1st UN Food Systems Stocktaking Moment Side-Event

Food Systems at Risk: What to Look Out for and How to Assess Levels and Trends

Tuesday 25th July, 08:00-09:00 CEST / 13:00-14:00 Bangkok time
Virtual event via Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/FoodSysRisks

Co-organising partners:
- Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
- World Food Programme (WFP)

Background:
Climate change, conflicts, epidemics, trade disruptions, price shocks, and other compounding crises have highlighted the multifaceted vulnerability of food systems. The Ukraine crisis and the repercussions of COVID-19 have contributed to a sharp rise in food and energy prices, precipitating food insecurity, poverty, and inequality. Climate change has exacerbated the situation with extended droughts, flooding and extreme weather events, impacting the most vulnerable among us. On the other hand, food systems contribute significantly to climate change and environmental degradation, which in turn compromises human health and wellbeing.

This event will discuss food system risks to look out for and some countries’ approaches to address these risks. It will introduce a practical tool that provides insights on food system risk drivers and trends which can support policymakers and development partners to identify key areas for policy interventions. The event will share insights, raise awareness, generate dialogue and facilitate potential partnerships in support of risk-informed implementation of food systems transformation pathways.

Objectives:
- Advance the understanding of multi-dimensional risk and resilience building opportunities in food systems, in relation to the outcomes on human health, ecosystem health and shared prosperity.
- Build capacity to use food systems risk assessment tool(s) for strengthening policymaking in food systems transformation.

Expected outcome and follow up actions:
- Government and other stakeholders develop more comprehensive understanding of the multidimensional risks to food systems and are able to use such insights in strengthening and implementing national food systems transformation pathways.
- Explore opportunities to further develop and expand the food system risk assessment framework to apply at global level and sub-national levels in collaboration with interested partners, policymakers, and stakeholders.
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<td><strong>Opening remarks</strong>&lt;br&gt;- Ibu Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana Under-Secretary-General of the UN and Executive Secretary of ESCAP (video)</td>
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<td><strong>Presentation on food system risks and a new assessment tool</strong>&lt;br&gt;- Sangmin Nam, Director of the Environment and Development Division, ESCAP</td>
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<td><strong>Interactive exchange on action to address food system risks and strengthen resilience</strong>&lt;br&gt;- Vanida Khumnirdpetch, Director, Bureau of Foreign Agricultural Affairs; Office of Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand&lt;br&gt;- Md Momtaz Uddin ndc, National Convener of Bangladesh; Director General (Additional Secretary) of Food Planning &amp; Monitoring Unit, Ministry of Food, Bangladesh&lt;br&gt;- Akiko Suwa-Eisenmann, Senior researcher, INRAE; Member of the steering committee, High Level Panel of Experts for the Committee on Food Security (HLPE-FSN)&lt;br&gt;- Jose Rosero Moncayo, Director, Statistics Division, FAO (TBC)</td>
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<td><strong>Closing and way forward</strong>&lt;br&gt;- John Aylieff, Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, WFP (video)</td>
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