

**CFS**COMMITTEE ON  
WORLD FOOD  
SECURITY**HLPE**  
High Level  
Panel of Experts

# FORUM ON SUPPORT TO **FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN ETHIOPIA** BY INCREASING **SMALLHOLDERS'** **ACCESS TO MARKETS**

**13 September 2017, 9.30-17.30**

International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)

Lalibela Room

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Smallholders play an essential role in ensuring food security and nutrition today and in the future, including in the increase in food production needed to meet future global demand. Smallholders supply 70% of overall food production, and as much as 80% in some developing countries in Africa. Yet at the same time many smallholders themselves are net buyers of food and still suffer from food insecurity and malnutrition.

The objective of this Forum, which is jointly organized by the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) office in Addis Ababa and the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA), is to share views and raise awareness on actions that contribute to reducing hunger and malnutrition. It represents an opportunity to present and discuss existing instruments such as global policies, technical and financial instruments to improve smallholders' access to markets to increase food security and enhance nutrition in Ethiopia.

The CFS policy recommendations on Connecting Smallholders to Markets, which were endorsed in 2016 and the CFS High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE) Report on Investing in Smallholder Agriculture for Food Security and Nutrition serve as background documents for the Forum.

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## 9.00 - REGISTRATION

## 9.30 - 10.00 - OPENING SESSION

Opening - Amadou Allahoury, FAO Representative in Ethiopia (Moderator)

Welcome remarks - representatives from the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) and the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)

Introductory remarks - CFS Chair Ambassador Amira Gornass

## 10.00 - 12.30 - FIRST SESSION

### CFS INITIATIVES

The main elements of the CFS policy recommendations on Connecting Smallholders to Markets - Emilio Colonnelli, Food Security Officer, CFS Secretariat

The CFS High Level Panel of Experts report on Investing in smallholder agriculture for food security and nutrition - Amadou Allahoury, FAO Representative in Ethiopia

### 11.00 - 11.15 - COFFEE BREAK

### UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMMES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN SUPPORT OF SMALLHOLDERS

Filippo Brascresco, Agribusiness Officer, FAO

Sibi Lawson-Marriott, Head of Programme, WFP

IFAD TBC

### 12.30 - 14.30 - LUNCH

## 14.30 - 16.00 - SECOND SESSION

### COUNTRY EXPERIENCES

Stakeholder groups present their experiences and lessons learned. What instruments were useful? What less? What should be done differently?

Questions and answers

### 16.00 - 16.15 - COFFEE BREAK

## 16.15 - 17.30 - THIRD SESSION

### ADOPTING AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE

How to create synergies and adopt integrated approaches to better support smallholders for improving food security and nutrition.

### CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS

Summary and wrap up - Amadou Allahoury, FAO Representative in Ethiopia (Moderator)