Technical Workshop
SUSTAINABLE DIETS IN THE CONTEXT OF SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS
12–13 July 2017, FAO headquarters, Rome

The technical workshop, organized by FAO, in collaboration with UNSCN and UNEP, is planned as an implementation activity of the 10YFP SFSP core initiative on Sustainable Diets in the Context of Sustainable Food Systems.

The notion of “sustainable diets” has re-emerged as an important lever to support SDG#12, as well as SDG#2. During the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2), much of today’s major nutrition challenges were associated with the failure of the food systems. As a follow up to the ICN2, FAO and WHO jointly organized the International Symposium on Sustainable Food Systems for Healthy Diets and Improved Nutrition. The Symposium called for a change in paradigm from just supplying food to providing high-quality diets to nourish people within the context of sustainable food systems. In doing so, it also pointed out possible entry points within the food system through which changes could be made.

The concept of sustainable diets presents an opportunity to successfully advance commitments to sustainable development and the elimination of poverty, food and nutrition insecurity, and poor health outcomes. Therefore, this technical workshop comes timely as it aims to advance our understanding of the status of global debates in order to drive the work on sustainable diets forward.

By framing the notion of “sustainable diets in the context of sustainable food systems”, the objective of the technical workshop is to make progress in better understanding the multidimensional sustainability of the diets, in both developed and developing countries, and their impacts at various levels, in the context of specific food systems.

This workshop will examine potential contributions to enhance sustainable food systems and the enabling environment that promote healthy dietary practices. It will allow for a better understanding of drivers of change and potential ways and means to improve current dietary patterns and food consumption trends towards more sustainable food systems for healthy diets.

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Wednesday, 12 July 2017

WELCOME
9:00–9:30 Anna Lartey, ESN Director, FAO
S.H. François Pythoud, Permanent Representative of Switzerland

SESSION 1: ASSESSMENT TOOLS AND METHODS
Chair: Fatima Hachem, ESN, FAO
9.30–9.40 Towards a composite index for sustainable diets
Elliot M. Berry, Hebrew University
9.40–9.50 Including sustainability into new food based dietary guidelines, the inspiring example of the Netherlands
Corné van Dooren, Netherlands Nutrition Centre
9.50–10.00 The Food Sustainability Index: a qualitative and quantitative benchmarking model to foster the debate on how to move towards a more sustainable food system
Marta Antonelli, Barilla Center for Food and Nutrition
10.00–10.10 An epidemiological study in humans (NutriNet-Santé study): a relevant tool to address the sustainability of diets and food systems
Emmanuelle Kesse-Guyot/Julia Baudry/Denis Lairot, FQH
10.10–10.20 A Western dietary pattern has the highest environmental footprints among Lebanese adults
Farah Naja, American University of Beruit
10.20–10.30 Sustainability assessments and consumer trust: what exactly environmental claims convey to consumers?
Milena Stefanova/Massimo Iannetta, ENEA
10.30–10.50 Coffee break
10.50–11.20 Questions on presentations
11.20–12.20 Discussion on “assessment challenges”
12.20–12.30 Wrap-up by the Chair
12.30–14.00 Lunch break

SESSION 2: INTERLINKAGES BETWEEN DIETS AND SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS
Chair: Alexandre Meybeck, AGDD, FAO
14.00–14.10 Sustainable food systems is a precondition for sustainable diets
Barbara Burlingame, Massey University
14:10–14:20 Holistic concept of “sustainable nutrition” with five dimensions and seven action-oriented principles
Karl von Koerber/Nadine Bader, Working Group Sustainable Nutrition
14.20–14.30 Linking sustainable diets with the emerging concept of “food sustainability”
Theresa Tribaldos/Johanna Jacobi/Stephan Rist, University of Bern
14.30–14.40 How organic food systems may support the sustainability of dietary patterns
Jostein Hertwig, BERAS International
14.40–14.50 Sustainability of the diet in nutritional guidelines: the example of Italy
Laura Rossi, CREA
14.50–15.00 The Mediterranean diet as a case study for sustainable diets
Sandro Dernini, FAO/Roberto Capone, CIHEAM-Bari
15.00–15.20 Coffee break
15.20–15.50 Questions on presentations
15.50–16.50 Discussion on “diets and their impacts on food systems sustainability”
16.50–17.00 Wrap-up by the Chair

Thursday, 13 July 2017

SESSION 3: CASE STUDIES/LESSON LEARNED
Chairs: Stineke Oenema, UNSCN & James Lomax, UNEP
9.00–9.10 Healthy and sustainable gastronomy: invigorating food systems and enhancing sustainable eating patterns in Costa Rica
Roberto Azofeifa, Ministry of Agriculture of Costa Rica, in name of the partnership on Sustainable Gastronomy: Government of Costa Rica, Hivos, INBio, Smaackmakers
9.10–9.20 Enhancing food and dietary quality through capacity building of smallholder farmers in Eastern Kenya: a case of Anglican Development Services of Mount Kenya East (ADSMKE)
Catherine Mwangi, Anglican Development Service of Mount Kenya East
9.20–9.30 Transition paths to sustainable legume-based systems
Bálint Balázs, Environmental Social Science Research Group (ESSRG)
9.30–9.40 Strengthening local food system initiatives for sustainable diets
K. Suresh Kanna, BERAS India
9.40–9.50 Drivers of change for sustainable nutrition
Shaknoza Kurbanalieva, IFOAM
9.50–10.00 Livestock Environmental Assessment and Performance (LEAP) Partnership
Camillo De Camillis, FAO
10.00–10.20 Coffee break
10.20–10.50 Questions on presentations
10.50–11.50 Discussion on “A way forward”
11.50–12.00 Wrap-up by the Chair
12.00–12.30 CLOSING REMARKS