Ministerial Meeting
Food Security and Climate Adaptation in Small Island Developing States

Agenda

Auditorium, Pavilion Italia
14 - 16 October 2015, Milan, Italy

(updated on 13 October 2015)
14 October 2015

08:30 am – 09:30 am  Registration of participants – Foyer of the Auditorium, Pavilion Italia

09:30 am – 10:30 am  Opening Session

Chair: H.E. Mr. Paolo Gentiloni, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy

Moderator: Ms. Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director-General Natural Resources, FAO

Welcoming remarks

- H.E. Mr. Semisi Fakahau, Member of AOSIS Bureau and Minister for Agriculture, Food, Forests and Fisheries, Tonga
- H.E. Ms. Lois Young, Member of AOSIS Bureau and Permanent Representative of Belize to the United Nations
- Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations
- Ms. Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director-General Natural Resources, FAO

Keynote address

- H.E. Mr. Paolo Gentiloni, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy

10:30 am – 11:00 am  Coffee and tea break

11:00 am – 01:30 pm  High Level Forum - SIDS Vision for a Food Secure Future: following up paragraph 61 of the S.A.M.O.A. Pathway

Chair: H.E. Mr. Tuisugaletaua Sofara Aveau, Minister of Communication and Information Technology, Samoa

Presentations

- H.E. Mr. Eugene Hamilton, Minister of Agriculture, Saint Kitts and Nevis
- H.E. Ms. Eva Ortet, Minister for Rural Development, Cabo Verde
- H.E. Mr. Estanislau Da Silva, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and Minister of State, Coordinator of Economic Affairs, Timor-Leste
- Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations
- Ms. Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director-General Natural Resources, FAO

Open discussion

01:30 pm – 03:00 pm  Lunch at Lounge Le Tracce
03:00 pm – 04:15 pm  **Session 2: Sustainable agriculture and fisheries**

**Moderator:** H.E. Ms. Jane Chigiya, Permanent Representative of the Federated States of Micronesia to the United Nations

**Presentations**

- Mr. Milton Haughton, Executive Director, Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism
- Mr. Mukesh Rughoo, Executive Secretary, CropLife Mauritius
- Mr. Ramasamy Selvaraju, Natural Resources Officer, FAO
- Mr. Simone Libralato, Oceanography Unit, Italian National Institute of Oceanography and Experimental Geophysics (OGS)

*Open discussion*

04:15 pm – 04:45 pm  Coffee and tea break

04:45 pm – 06:00 pm  **Session 3: Resilience of agriculture and fisheries to climate change and disasters**

**Moderator:** H.E. Mr. Molwyn Joseph, Minister of Health and Environment, Antigua and Barbuda

**Presentations**

- H.E. Mr. Aunese Makoi Simati, Permanent Representative of Tuvalu to the United Nations
- Mr. Einar Bjorgo, Program Manager, UNOSAT Program, UNITAR
- Ms. Xianfu Lu, Team Lead, Adaptation - Impacts, Vulnerability and Risks, UNFCCC Secretariat
- Mr. Andrea Di Vecchia, Italian Biometeorology Institute, Italian National Research Council

*Open discussion*

06:30 pm – 08:30 pm  Reception offered by Ferrero at Ferrero Pavilion
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09:00 am – 09:30 am  **Keynote address**
- H.E. Ms. Ligia Fonseca, First Lady of Cabo Verde

09:30 am – 10:30 am  **Session 4: Improving rural livelihoods of smallholders and family farmers, especially for women**

**Moderator:** H.E. Mr. Alva Baptiste, Minister for External Affairs, International Trade and Civil Aviation, Saint Lucia

**Presentations**
- H.E. Ms. Ligia Fonseca, First Lady of Cabo Verde
- H.E. Mr. Carl Greenidge, Vice President and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Guyana*
- H.E. Mr. F. Umiich Sengebau, Minister of Natural Resources, Environment and Tourism, Palau
- Dr. Ronnie Brathwaite, Deputy Program Manager, Agricultural Development, CARICOM Secretariat

**Open discussion**

10:30 am – 11:15 am  Coffee and tea break

11:15 am – 12:30 pm  **Session 5: Nutrition, health and non-communicable diseases**

**Moderator:** H.E. Mr. João Soares Da Gama, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Guinea Bissau to the United Nations

**Presentations**
- H.E. Mr. Clifton Clayton Burgin, Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment, St. Vincent and the Grenadines*
- Dr. Paula Vivili, Director, Public Health Division, Secretariat of the Pacific Community
- Dr. Isabella Francis-Granderson, Lecturer, Nutrition and Dietetics, University of the West Indies

**Open discussion**

12:30 pm – 02:30 pm  Lunch at Lounge Le Tracce

*speaking role to be confirmed
02:30 pm – 03:45 pm  **Session 6: Trade and access to food**

**Moderator:** Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, Under-Secretary-General and High-Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, OHRLLS

**Presentations**
- H.E. Mr. Abdoulkarim Mohamed, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Comoros
- H.E. Mr. V. Alfred Gray, Minister of Agriculture, Marine Resources and Local Government, Bahamas
- Mr. Craig Hawke, Principal Advisor-SIDS, Bureau for Policy and Program Support, UNDP
- Mr. Pépin Saint Ange, Associate Vice-President, Programme Management Department, IFAD

**Open discussion**

03:45 pm – 04:00 pm  **Coffee and tea break**

04.00 pm – 05:30 pm  **Session 7: Partnerships to advance food security**

**Moderator:** H.E. Mr. Ali’ioaiga Feturi Elisaia – Permanent Representative of Samoa to the United Nations

**Presentations**
- Mr. Jean Claude de l’Estrac, Secretary General of the Indian Ocean Commission
- H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Fiji to the United Nations
- Ms. Monica Jain, Executive Director, Fish 2.0
- Mr. Fabio Attorre, Professor, Department of Environmental Biology, University of Rome "La Sapienza"

**Open discussion**

*Speaking role to be confirmed
05:30 pm – 06:30 pm  **Closing Session**

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- Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations
- Mr. José Graziano da Silva, Director-General, FAO
- H. E. Ms. Silvia Velo, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of the Environment and the Protection of Land and the Sea, Italy

**Presentation of SIDS Vision for a Food Secure Future**

08:00 pm – 10:00 pm  *Food Moves the World* concert, organized by the Italian Development Cooperation to celebrate the World Food Day – EXPO Conference Centre

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**16 October 2015 - World Food Day**

09:30 am – 01:00 pm  **Participation in the World Food Day celebrations at EXPO 2015**

01:00 pm – 03:00 pm  Lunch at Lounge Le Tracce

03:45 pm  Small Island Developing States (SIDS) government representatives to depart by train to Venice from the EXPO 2015 site