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FAO Regional Forum on:

# The Future of Farmer Field Schools for Sustainable Agri-food Systems in the NENA Region

Minya, Egypt, 29–30 May 2023

**AGENDA**

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## 28 May 2023

- Arrival in Cairo, Egypt, and Check-in at Hotel
- Welcome Cocktail at the Hotel at 19:30

## 29 May 2023

- Field Visit in Minya-Egypt
- Facilitated by Mr. Mohamed Yacoub, Assistant FAO Representative, FAO Egypt

6:00-10:00	Travel from Cairo to Minya (4h)		Check out from hotel- arrive in Minya
10:00-14:00	1. Visit the field site	Participants will be divided into 3 groups in the field site	In Minya The exact site to be identified
	2. Welcome/Break	Mr. Nasredin Hag Elamin FAO Representative in Egypt	FFS tent in Minya
	3. Farmer Presentation	FFS experiences presented by Farmers and facilitators & discussion	FFS tent in Minya
14:00-15:00	Lunch Break		At the Sports Club- Minya
15:00-17:00	Back to the hotel - Minya		Check-in
17:00-18:00	Country-Sharing Experience	Feedback on the field visit and country suggestions for innovative approaches to tackling obstacles and addressing farmer needs	The meeting room at the hotel

Overnight in Minya-Egypt

# 30 May 2023 - Minya - Egypt

→ The meeting room at the hotel

## Session I: Opening (9:00-9:30)

Moderated by: Mr. Abdulhakim Elwaer, Assistant Director General and Regional Representative, RNE

9:00-9:10	1.1 Welcome Addresses	A representative from the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation in Egypt
9:10 – 9:20	1.2 Opening Remarks	Mr. Abdulhakim Elwaer Assistant Director-General (ADG)
9:20-9:30	1.3 Introduction to the Forum	Mr. Jingyuan Xia Director of Plant Production & Protection Division (NSP), FAO

## Session II: Overview of Farmer Field Schools (9:30-10:10)

Facilitated by: Mr. Nasredin Hag Elamin, FAO Representative in Egypt

9:30-9:45	2.1 Global Perspective	Ms. Anne-Sophie Poisot Global Farmer Field School Platform, NSP
9:45-10:00	2.2 Regional Perspective (RNE)	Ms. May Hani Senior Programme Officer, FAORNE
10:00-10:10	2.3 National Perspective (Egypt)	Mr. Mohamed Yacoub Assistant FAO Representative, FAOEG

10:10-10:40  
Coffee Break and Group Photo  
Video of the field visit

## Session III: Country Presentation (10:40-12:15)

Facilitated by: Mr. Thaer Yaseen, Regional Plant Protection Officer, FAORNE

10:40-10:50	3.1 Egypt	Mr. Moamen Gelany FFS Expert & FAO Consultant – Egypt
10:50-11:05	3.2 Jordan and Syria	Mr. Nayel AlKawalit FFS International Consultant- FAO Syria

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11:05-11:20	3.3 Lebanon and Iraq	Mr. Imad Nahhal Expert in Integrated Crop and Pest Management and Farmers Field Schools"- FAO IRAQ
11:20-11:30	3.4 Morocco	Ms. Mariam El Akel FFS Technical Expert
11:30-11:40	3.5 Saudi Arabia	Dr. Bandar Al-Saghan The MEWA Director-General of Agricultural Research & Extension
11:40-11:50	3.6 Tunisia	Mr. Naji Aidi FFS Technical Expert
11:50-12:05	3.7 Yemen	Mr. Ashraf Alhawamdeh FAO Agriculture Officer- FAO Yemen
12:05-12:15	General Discussion	All

**Session IV: Selected Thematic Areas on FFS (12:15-13:00)**

Facilitated by Mr. Alfredo Impiglia, Chief Technical Advisor, FAO

12:15-12:25	4.1 Plant Production & Protection	Mr. Thaer Yaseen
12:25-12:35	4.2 Water Scarcity	Ms. Domitille Vallee CTA/Manager- FAORNE
12:35-12:45	4.3 Farm Business Schools	Mr. Dany Lychaa Elkhoury Project Manager, FAO Lebanon
12:45-13:00	General Discussion	All
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break in the hotel	



## Session V: Group Discussion on the Way Forward (14:00-16:00)

Facilitated by Mr. Haekoo Kim (Technical Adviser, NSP)

14:00-16:00	Group I: Capacity Development, knowledge sharing, and networking	Moderated by: Ms. Faten Adada Agriculture and Rural Development Expert, FAORNE
14:00-16:00	Group II: Technologies and Innovation	Moderated by: Mr. Mahmoud Abdelnabby FFS Technical Expert, FAO-KSA
14:00-16:00	Group III: Coordination and Enabling Environment	Moderated by: Ms. Mariam El Akel FFS Technical Expert
14:00-16:00	Group IV: Gender & Social Inclusion	Moderated by: Ms. Valentina Franchi Gender Specialist, FAO RNE
16:00-16:30	Coffee Break	

## Session VI: Group Report (16:30-18:00)

Facilitated by Ms. May Hani, Senior Programme Officer, FAORNE

Each with 15 min	Reports from Each Group (4 Groups)	Group Rapporteur
30 Min	General Discussions	

## Session VII: Closing (18:00-18:30)

Facilitated by Mr. Haekoo Kim

18:00-18:15	7.1 Statement from Representative of RNE
18:15-18:30	7.2 Closing Remarks from Mr. Jingyuan Xia

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# 31 May 2023

7:00 AM	Travel from Minya to Cairo
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