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Launch of FAO's report

Tracking progress on food and agriculture-related SDG indicators 2023

HIGH-LEVEL EVENT (Friday, 15 September 2023)

At the mid-point of the 2030 Agenda, there is an urgent need to understand where the world stands in eliminating hunger and food insecurity, as well as in ensuring sustainable agriculture. The new edition of FAO's report "Tracking progress on food and agriculture-related SDG indicators" provides a statistical overview of progress made around the world towards the SDG targets related to food and agriculture.

The report will be released on September 15th, ahead of the SDG Summit (18-19 September 2023). The report offers an analysis of the current status and trends on selected indicators across eight Goals (1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 12, 14 and 15), highlighting areas of progress and areas where further effort is needed.

Using the latest SDG data and estimates available, the 2023 edition will discuss progress in the areas of food security, smallholder productivity, sustainable agriculture, forestry and fisheries, biodiversity, food losses and water stress among others, and include a snapshot on the upcoming 2025 Comprehensive Review of the SDG global indicator framework.

A novel feature of this year's edition will be the inclusion, for the first time, of a statistical progress assessment at target level and – for SDG 2 – at Goal level. This assessment is based on an innovative methodology developed by the FAO Office of the Chief Statistician over the past year, which allows determining how each country, region and the world as a whole are faring with respect to a given target or to an entire Goal.

Produced under the leadership of FAO's Chief Statistician, the report "Tracking progress on food and agriculture-related SDG indicators" is the result of a collaborative effort involving SDG Indicators focal points in FAO's technical divisions and partner agencies.

High-level launch event

Convened in hybrid modality in Geneva on 15 September, this high-level event will bring together FAO Members, UN bodies and partners. The event will provide the audience with the main findings of the report, as well as policy recommendations to harness the power of data to achieve ZeroHunger and accelerate food systems transformation.

The event will present an opportunity to:

- Share the latest data and analysis of FAO's latest assessment "Tracking progress on food and agriculture-related SDG indicators 2023"
- Place the findings in a broader context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Zoom into a case study of one of the countries (Viet Nam) that has registered the highest progress in the SDG indicators under FAO custodianship
- Renew commitment to invest in better data and statistics to inform evidence-based policies to achieve the 2030 Agenda.

AGENDA

Opening Session	
15h00-15h05	<p>Opening remarks</p> <p><i>Dominique Burgeon, Director of the FAO Liaison Office in Geneva [in presence]</i></p>
Session 1: Where does the world stand in achieving the food and agriculture targets related to FAO's mandate? The role of data in facilitating SDG achievement.	
15h05-15h12	<p>Presentation of the key messages of "Tracking progress on food and agriculture-related SDG indicators 2023"</p> <p><i>José Rosero Moncayo, Director of the Statistics Division, FAO [in presence]</i></p>
15h12-15h25	<p>Presentation of the main findings of "Tracking progress on food and agriculture-related SDG indicators 2023"</p> <p><i>Valerie Bizier, Senior Statistician, Office of the Chief Statistician, FAO [in presence]</i></p>
15h25-15h35	<p>The role of data in achieving Zero Hunger and accelerating food systems transformation</p> <p><i>Claire Melamed, Chief Executive Officer, Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data [in remote]</i></p>
15h35-15h45	<p>Open discussion</p>
Session 2: National and global SDG strategies and policy recommendations	
15h45-16h15	<p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <i>Stefanos Fotiou, Director of the FAO Office for SDGs [in remote]</i> ✓ <i>Zoom in on Viet Nam (two lightning interventions by Dr. Le Thi Tuyet Mai, Viet Nam Permanent Representative in Geneva [in presence]; and Rémi Nono Womdim, FAO Representative in Viet Nam [in remote])</i> <p>Moderator: <i>Dominique Burgeon, Director of the FAO Liaison Office in Geneva</i></p>
16h15-16h25	<p>Open discussion</p>
Closing Session	
16h25-16h30	<p>Wrap-up and closing of the event</p> <p><i>Dominique Burgeon, Director of the FAO Liaison Office in Geneva</i></p>