

FAO RNE Regional Professional Staff Meeting

8, 9 and 10 February 2016

Semiramis Intercontinental Hotel

Cairo, Egypt

Briefing Note

Background

FAO has gone through a major transformation process that has deeply affected its priority-setting process, its structure, and its ways of working. The organization has upgraded its goals and adopted a new strategic framework following a thorough strategic thinking process.

The decentralization and integration of emergency and development activities has been completed. Country Programming frameworks have been put in place in most countries, and regional initiatives have been launched to address regional challenges. The roles of the regional conference have been strengthened

The revised MTP 2014-2017 and the PWB 2016-2017 put a major emphasis on enhancing the delivery for result, under new institutional arrangements that clarifies and strengthen the accountability for results inside the organization.

The RNE regional workplan has been formulated in this new framework. Enhancing and accelerating the delivery of the regional work plan is the major challenge for the professional staffs in the region. The implementation of the workplan will be influenced by the following factors:

- The deliberation and recommendations of the **Regional Conference** (NERC 33) 18-22 April in Lebanon;
- The regional implementation of the sustainable development Agenda 2030 (**SDGs**) and the post **COP21**;
- Conflicts and protracted crisis of the NENA Region will continue to pose substantial challenges for delivery as well as for **Resources mobilization, but create also new opportunities**;
- A **Regional Strategic Review Process** has been launched to identify the challenges, trends and the long term priority areas for interventions, where FAO has a real comparative advantage and can add the greatest value in terms of sustainable development benefits for the member countries in the region.

All of the above requires concerted actions where the various delivery mechanisms (Country Programming Frameworks -**CPFs**-, Regional Initiatives -**RIs**- and Major Areas of Works -**MAWs**-) are aligned and integrated in a coherent and synergic regional framework and workplan.

The regional professional staff meeting provides an opportunity to review and discuss the challenges and opportunities to enhance and accelerate the delivery of the Regional Work Plan.

Objectives

The overall objective of the Regional Professional Staff Meeting is to pave the way for the Operational Work Plan of the coming biennium. More specifically it intends to:

- update all professional staff on the latest unfolding perspectives and political processes, including SDGs, COP21, the preparation of the Regional Conference (NERC33) and the Regional Strategic Review process
- reach a common understanding of the RNE work plan 2016-17 and its implementation modalities to accelerate delivery, including team-work establishment, opportunities for fund mobilization and synergies between programmes and delivery mechanisms
- discuss the operationalization of monitoring and reporting results

Expected Results

- Participants are updated on FAOs transformation and Delivery for Results, and on the Regional Strategic Review
- Consensus is built on the strategic elements of the 2016-17 regional and country work plan, Results, Outputs, support needed and on the delivery mechanisms, including CPFs, RIs and MAWs and related synergies
- Participants are familiar with the Cop21 and SDGs outcomes and how they can be reflected in the Work Plan at regional and country level
- Acceleration of delivery plans outlined
- Modalities for Monitoring and Reporting of results are clear to all participants
- Participants have common understanding of the Regional Strategic Review, with challenges, trends and priorities for the Region
- Fund challenges and opportunities discussed and resources mobilization strategy outlined
- Communication, advocacy and outreach modalities outlined

Participants

Participants to the Regional Professional Staff Meeting are represented by:

- FAO Representatives
- Sub-regional Coordinators
- Delivery Managers of the Regional Initiatives
- Professional Staff from the Near East Region
- Professional Staff from Head Quarters

FAO RNE Regional Professional Staff Meeting

Cairo, 8 – 10 February 2016

Theme: *Enhanced and Accelerated Delivery for Results*

Agenda

Monday 8 February 2016 (Day 1)

Time	Item	Referee
8:00 - 9:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration & Welcome Coffee/Tea 	
09:00 - 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening: Key challenges and outlook for the NENA Region Objectives, Agenda and Working Modalities Participants' Introduction and Expectations Q/A/Discussion Session	ADG, RNE <i>Facilitator: Salomon S.</i> <i>Facilitator: Salomon S.</i> <i>Rapporteur: Patrizia E.</i>
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Tea & Coffee Break</i>	
10:30 – 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conversation with Senior Management in Rome: <i>the Overall FAO transformation and Delivery for Results - Lessons learned and Looking ahead</i> Q/A/Discussion Session	DDO/DDN/TC-ADG/OSP-Director (via VC) <i>Note taking: Aruna G.</i> <i>Rapporteur: Nabil Gangi</i>
12:00 - 13:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2016-17 Work Plan: The technical arm The context of the Cop21 Outcomes and the FAO Climate Change Strategy The context of Sustainable Development Agenda 2030 Q/A/Discussion Session	DDG-N NRC Dir. (via VC) Michael Clark (ESD) <i>Note taking: Isin T.</i> <i>Rapporteur: Markos T.</i>
13:10 - 14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14:30 - 16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WSI Work Plan: Results Towards an accelerated delivery plan (SP2 Perspective) Focus Countries Perspectives: support needed Q/A/Discussion Session 	Pasquale Steduto (RNE) JeanMarc Faures (SP2) FAORs of Focus Countries <i>Note Taking: Elodie P.</i> <i>Rapporteur: Fawzi K.</i>
16:00 - 16:30	<i>Tea & Coffee Break</i>	
16:30 - 17:30	Cont. Q/A/Discussion Session	

Tuesday 9 February 2016 (Day 2)

Time	Item	Referee
08:30 - 10:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap of Day 1 & Introduction to Day 2 • SSA Work Plan: Results • Towards an accelerated delivery plan (SP3 Perspective) • Focus Countries Perspectives: support needed <p>Q/A/Discussion Session</p>	<p><i>Facilitator: Salomon S. Alfredo Impiglia (RNE)</i></p> <p>Maya Takagi (SP3)</p> <p>FAORs of Focus Countries <i>Note Taking: Ana Pizarro</i> <i>Rapporteur: Malika Martini</i></p>
10:45 - 11:15	<i>Tea & Coffee Break</i>	
11:15 - 13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSN Work Plan: Results • Towards an accelerated delivery plan (SP5 Perspective) • Focus Countries Perspectives: support needed <p>Q/A/Discussion Session</p>	<p>Francesco Del Re (RNE)</p> <p>Patrick Jacqueson (SP5)</p> <p>FAORs of Focus Countries <i>Note Taking: Maria Rives</i> <i>Rapporteur: Tanja Popovic</i></p>
13:00 - 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:00 - 18:00	<p>Towards an Integrated Work Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parallel Working Groups by Sub-Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SNE (Office Head, FAORs, Gender Officer, SPs and Focal Points, TOs, CPFs-Coordinator, RIs-Delivery Managers) ○ SNG (Office Head, FAORs, Gender Officer, SPs and Focal Points, TOs, CPFs-Coordinator, RIs-Delivery Managers) ○ Ex-SNO (RIC, FAORs, Gender Officer, SPs and Focal Points, TOs, CPFs-Coordinator, RIs-Delivery Managers) • Intervention by SP Coordinator and SPLs (16:00-16:30) <p>Q/A/Discussion Session</p>	<p>Lead Officer: Lamourdia Thiombiano</p> <p>Lead Officer: Mehdi Drissi</p> <p>Lead Officer: Pasquale Steduto</p> <p>Laurent Thomas & the SP Team (via video conference)</p>

Wednesday, 10 February 2016 (Day 3)

Time	Item	Referee
08:30 - 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap of Day 2 & Introduction to Day 3 • Reporting of by three Sub-Regional Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SNE ○ SNG ○ Ex-SNO <p>Q/A/Discussion Session</p>	<p><i>Facilitator: Salomon S.</i></p> <p>Lamourdia Thiombiano Mehdi Drissi Pasquale Steduto</p> <p><i>Note taking: Daniel D.</i> <i>Rapporteur: Malika M.</i></p>
10:00 - 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results, Service Level Agreements • Monitoring and Reporting (outputs/outcomes) <p>Q/A/Discussion Session</p>	<p>Salomon Salcedo (OSP) Mohamed Barre (RNE)</p> <p><i>Note taking: Shoki A.</i> <i>Rapporteur: Hamid H.</i></p>
11:00 – 11:30	Tea & Coffee Break	
11:30 - 13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPFs Overview and Plans of Actions • Resource Mobilization: challenges and strategies • South-South Cooperation: status and progress • GEF and Green Climate Fund <p>Q/A/Discussion Session</p>	<p>Kayan Jaff (RNE)</p> <p>Alexander Jones (TCS) Aruna Gujral Tanja Popovic</p> <p>Kayan Jaff (RNE)</p> <p>Jeffry Griffin (TCID) Fawzi Karajeh (RNE)</p> <p><i>Note taking: Jennifer S.</i> <i>Rapporteur: Fatima H.</i></p>
13:15 – 14:30	Lunch Break	
14:30 - 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate and regional Communication Strategy <p>Q/A/Discussion Session</p>	<p><i>Enrique Yeves (OCCD)</i> <i>Issam Azouri (RNE)</i></p> <p><i>Rapporteur: Maryam H.</i></p>
15:30 - 16:00	Tea & Coffee Break	
16:00 - 17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrap up and follow-up actions • Closing Remarks 	<p><i>Facilitator: Salomon S.</i></p> <p>ADG RR-RNE/RIC</p>

Reports Coordinator: Kayan Jaff