities among youth (especially considering dairy production and processing, poultry value chains, Community Animal health workers, rural distribution of veterinary inputs and basic animal health services, private veterinary practices and business, extension of good production practices, peri-urban and semi-intensified, intensified/modern systems/firms involved in the production, processing and marketing of animal source food, transboundary trade of stock, diversification of products with small stock and unconventional animal production systems.

The expected results from the side event will be to discuss how the lessons learnt can be integrated into aquaculture interventions specifically in Kenya and Nigeria as well as in livestock development interventions in countries studied, but more generally in the African context. The recommendations

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will be focused on how these national interventions can encourage greater youth involvement and engagement in the sector.

The expected participants of the side event will be Members States (especially representatives from Ministries in charge of Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock, Youth, Trade and Economy, African Union, FAO, civil society members working on themes related to aquaculture and youth. Suggestion will be made that delegations to the regional Conference and to the side events should have young women farmers represented.

b) Sub-regional consultations: Prioritization of needs of countries and sub-regions

Discussions on the prioritization of needs of countries and sub-regions will be held in order to focus on sub-regional and national priority issues and challenges that will be introduced by Sub-Regional Group representatives to the Ministerial Meeting. The consultation will be facilitated by the FAO Sub-Regional Coordinator of each sub-region in order to produce statements for the ministerial session on the priority needs of countries and sub-regions and strategies foreseen.

Friday 28 March

c) Ministerial Roundtable

A ministerial roundtable will be held on the follow up on the High Level Meeting of African and International Leaders “Toward African Renaissance: Renewed Partnership for Unified Approach to End Hunger in Africa by 2025 within the CAADP Framework”, 29 June-1 July 2013, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The Meeting gave the opportunity to discuss and draw strong recommendations to end hunger in Africa. Since then, a Decision has been adopted at the January 2014 African Union summit to eradicate hunger by 2025. The July 2014 AU summit in Malabo (Equatorial Guinea) will give a forum for greater discussion on the decision and its implementation especially in this Africa Year for Agriculture and Food Security that coincides with the International Year of Family Farming. This ministerial roundtable will provide an opportunity to share knowledge on the action taken to end Hunger in Africa with consideration to the Africa Solidarity Thrust fund, the synergy between the on-going continental strategies as well as the promotion of agribusiness for youth employment, the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2), the social protection in agriculture.

The roundtable will focus on the above subjects and other strategies for the Conference engagement on policies and programmes needed for concrete implementation.