

**Informal Consultation on FAO Technical Assistance Priorities in Central Asia Subregion
in preparation for the 2016 Thirtieth FAO Regional Conference for Europe
9-11 March 2015, Ankara, Turkey**

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 Lonec, 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
<u>19.00</u>	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 29th 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 by <i>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) By <i>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 by <i>TIKA- Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency</i> Discussion, questions and answers and notes for the Consultation records
<u>15.30 – 16.00</u>	Coffee and tea break

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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:	
<u>16.00 – 16.45</u>	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
<u>17.00</u>	Conclusion of the second day sessions and items for Consultation reporting

11 March 2015, Wednesday

<u>9.00</u>	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 Moth Poulsen, SEC Senior Fisheries Officer	
<u>9.30 – 11.30</u>	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
<u>11.30 – 12.30</u>	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
<u>12.30 – 13.30</u>	Lunch break
<u>13.30 – 14.00</u>	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	
<u>14.00 -14.15</u>	Informal Consultation conclusions and closing