

Side event:

Nutrition sensitive agriculture: lessons learned from IFAD-supported projects in East and Southern Africa

10th Dec 2021 – 09:00 – 10:00 (CET)/ 17:00-18:00 (JST)

Background - Under the N4G theme- “Food: Transforming the food system, so it promotes safe, sustainable, and healthy foods to support people and planet”, the event will address a range of specific issues in the context of the nutrition-sensitive projects in the East and Southern Africa countries benefiting from the IFAD investments and grants with partners (i.e. governments, CGIARs partners, JICA and Norad).

The side event will showcase IFAD investments in the ESA region, selected for their strong commitment to improving nutrition and innovative approaches for implementing nutrition sensitive interventions. In particular, the side-event will highlight the importance of nutrition mainstreaming in the ESA region and share some best practices with the event audience.

PROGRAM

Moderator: **Sara Mbago-Bhunu**, Regional Director, East and Southern Africa Division (ESA) Programme Management Department (PMD), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

09:00 – 09:05 **OPENING SESSION**

Welcome remarks

- **Donal Brown**, Associate Vice President, Programme Management Department (PMD), IFAD

09:05 – 09:10 **Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD)** - financed Programme “Nourishing People and the Earth through Inclusive and Sustainable Agriculture

- **Anne Wetlesen**, Senior Adviser, Department for Climate and Environment, Section for Food, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad)

09:10 – 09:15 **IFAD and Nutrition: Approaches to mainstreaming nutrition in agriculture and food systems investments**

Presentation of the Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture and overview of Nutrition-Sensitive Investments in East and Southern Africa Region.

- **Joyce Njoro**, Nutrition Lead Technical Specialist, Environment, Climate, Gender and Social Inclusion Division (ECG) Strategy and Knowledge Department (SKD), IFAD

09:15– 09:45

SESSION: Nutrition-Sensitive Investments: Best practice from IFAD-supported projects in East and Southern Africa;

Bio fortification to address micronutrient deficiency: Promotion of production, processing and value addition of bio fortified crops for use by smallholder producers.

- **Introduction from Paul Demo, Regional Director (Africa) The International Potato Center (CIP) CGIAR research center.**
 - **Case study presentation by Jaana Keitaanranta**, Grant Task Manager/Country Director for Eswatini and Zimbabwe, ESA, PMD, IFAD on IFAD ESA Grant Programme - Strengthening Nutrition In Agri Food Systems In East And Southern Africa Through Root And Tuber Crops.

Promoting milk consumption by school going pupils: Enhancing milk consumption among children through Milk zones (kiosk) in schools – Sustainable solutions to create a local market for milk producers while promoting milk consumption among pupils.

- **Introduction from Gerardine Mukeshimana, Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources, Republic of Rwanda**
 - **Case study presentation by Stephen Rwamulangwa**, Coordinator of the Single Project Implementation Unit (SPIU) for IFAD-funded projects including Rwanda Dairy Development Project (RDDP)

Nutrition-sensitive value chains (NSVCs) approach in ESA projects: Increase the supply of food diversity, add nutrition value along the chain and to increase the demand for nutritious food.

- **Introduction from Inês Cuambe, National Director of Local Economic Development (DNDEL) /Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MADER), Republic of Mozambique**
 - **Case study presentation by Carla Honwana**, National Programme Coordinator of Mozambique- Rural Markets Promotion Programme (PROMER)

Nutrition- sensitive Fisheries and Aquaculture– Win-win approach of community fish ponds with gardens (Nutriponds) and Fisheries value addition (Reduction of post-harvest losses)

- **Case study: Angola- Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture Project (AFAP) - Brief video presentation and intervention by Richard Abila**, Senior Global Technical Specialist, Fisheries and Aquaculture, Sustainable Production, Markets and Institutions Division (PMI), IFAD

09:45 – 09:50

**Strategic partners - Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA):
Future potential area of collaboration in Nutrition for East and Southern
Africa**

- **Yoji Matui, Senior Deputy Director Agric. and Rural Dev. Group Two (Africa), Economic Dev. Department Japan, International Cooperation Agency**

09:50 – 10:00

TAKE HOME and CONCLUSIONS

- **Wrap-up by Sara Mbago-Bhunu, Regional Director, East and Southern Africa Division (ESA)**
- **Closing statement by Masayuki Oda, First Secretary, Alternate Permanent Representative of Japan to IFAD**

The event will be held in English with interpretation in Japanese.

The event is accessible only through registration at this [link](#)