

Side Event on FAO's Strategic Programmes

Date: Friday, 13 April 2018, at 10:30 hours

The event will gather high-level representatives, ministers and senior officers, of member countries, regional bodies, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), technical and resource partners, and FAO Senior Management.

Purpose and Expected Outcomes

The purpose of the Side Event is to demonstrate how FAO's Strategic Framework/Strategic Programmes have been instrumental in terms of guiding priority setting at regional and country levels and providing coherent support for integrated programming and enhanced delivery at country level.

The Side Event is expected to achieve the following outcomes:

- Enhanced support to coherent implementation of the global commitments (e.g. Sustainable Development Goals [SDGs], Paris Agreement) to regional priorities, and facilitated cross-sectoral integrated approach in terms of supporting implementation and delivery at country level.
- Help in articulating FAO's contribution to national priorities within the Country Programming Framework (CPF) in a more holistic, but focused, and coherent manner, linking them with regional and global commitments.
- Enabled expansion of relevant interlocutors, and facilitated constructive intersectoral and multistakeholder engagement and coordination, around programmatic interventions, paving the way for mutual accountability for results.

Duration: 1 hour and 30 minutes

Structure

The Side Event will start with an opening statement by the FAO Assistant Director-General/Regional Representative (ADG/RR), Ms Kundhavi Kadiresan, followed by a brief introductory presentation by Mr Jamie Morrison, FAO Strategic Programme Leader (SPL) for Strategic Objective (SO) 4 "Enable more inclusive and efficient agricultural and food systems", to be followed by a facilitated panel discussion composed of representatives from countries and CSOs.

The introductory presentation will highlight the relevance of the FAO Strategic Framework/Strategic Programmes in terms of responding to regional and country priorities, with focus on poverty eradication and achieving more inclusive food systems.

The panel discussion with ministers and a CSO representative will highlight how the Strategic Framework has facilitated prioritization and programme delivery.

Tentative agenda of the Side Event on FAO's Strategic Programmes Facilitated/Moderated by Mr Benjamin Davis, SPL for SO3 "Reduce rural poverty"	
5 minutes	Opening remarks (Xiangjun Yao, FAO Regional Programme Leader for Asia and the Pacific)
15 minutes	Introductory presentation (SPL4): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevance of the FAO Strategic Framework in responding to regional and country priorities
30 minutes	Panel discussion with two to three ministers and a CSO representative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bangladesh, Samoa, Viet Nam, Asian Farmers' Association for Sustainable Rural Development (ASA)
35 minutes	General discussion
5 minutes	Summary on the way forward