

Proposed Agenda

Moderators:

H.E. Khaled Hanafy, Secretary General, Union of Arab Chambers.

Mrs. Tatiana Gvilava, Director of the Russian Arab Business Council.

The webinar will begin at 12:00 PM Moscow time, 11:00 am Beirut time.

12:00 – 12:10 – Opening

Jean-Marc Faurès, Regional Programme Leader, FAO Regional Office for the Near East and North Africa, Egypt.

Oksana Luth, Deputy Minister of Agriculture of the Russian Federation.

Working Session (120 - 140 minutes):

12:10 – 12:40 – FOOD SECURITY

The state of food security reveals capability of agro-industrial complex not only to provide nutrition for population but also maintain sustainability and balance of domestic production and import of food. Development of agro-logistics and distribution infrastructure, organization of interregional and international cooperation in food sector are the key components of food security.

SPEAKERS:

- H.E. Mariam bint Mohammed Saeed Hareb Al Mheiri, Minister of State for Future Food Security, UAE.
- Sergey Levin, Deputy Minister of Agriculture of the Russian Federation.
- Dr. Haytham Jaffan, President of the Arab Federation for Food Industries, Syria.
- Vyacheslav Lashmankin, CEO of Association of Confectionary Manufacturers “ASKOND”.
- H.E. Mohamed Bin Obaid Al - Mazroui, Chairman, Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment & Development, UAE.
- Maxim Basov, CEO of Rusagro Group.

12:40 – 12:50 – Q&A SESSION

12: 50 – 13:20 – TRADE & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Russia has significantly developed its agri-food sector that has become one of the most steadily developing of the national economy. It is a top 10 in terms of export of crops and a world champion for export of wheat, while the Arab world imports around a quarter of the global wheat exports. The country exports livestock products and value-added food products, and the past 10 years have seen a significant progress in the food quality and safety. According to conventional indicators applied to food security, the country keeps a consistent place amongst the top three in the world. There are great opportunities to expand trade, especially that the Arab demand for food and food products is strong and will remain strong in the medium and long terms given the natural limitations of water and arable land. According to International Cooperation and Export National Project, Russia intends to increase non-resource and non-energy exports by 2024.

SPEAKERS:

- Majed Nofal, CEO of Almarai, KSA.
- Artyom Belov, CEO of National Dairy Producers Union, Russia.
- Evgeniy Khvorostina, CEO of Agricultural Complex n.a. N.I. Tkachev
- Dr. Ahmed Al-Tijani Abdel Rahim Al-Mansouri, General Manager of Al-Rawabi Company, UAE.
- Veronika Nikishina, CEO of Russian Export Center JSC.
- Munir Bin Fahd Al-Sahly, General Manager of the Saudi Agricultural Development Fund, KSA.

13:20 – 13:30 – Q&A SESSION

13:30 – 14:00 – LIFTING TRADE BARRIERS AS AN EFFICIENT TOOL FOR BOOSTING INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Slowdown in global economic growth and deepening relations between commodity dependence and food security have a negative influence on sustainable food production. In the context of intensive globalization of the world community the significance of food security is becoming increasingly important. International trade facilitates economic growth. Lifting trade, customs and domestic non-tariff restrictions will accelerate trade flows,

contribute to building strategic alliances and ensure continuous supply chains for all.

SPEAKERS:

- H.E. Mohamad Ali Musabeh Al-Nuaimi, Chairman of Ras Al Khaimah Chamber of Commerce & Industry, UAE.
- Sergey Dankvert, Head of Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance of the Russian Federation.
- H.E. Al-Sharif Munzir Al-Aharithi, President of Arab Beverages Association.
- Neduzhko Andrei, CEO of STEPPE Agroholding.
- Hisham bin Saad Al-Jadhey, CEO of Saudi Food and Drug Authority.
- Suren Vardanyan, Vice-President of the Moscow Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

14:00 – 14:10 – Q&A SESSION

14:10 – 14:30 – CLOSING SESSION & NETWORKING