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INTRODUCTION

During the second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2) organized in **November 2014**, member States of FAO and WHO including 45 African states, endorsed the Framework for Action of ICN-2 which outlined various policy recommendations for re-designing sustainable food systems that would advance optimal nutrition.

Recognizing poor nutrition as an impediment to development, world leaders in **April 2016** dedicated the 2nd Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 2) to nutrition while several other SDGs have direct and indirect links to improving nutrition outcomes. To accelerate the implementation of the Framework for Action of the 2nd international conference on nutrition and the achievements of nutrition related SDGs, the 71st UN General Assembly proclaimed 2016-2025 as the UN Decade of Action to mobilize support to eradicate malnutrition in all its forms and operationalise the ICN2 Framework for Action in all countries through sustained and coherent implementation of policies and programmes.

In Africa, the Malabo Declaration in **June 2014**, the African Union Agenda 2063 (captioned - “the Africa we want”), the Africa Regional Nutrition Strategy (ARNS) and the Africa Renewed Initiative on Stunting Elimination (ARISE) all seek to address nutrition issues of the continent and are aligned to global nutrition commitments as stipulated in the ICN2, SDGs, the Nutrition for Growth (N4G) and the World Health Assembly 2012 Nutrition Targets.

In **December 2016**, FAO and WHO therefore jointly organized the international symposium on sustainable food systems for healthy diets and improved nutrition, and called for context specific regional level symposia to explore concrete regional and national experience on how to identify gaps and improve on current food and future food systems to deliver healthy, safe and nutritionally balanced diet for populations.

This Regional Symposium on Sustainable Food Systems for Healthy Diets and Improved Nutrition in Africa would take place from the 16th to 17th of November 2017 and would precede the 2017 annual commemoration of the Africa Day for Food and Nutrition Security. The Symposium’s objective is to recognize the long-term benefits of sustainable food systems for healthier diets and improved nutrition on the socio-economic development of Africa. It will provide the platform for stakeholders to dedicate resources for implementation of programmes and initiatives to impact nutrition and health.

Registration begins on November 15, 2017 from 13:00 hours to 19:00 hours and continues on November 16, 2017 from 7:30 hours to 9:00 hours

RECEPTION AND NETWORKING: - November 16, 2017 at 18:00 hours.

DAY 1 – November 16 2017

HIGH-LEVEL OPENING MAIN PLENARY CONFERENCE ROOM	
09:00 – 10:00	<p>Symposium Chair - Hon. Bernadette Lahai, President of the Pan African Parliamentary Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition and the Vice President of the Pan African Parliament</p> <p><i>Cultural display and arrival of dignitaries</i></p> <p>Introduction of Symposium Chair: Laouratou Dia</p> <p>Welcome Address: The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of Côte d'Ivoire; H.E. Mamadou Sangafowa Coulibaly</p> <p>Address by Bukar Tijani, Assistant Director-General/Regional Representative for Africa</p> <p>Address by <i>WHO Regional Director for Africa; Dr Matshidiso Moeti</i></p> <p><i>Cultural display</i></p> <p>Address by His Majesty King Letsie III, of the Kingdom of Lesotho FAO Nutrition Ambassador and African Union Nutrition champion</p> <p>Good-will message by AUC Commissioner for Department for Rural Economy and Agriculture; H. E Josefa Sacko</p> <p>Address by Her Excellency, The First Lady of Burkina Faso; H.E. Madam Sika Bella Kabore</p> <p>Opening Speech by <i>The Vice President of Côte d'Ivoire; H.E. Daniel Kablan Duncan</i></p> <p><i>Cultural display</i></p>
10:00 – 10:30	CONFERENCE PHOTOGRAPH AND NETWORKING BREAK
10:30 – 11:15	<p>Keynote address: Advancing Sustainable Nutrition Sensitive Food Systems for Optimal Nutrition: The Key for Unlocking the Decade of Action on Nutrition for Achieving the SDGs in Africa</p> <p>Anna Lartey, <i>Director for Nutrition; FAO</i></p>

11:30 – 12:00	<p>Over view of Sub-Theme 1 – MAIN PLENARY ROOM</p> <p>Sub-theme 1: Policies and measures for supporting diversification of food production systems and value chains for improved access to safer, healthier and nutritious diets; maximizing benefits from Africa’s diverse foods. Mohamed Ag Bendeck; Independent Consultant (15 MINUTES followed by discussion)</p> <p>Chair: Maimouna Diop Ly; African Development Bank</p>		
12.00- 13:30	LUNCH BREAK		
PARALLEL SESSION ON SUBTHEME 1			
13:30 – 15:00	<p>Room1 Supply and Access Moderator: Catherine Hamlin USAID West Africa</p> <p>Presentations</p> <p>Underutilized nutritious food sources: the case of non-wood forest resources in the food systems of Africa</p> <p>Alimata Traorè, President <i>Convergence des Femmes Rurales pour la Souveraineté Alimentaire - COFERSA, The Republic of Mali</i></p> <p>Bringing Back Traditional Grains To The Dinner table- Shifting Consumer Perceptions Through Re-Branding Them As “Superfoods”</p> <p>Julius Gatune, African Centre For Economic Transformation (ACET)</p> <p>The role of biofortification for improving nutritional and micronutrient status in Africa</p> <p>Mariam Akiror - Havest Plus</p> <p>Programs with smallholder farmers to create sustainable and affordable supply of animal source foods for improved diets across the African Continent.</p> <p>Akoto Osei - Heifer International</p> <p>Discussion</p>	<p>Room 2 Demand and Utilization Moderator: Yemi Akimbamijo - FARA</p> <p>Presentations</p> <p>Fostering healthy eating habits and lifestyles for reshaping food systems in Africa to improve nutrition status – Use of Food Based Dietary Guidelines and nutrition education in Africa</p> <p>Richmond Aryeetey – University of Ghana</p> <p>The socio-economic drivers of food choices; interlinkages between the consumer and food systems responses.</p> <p>Este Vorster – Centre for Excellence in Nutrition – SA</p> <p>Integrated approaches to optimal maternal, infant and young child feeding</p> <p>Fred Grant – HKI</p> <p>Integrated approaches to addressing micronutrient deficiencies through bio-fortification</p> <p>Robert Ackatia-Armah and Hilda Munyua International Potato Centre (CIP)</p> <p>Discussion</p>	<p>Room 3 Governance and Coordination Moderator: Xavier Crespin - WAHO</p> <p>Presentations</p> <p>Strengthening information systems for evidence-based decision making for improved diets</p> <p>Moussa Moctar FEWS-NET</p> <p>Promoting integrated social policies for school food and nutrition.</p> <p>Margaret Agama Anyetei – AUC</p> <p>Moderating food price volatility through tracking affordability of nutritious foods in Africa</p> <p>John Nortey. Statistics Research Directorate, Ministry of Food and Agriculture, The Republic of Ghana.</p> <p>Effective nutrition in action</p> <p>Prof. Francois Zambou Ngoufack, University of Dschang, Cameroon</p> <p>Discussion</p>

15.00 - 15:30	NETWORKING BREAK
15:30 - 16:00	PLENARY SESSION: SUB-THEME 1 DEBRIEF AND DISCUSSIONS - Chair Hon. Bernadette Lahai, President of the Pan African Parliamentary Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition and the Vice President of the Pan African Parliament
16:00 – 16:20	SUBTHEME 2 – MAIN PLENARY ROOM Moderator/Chair: Martin Bwalya - NEPAD Strengthening policies and Improving knowledge, attitudes and practices for healthier and safer diets throughout the lifecycle to address all forms of malnutrition. Adlheid Onyango, Regional Adviser for Nutrition, WHO/AFRO (15 MINUTES)
16.20- 17.50	Presentations Regional and national systems for food safety and aflatoxins control along the value chain Amare Ayalew, Program Manager, Partnership for Aflatoxin Control in Africa (PACA) Promoting African food processing techniques to conserve nutrient value and density of African foods Rose Kingamkono, Independent Consultant, Republic of Tanzania Developing and implementing policies to promote and protect healthy diets: Lessons from South Africa's Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Obesity Lynn Moeng, Director - National Department of Health, South Africa It all begins at birth: protecting the foundations of healthy diet and improved nutrition throughout the life course Hana Bekele, Medical Officer, WHO Inter-country Support Team, Eastern and Southern Africa Harare, Zimbabwe Adopting holistic national policy measures for planning, implementing and monitoring food and nutrition programming; the case of Burkina Faso. Nana Coulibaly Thiombiano – Ministry of Health Burkina Faso
17:50	PLENARY SESSION: DISCUSSIONS AND WRAP UP OF THE DAY Chair: Hon. Bernadette Lahai, President of the Pan African Parliamentary Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition and the Vice President of the Pan African Parliament
18:00- 19:00	RECEPTION/NETWORKING

DAY 2 – November 17, 2017

08:40 – 09:00	<p align="center">PARRALLEL/PANEL SESSION ON SUB-THEME 3: MAIN PLENARY ROOM</p> <p>Ensuring an enabling environment for improved governance, mutual accountability, multi-sectoral coordination and knowledge management with increased investment towards optimal nutrition outcomes.</p> <p>Noel Marie Zagre – Snr. Nutrition Officer UNICEF WCARO (15 Minutes followed by discussions)</p> <p>Chair: Abebe HaileGabriel; Regional Programme Leader – FAO Regional Office for Africa</p>		
09:00 – 10:00	<p>Room 1 Supply and Access Moderator: Koffi Amegbeto – FAO RAF</p> <p>Measures to ensure multi-sectoral coordination and regulation of the food supply chain to ensure approved systems for provision of safe and nutritious food.</p> <p>Presentations Private sector CSOs FBOs</p>	<p>Room 2 Demand and Utilization Moderator: Margaret Wagah – AfDB</p> <p>Policies to ensure consumer participation and easy access to healthy, nutritious and safe foods</p> <p>Presentations: Consumer Associations UNICEF Research Institutions/ Communication/Marketing agencies</p>	<p>Room 3 Governance and Coordination Moderator: Laila Lokosang AUC</p> <p>Governing Africa’s sustainable food systems; mutual accountability of all stakeholders</p> <p>Presentations Government institutions SUN-Secretariat RECs</p>
10:00	<p align="center">NETWORKING BREAK</p>		
10:30 - 11:30	<p>SUB-THEME 3: MAIN PLENARY ROOM</p> <p>PLENARY/PANEL SESSION: DEBRIEFS, COUNTRY EXPERIENCES AND DISCUSSIONS</p> <p>Cote d’Ivoire, Senegal, Uganda, Zambia, Cameroun</p> <p>Chair: Abebe Haile Gabriel; Regional Programme Leader – FAO Regional Office for Africa</p>		



11:30 – 13:00	<p>STRATEGIC DELIBERATIONS ON GLOBAL AND REGIONAL INITIATIVES</p> <p>The Work Of Committee For Food Security – CFS 10 Mins African Regional Nutrition Strategy/Africa Renewed Initiative On Stunting Elimination (Arise) – AUC 10 mins Global Panel Policy Tool – Global Panel On Agriculture And Food Systems For Nutrition Darren Hughes 10 mins. Nutrition Report 2017 Of The WHO African Region – <i>An overview Adelheid Onyango, Regional Adviser for Nutrition, WHO/AFRO</i> 10 mins</p> <p>Moderator: Secretary of Committee for Food Security Open Ended Working Group on Nutrition</p>
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK
14:00 – 15:00	<p>Perspectives from 4 Regions and Partners UN Agencies, NGOs Civil Society Organizations, Research Institutions, Student/Youth Groups)</p>
15:00 – 17:00	<p style="text-align: center;">PANEL DISCUSSION: MAIN PLENARY ROOM THE UN – DECADE OF ACTION WAY FORWARD FOR AFRICA</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Africa we want: translating commitment to the UN Decade of Action on nutrition through sustainable food systems to achieving Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals.</i></p> <p>Panelists: Cote d’Ivoire AUC/NPCA-NEPAD UN – (WHO/FAO/UNICEF/WFP/IFAD) Academia/Research CSO</p> <p>Moderator – H.E President Akinwumi Adesina (AfDB)</p>
17:00- 17:30	NETWORKING BREAK



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18.30

CLOSING CEREMONY & WRAP-UP: MAIN PLENARY ROOM

Ways forward – **Overall Chair: Hon. Bernadette Lahai, President of the Pan African Parliamentary Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition and the Vice President of the Pan African Parliament**

Remarks: **Bukar Tijani, Assistant Director-General/Regional Representative for Africa**

Remarks: **Dr Matshidiso Rebecca Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa**

Goodwill messages: **H.E John Kufuor (GloPan/ALN and Kufuor Foundation)**

Closing Remarks: **The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of Côte d'Ivoire; H.E. Mamadou Sangafowa Coulibaly**