



HIGHLIGHTS



Asia and the Pacific Regional Overview of Food Security and Nutrition 2017 – Investing in food systems for better nutrition

This year, growing indications show that hunger reduction in Asia and the Pacific is not only slowing but has actually stopped and in some cases reversed. In other words, in some areas hunger could be on the rise again. The report addresses nutrition-sensitive food systems, prices and domestic policy responses, and includes a special section on reducing food loss and waste (e.g. through stronger monitoring). To be launched in the Asia-Pacific Regional Office on 10 November. **(Bangkok, 68 pp.)**

The 2017 Regional Overview for Latin America and the Caribbean was launched in October, and those for Africa, Europe and Central Asia, and the Near East and North Africa are forthcoming in November and December.

NEWSLETTERS



Subregional Office for Southern Africa Newsletter, January – June 2017

(Harare, 20 pp.)



FAO Rwanda Newsletter 2017 – Volume 3, Issue 3

(Kigali, 8 pp.)



FAO Rwanda Newsletter 2017 – Volume 3, Issue 2

(Kigali, 8 pp.)



Bulletin d'information FAO Côte d'Ivoire, N° 18 – août 2017

(Abidjan, 8 pp.)

BROCHURES



Amélioration de l'emballage alimentaire pour les petites et moyennes entreprises agroalimentaires en Afrique Subsaharienne

(Dakar, 2 pp., available only in French)



Ecosystem approaches to agriculture for sustainable management of natural resources and livelihoods in the Pacific Islands

(8 pp.)



Conflict, migration and food security

(4 pp.)



Be inspired, take the challenge and celebrate soils!

(4 pp.)



Favoriser les investissements productifs afin de créer des emplois agricoles et non-agricoles décents pour les jeunes ruraux dans les zones du Sénégal enclines à la migration

(Dakar, 2 pp., available only in French)



Dimitra Clubs for improved food security and nutrition

(2 pp.)



Building BRIDGES between Turkey and Africa's Great Green Wall

(4 pp.)



Ghana: championing rights and fair compensation for forest communities

(2 pp.)



Know what people eat

(4 pp.)



Cash+ FAO's approach

(20 pp.)



Global Programme on Banana Fusarium Wilt Disease

(4 pp.)



Pertinence d'une Indication Géographique (IG) pour le sel du Lac Rose au Sénégal

(16 pp.)



Policy measures for managing quality and reducing post-harvest losses in fresh produce supply chains in South Asian countries

(4 pp.)



How can food security interventions contribute to reducing gender-based violence

(12 pp.)



Special Report (Summary): FAO/WFP Crop and Food Security Assessment Mission to the Central African Republic, 14 September 2017

(10 pp.)



Proposal for a Regional Pesticide Registration Scheme for the Pacific Islands
(4 pp.)



Key Messages: Outcome of the Technical Thematic Forum to Commemorate the 5th Anniversary of the VGGT
(3 pp., also available in French and Spanish)



The Global Programme on Banana Fusarium Wilt Disease (Programme Summary): Protecting banana production from the disease with focus on tropical race 4 (TR4)
(8 pp.)



Reducing the negative impacts of migration: Encouraging sustainable agriculture & increasing job opportunities
(2 pp.)



Rice Market Monitor: Volume XX, Issue No. 3 – October 2017
(35 pp.)



The Regional Initiative on Small-scale Family Farming and the SDGs
(Cairo, 8 pp.)



Réussir la sécurisation foncière en Côte d'Ivoire
(Abidjan, 4 pp.)



Soil experiments for children
(18 pp.)



Vegetable and staple food production in refugee settlements in northern and mid-western Uganda
(4 pp.)

NEW BOOKS AND BRIEFS

AGRICULTURE



Políticas agroambientales en América Latina y el Caribe
In a context of climate change and biodiversity loss, this publication synthesizes lessons learned from studies in Costa Rica, Cuba, Panama, Paraguay and Brazil to strengthen policies towards rural development, land-use planning and the sustainable management of natural resources. (92 pp., available only in Spanish)



Report of the Twenty-sixth Session of the Asia and Pacific Commission on Agricultural Statistics
The meeting reviewed FAO's activities in food and agriculture statistics, discussed progress achieved regarding the implementation of the Regional Action Plan of the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics, and identified next steps for monitoring SDGs in the region. (60 pp.)

ANIMAL PRODUCTION AND HEALTH



Analyse comparative des cadres juridiques régissant la gestion de la faune par les collectivités locales en Afrique centrale: diversité et limites
This paper identifies legal gaps in wildlife hunting and wild-meat value-chain regulatory frameworks in central Africa, particularly in relation to sanitary and trade aspects. The current legislation needs to be reformed to ensure local communities access to resources. (36 pp., available only in French) Études juridiques de la FAO



Lumpy skin disease: situation, surveillance and control activities in Turkey
Given the quick spread of lumpy skin disease in continental Europe and the Balkan Peninsula since 2015, this issue analyses the disease situation in different countries, including Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, and Turkey, and overviews different response mechanisms. (64 pp.) EMPRES–Animal health 360 Economics Technical Study

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT



Harnessing the role of rural organizations in social protection – an inventory of practices
Although social protection is increasingly recognized as a poverty reduction strategy, challenges prevent governments from moving towards universal social protection coverage. This report shows how rural organizations can fill this gap and deliver services including basic health and education. (156 pp.)



The relationships between food security and violent conflicts: The case of El Salvador
This study presents an overview of the 12-year civil conflict in the country. It analyses how conflict affected food security in both war and post-war periods, and presents policy recommendations to improve it through greater access to land or monitoring of displaced people, amongst other strategies. (28 pp.) FAO Agricultural Development Economics Working Paper

FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE



[Background documents for the workshop on investing in ecosystem-based shrimp and groundfish fisheries management of the Guianas–Brazil shelf, Barbados, 7–8 September 2015](#)

The five-day workshop included lectures, demonstrations and hands-on activities supported by aquaponics experts to develop knowledge of, and adoption of, commercial aquaponic production. It recommended the development of tools for modelling and record-keeping. (Bridgetown, 68 pp.) FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Circular



[Socio-economics of trawl fisheries in Southeast Asia and Papua New Guinea](#)

Socio-economic information on trawl fisheries is not always readily available. This publication aims to fill this literature gap and presents key findings (on demographics, fishing practices, costs and income, among others) to better understand the contribution of trawl fisheries to food security and livelihoods. (248 pp.) FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Proceedings



[Report of the FAO technical workshop on advancing aquaponics: an efficient use of limited resources](#)

The meeting included a review of the 2009 Agreement on Port State Measures, a discussion on the role of States, FAO and regional fisheries management organizations in implementing the Agreement, and recommendations for monitoring mechanisms, including specific web-based questionnaires. (40 pp.) FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Report

FOOD SAFETY AND NUTRITION



[Food traceability guidance](#)

In order to increase food safety efforts and awareness, this publication establishes best practices for sharing information among trading partners along the food chain, from farmer to supplier. It offers guidance to improve food traceability through crop identification, food labelling and record-keeping. (Santiago, 140 pp.)



[Improving food and nutrition knowledge to enhance the diets of Nauru's population](#)

Given that nutrition is generally poorly understood in Nauru, this report reviews an FAO project to improve food and nutrition knowledge. It outlines the projects objectives and gives recommendations to ensure its sustainability, including teacher training and kitchen garden promotion. (Apia, 98 pp.)



[Nutrition-sensitive agriculture and food systems in practice: options for intervention – Revised edition](#)

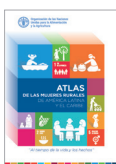
This publication provides a list of food system-based interventions (e.g. biofortification, price policies, labelling and education) to improve nutrition across four key functions of the food system: production; storage and processing; trade and marketing; and food preparation. (102 pp.)



[Strengthening sector policies for better food security and nutrition results](#)

This guidance note outlines how trade measures influence food security and nutrition (e.g. high food prices, greater food variety) and identifies policy actions to improve market access, domestic support and export competition for achieving greater coherence between trade, agriculture and food security policies. (32 pp.)

GENDER



[Atlas de las mujeres rurales de América Latina y el Caribe](#)

Through regional data, this atlas analyses the economic and social status of rural women, including aspects such as decent employment and income opportunities. It discusses public policies for protecting their rights (e.g. social participation, access to finance) and addresses main challenges to sustainable development. (Santiago, 82 pp., available only in Spanish)

PLANT PRODUCTION AND HEALTH



[Memorias de los Talleres de Agroecología y Royas del Café en Mesoamérica y República Dominicana](#)

This publication presents an overview of the economic, social and environmental benefits of agro-ecological coffee production. It addresses themes ranging from mineral nutrition to plant diseases, and in particular discusses the implications of coffee rust in Mesoamerica. (Santiago, 76 pp., available only in Spanish)