

Technical Consultation: Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Implementation in Europe and Central Asia

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Session 3: Group Work –Transforming Food and Agriculture to Achieve the SDGs

While countries are actively implementing activities that help achieve the SDGs, it is critical that efforts support the transformative change that is embedded in the 2030 Agenda. This transition requires among others: changing how sectors are governed, restructuring institutions, better dialogue, strengthening policy coherence, developing partnerships, alignment of investments as well as prioritizing those actions that achieve measurable results on the ground.

How can decision-makers turn that potential into reality? How can they select and prioritize resources to accelerate progress? The FAO SDG guidelines “Transforming food and agriculture to achieve the SDGs” presented in Session 3 provide practical solutions through 20 interconnected actions, each describing approaches, policies and tools that contribute to multiple SDGs. They integrate the three dimensions of sustainable development, and require participation and partnerships among different actors.

In this context, in order to discuss how best to respond to the transformative change required by the 2030 Agenda, working groups are kindly requested to choose one or two actions from the SDG Guidelines (refer to the list of 20 actions below) and to discuss:

- How each selected action interlinks different SDGs (i.e. what are the SDG goals/targets each action is contributing to). Consult the relevant SDG goals/targets from the information sheet.
- What are the stakeholders that can contribute to the implementation of the selected actions (including both state and non-state actors)? And how can we ensure their accountability?
- Possible multi-dimensional policy measures to address the selected actions and ensure a coherent SDG implementation.

Transforming Food and Agriculture to Achieve the SDGs: 20 Actions.

Integrated and interconnected, the 20 actions knit together the many dimensions of agriculture and rural development with a country's broader development programme, laying the foundation for resilient and sustainable societies.

1. Facilitate access to productive resources, finance and services
2. Connect smallholders to markets
3. Encourage diversification of production and income

4. Build producers' knowledge and develop their capacities
5. Enhance soil health and restore land
6. Protect water and manage scarcity
7. Mainstream biodiversity conservation and protect ecosystem functions
8. Reduce losses, encourage reuse and recycle, and promote sustainable consumption
9. Empower people and fight inequalities
10. Promote secure tenure rights
11. Use social protection tools to enhance productivity and income
12. Improve nutrition and promote balanced diets
13. Prevent and protect against shocks: enhance resilience
14. Prepare for and respond to shocks
15. Address and adapt to climate change
16. Strengthen ecosystem resilience
17. Enhance policy dialogue and coordination
18. Strengthen innovation systems
19. Adapt and improve investment and finance
20. Strengthen the enabling environment and reform the institutional framework