Invitation to international technical webinar

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Nutrition-sensitive agriculture and food systems

**BACKGROUND**

This international technical webinar is part of the series organized by the FAO elearning Academy, Agreenium (l’Institut agronomique, vétérinaire et forestier de France) and UN-ESCAP (United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific). These webinars are an opportunity for all of us to share experiences and lessons learnt, discuss challenges, and propose innovative solutions and models. They aim to provide a holistic and comprehensive view of current trends in thematic areas related to global challenges, by combining development research and innovation perspectives.

The main objective of these technical webinars is to give practitioners the opportunity to interact with international experts, United Nations officers, University professors, researchers and fellow participants, throughout the world. Webinars can be attended as interactive online sessions on Zoom, where sharing perspectives and asking questions to experts is encouraged. These sessions are also recorded and therefore available at any time, through the FAO elearning Academy: elearning.fao.org.
OBJECTIVES OF THIS SESSION

- Provide an overview of the existing resources on the formulation of nutrition-sensitive outcomes for sustainable food system policies, investments and programmes;
- Understand current country needs to prioritize interventions and share some examples;
- Share the results of national research, as evidence of the importance of sustainable nutrition-sensitive food systems.

SPEAKERS

This technical webinar will be delivered by **Ms Patrizia Fracassi** (FAO), **Mr Alfredo Echeverría** (Costa Rican Gastronomy Foundation), **Ms Boitumelo Stokie Motswagole** (NFTRC), and moderated by **Ms Cristina Petracchi**, Leader of the FAO elearning Academy. The webinar will be concluded with closing remarks by **Ms Gerda Verburg**, UN Assistant Secretary-General and SUN Movement Coordinator.

**Patrizia Fracassi** is Senior Nutrition and Food Systems Officer at FAO leading the work on governance, policies, programmes and investments. Previously, she was a Senior Nutrition Analyst and Strategy Adviser at the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement Secretariat focusing on Government-led multi-sectoral approaches for planning, costing, managing implementation, tracking investments and mobilizing resources. Patrizia has worked in Ethiopia with UNICEF on Nutrition Information System and for the

**Alfredo Echeverría** is president and founder of the Costa Rican Gastronomy Foundation, and the Epicurean Club. He is the proponent of the Costa Rican National Plan for Sustainable and Healthy Gastronomy, declared “Of national Interest” by presidential decree. Alfredo Echeverría has been a consultant in the hospitality and gastronomic field for more than 30 years in the Americas. He is a pioneer in the training and development programs for hotels and restaurants, food festivals,

**Boitumelo Stokie Motswagole** is an accomplished nutritionist with over 26 years of experience in food research and has participated in several research projects in the area of human nutrition. She has been recognized for pioneering the programs of the Nutrition Department at National Food Technology Research Centre (NFTRC) and she also represents NFTRC in several committees at national level such as the District Multi-sectoral AIDS Committee, National Nutrition Task Force,
Gerda Verburg has served as UN Assistant Secretary-General and Coordinator of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement since 2016, working with the 61 country governments that lead the SUN Movement, united with UN agencies, civil society, business and donors, in a common mission to defeat malnutrition in all its forms. Prior to leading the SUN Movement, Ms. Verburg served as Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the Rome-based UN agencies (FAO, IFAD and WFP), Chair of the Agenda Council for Food and Nutrition of WEF, Chair of the UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS) and Chair of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development. From 2007 to 2011, she served as Speaker in the Dutch House of Representatives on economics, energy and innovation, and as Minister for Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality.

Cristina Petracchi heads the FAO elearning Academy. She manages and coordinates the design, development, delivery and language adaptations of an extensive portfolio of elearning courses and blended learning programmes for the benefit of FAO member countries and is responsible for the creation of University Masters’ and Post Graduate Degree Programmes. She engages actively in consolidating partnerships across United Nations agencies, academic institutions and universities, regional organizations, CSOs and NGOs, for capacity development initiatives. In addition to a University Degree in Biological Sciences, Ms Petracchi holds a PhD in Nutrition and Food Science, and has several years of experience of capacity development activities in several countries.
HOW TO ATTEND

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