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# Agenda

## High-Level Conference on Food industry for a sustainable food security

Towards more resilient regional supply chains and a more sustainable food industry

Cairo (Egypt), 22-23 October 2023

### Day 1: 22 October 2023

Local Time	Agenda Item
14:00 – 17:00	<p><b>Field Visit (Upon invitation)</b></p> <p>Field visits in small groups to benchmarking companies in the food industry (Harvest, Modern Concentrate Co.- Juhaynh, Orion and Domty), coordinated with the Egyptian Food Export Council, to learn first-hand insights on how the industry operates and adapts to the pressing challenges facing food security. The visit will provide an opportunity for a comprehensive understanding of the measures and initiatives implemented to ensure sustainable and resilient food systems, including the role of technology in optimizing food production and reducing waste.</p>

### Day 2: 23 October 2023

Venue: Premises of the League of Arab States

Local Time	Agenda Item
09:00 – 09:30	<b>Registration of participants and welcome coffee</b>
09:30 – 10:00	<p><b>Opening Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Nasser Kamel, Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean</li> <li>- Mr. Khaled El Manzalawi, Deputy Secretary-General of the League of Arab States</li> <li>- Mr. Christian Berger, Head of the EU delegation in Egypt</li> </ul>
10:00 – 11:30	<p><b>Panel I: State of play of Food industry in the region</b></p> <p><b>Discussion topics:</b></p> <p>Stocktaking of the current situation regarding access to food in the Mediterranean region in terms of demand and supply as well as the main challenges. National and regional programs to support this sector and the contribution of the latter in economic activity and job creation notably through MSMEs.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Sebastian Stoelting</p>



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	<p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Shahira Wahbi, Director, Housing, Water Resources and Disaster Risk Reduction, Coordinator of Food Security, League of Arab States</li> <li>- Mr. Awni Kloub, Executive Director, Arab Agricultural Forum</li> <li>- Ms. Paula Pinto Zambrano, International Policy Analyst, Climate &amp; Company</li> </ul>
11:30 – 11:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:45 – 13:15	<p><b>Panel II: How to enhance the resilience of Food industry?</b></p> <p><b>Discussion topics:</b></p> <p>Climate change resilience and food system productivity, employability and labor productivity, strengthening of local supply chains through the integration of small scale producers and cooperatives into value chains, diversification of external suppliers and addressing trade policies governing food trade.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Sebastian Stoelting</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Patrick Jean Gilabert, Representative, Regional Office Hub in Egypt, UNIDO</li> <li>- Mr. Fadi Jabr, Secretary-General, Arab Federation for Food Industries (AFFI) Amman, Jordan</li> <li>- Mr. Djamelddine Djaballah, Former Director, Housing, Water Resources and Disaster Risk Reduction, League of Arab States</li> </ul>
13:15 – 14:30	<b>Lunch Break</b>
14:30 – 16:00	<p><b>Panel III: How to make Food industry more sustainable and inclusive?</b></p> <p><b>Discussion topics:</b></p> <p>Showcase best practices and initiatives towards sustainability and resource efficiency, decent jobs in agriculture and aquaculture, women in the food sector, greening the food sector, green competences/skills in the food sector, and research &amp; innovation for food security against climate change.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Sebastian Stoelting</p> <p><b>Keynote speaker:</b></p> <p>Ms. Yasmine Fouad, Minister of Environment – Egypt</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Mohamed El-Shinawi, Co-Chair PRIMA Program</li> <li>- Mr. Biagio Di Terlizzi, Deputy Director at the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari – CIHEAM Bari</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ms. Nisreen Lahham, Expert, Arab Organization for Agricultural Development, League of Arab States</li><li>- Ms. Guadaluna Chaer, Co-founder of LUXEED Robotics</li></ul>
16:00 – 16:05	<b>Wrap-up session</b>  Mr. Sebastian Stoelting
16:05 – 16:15	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Mr. Abdelkader El Khissassi, UfM Deputy Secretary General in charge of Economic Development and Employment

*Translation will be provided into Arabic, English and French*