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Review of the recommendations of the last Steering Committee meeting & follow up actions taken by ECO-RCC

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ECONOMIC COOPERATION ORGANIZATION
REGIONAL COORDINATION CENTRE FOR FOOD SECURITY (ECO-RCC)
3rd Meeting of the Steering Committee
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OUTLINE

- ▶ Reviewing of 2nd Steering Committee Meeting
- ▶ Main activities conducted by ECO-RCC after the Meeting



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2nd Steering Committee Meeting



- ▶ Held in Ankara on 16 February 2017.
- ▶ 15 Representatives (8 Member Countries)
- ▶ 3 Representatives from Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus as observer.



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2nd Steering Committee Meeting

- ▶ Informative presentations were made;
 - ▶ Regional overview of food security
 - ▶ Recommendations of the 1st PSC and follow up actions
 - ▶ Status of implemented activities and work plan
- ▶ National and regional level issues and priorities in food security
- ▶ Cooperation opportunities among ECO countries



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2nd Steering Committee Meeting

WORKING PRINCIPLES OF THE ECONOMIC COOPERATION ORGANIZATION (ECO) REGIONAL COORDINATION CENTRE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ECO/FAO REGIONAL PROGRAMME FOR FOOD SECURITY

SECTION ONE Purpose, Scope, Basis and Definitions

Purpose and Scope

ARTICLE 1 – (1) The purpose of this Principles document is to define and describe the Working Principles of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) Regional Coordination Centre for Implementation of the ECO/FAO Regional Programme for Food Security, which was established in Ankara on 02 November 2012 and declared during the Fifth ECO Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture in Antalya on 15 November 2012.

Basis

ARTICLE 2 – (1) The ECO Member States, in pursuance of the decisions of the First ECO Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture, the 20th Regional Planning Council and the 19th Council of Ministers, agreed to establish the ECO Regional Coordination Centre (ECO-RCC) for Implementation of the ECO/FAO Regional Programme for Food Security in Ankara, Republic of Turkey, the coordinating country.

Definitions

ARTICLE 3 – (1) In this Principles, the following terms shall be defined as;

- a) Donor: National or International Donor Organization,
- b) ECO: Economic Cooperation Organization,
- c) FAO: United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization,
- d) Ministry: Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock of Republic of Turkey

- ▶ The working principles of ECO-RCC adopted.
- ▶ National focal points were confirmed by eight ECO Member countries.



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2nd Steering Committee Meeting

- ▶ Exchange of experiences and lessons learned among eight member countries facilitated by ECO-RCC.
- ▶ A project call-for-proposal announced to ECO Countries.
- ▶ A study visit to the National Food Reference Laboratory and an agricultural enterprise took place.





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Main activities conducted by ECO-RCC after the Meeting



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Call for proposals

- ▶ ECO-RCC sent a letter requesting project proposals from the member countries to be implemented under the RPFS.
- ▶ Three project proposals from Azerbaijan and Pakistan and a general request from Kyrgyzstan were received.
- ▶ ECO-RCC will take these proposals into account for updating the RPFS this year. Updated RPFS will be used for ECO-RCC's resource mobilization. Current RPFS is outdated (developed in 2010).



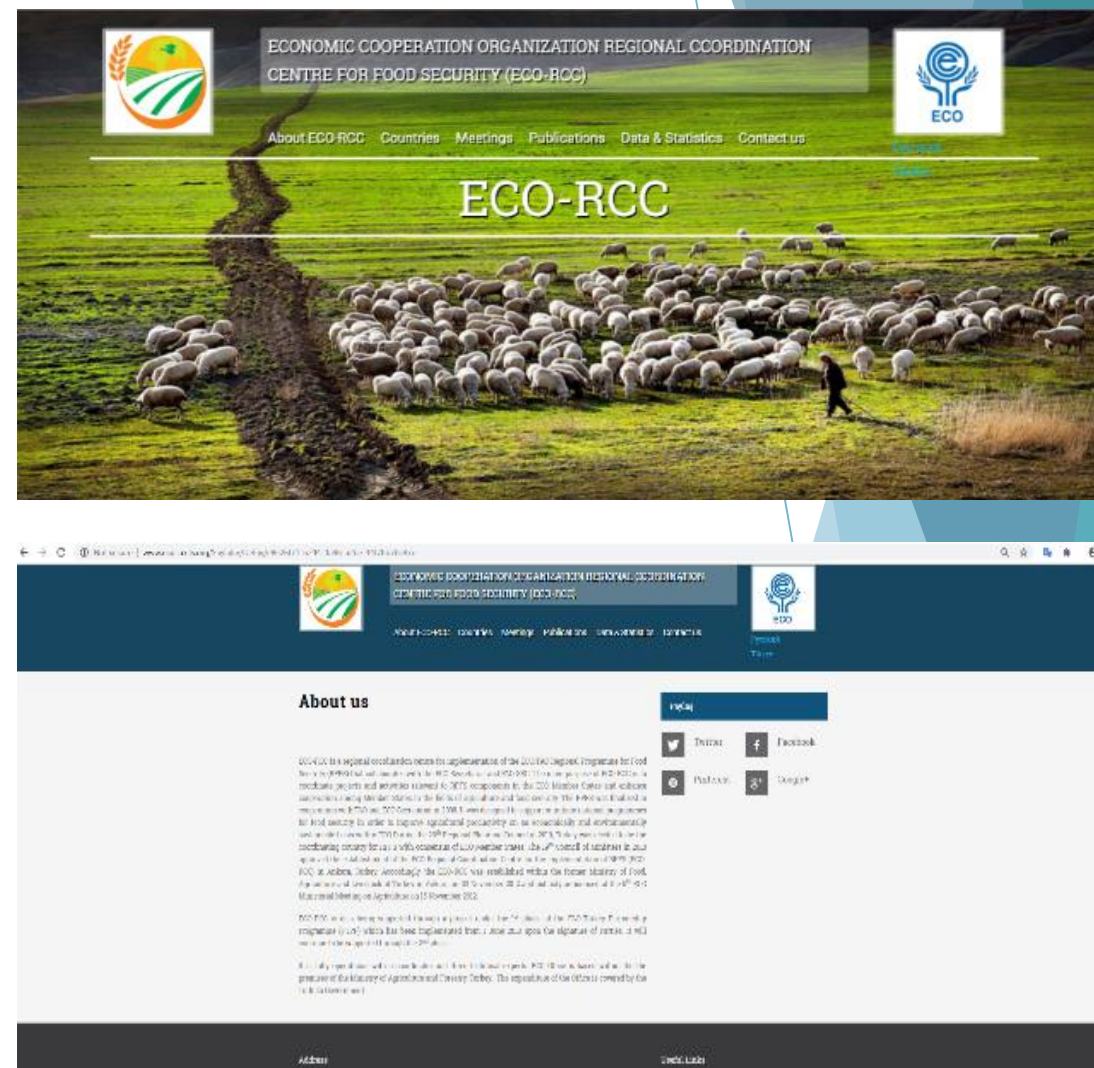
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New Website of ECO-RCC

- ▶ Website of the ECO-RCC updated with a new interface and information.
- ▶ It provides access to key documents on the most recent activities of ECO-RCC.





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New Website of ECO-RCC

- ▶ Available in three languages namely; Turkish, English and Russian.
- ▶ Continue to be updated further in 2019.





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ECO-RCC Activity Update

- ▶ The first ECO-RCC Activity Update was developed and disseminated among the project stakeholders.
- ▶ It has been prepared both in English and Russian.

ECONOMIC COOPERATION ORGANIZATION REGIONAL COORDINATION CENTRE FOR FOOD SECURITY (ECO-RCCFS)



Annual Update, June 2017

ABOUT THE ECO-RCC

ECO-RCC was established in Ankara in November 2012 with the purpose of enhanced cooperation, knowledge sharing and information exchange among ECO member states in the area of food security.

The Centre facilitates the development and implementation of the projects to support food security in close collaboration with national, regional and international organizations including FAO.

The Steering Committee which is composed of country representatives is the main decision body for the Centre.



ECO-RCC Second Steering Committee meeting in Ankara, Turkey in February 2017

Food security is one of the major agenda items in the ECO region. ECO-RCC has a critical role in facilitating a regional approach to addressing the challenges of food security.*



National Food Reference Laboratory, Beypazari, Turkey, February 2017

LATEST UPDATE ON ECO-RCC ACTIVITIES

ECO-RCC Second Steering Committee meeting was held on 16-17 February 2017, Ankara, Turkey

The second Steering Committee (SC) of the Economic Cooperation Organization Regional Coordination Centre for Food Security (ECO-RCC) was held in Ankara, Turkey on 16 February 2017 at the invitation of the Government of Turkey. The meeting was participated by eight ECO member countries including Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Republic of Azerbaijan, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kyrgyz Republic, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Republic of Tajikistan, Republic of Turkey, and Turkmenistan. The meeting was also attended by the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus as an observer country. Representatives from the ECO Secretariat and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Sub-Regional Office for Central Asia were present at the meeting. The meeting discussed both operational and policy issues which are critical in addressing common challenges of food security in the region.

The SC confirmed that food security is one of the major agenda items in the ECO region. A presentation on the overview of food security in the region delivered during the meeting highlighted both achievements and challenges for food security in the region. The SC was also informed about the status of implemented activities and work plan of ECO-RCC. The Working Principles document of the ECO-RCC has been adopted by the SC.

The SC discussed the critical role of the ECO-RCC in facilitating a regional approach for addressing the challenges of food security through coordination and collaboration among the ECO member countries. On the way forward to future activities, the ECO-RCC activity roadmap has been approved by the SC. The activities for the second quarter of 2017 include: i) the member countries should draft project concept notes by the end of April 2017; ii) ECO-RCC will seek for potential resources; iii) ECO-RCC will finalize the report on Overview of Food Security in the ECO region.

ECO-RCC Steering Committee members visited the National Food Reference Laboratory of Turkey and Taskiran Agricultural Enterprise

The SC members visited the National Food Reference Laboratory and Taskiran Agricultural Enterprise in Beypazari district of Turkey. The National Food Reference Laboratory provides a high quality national food safety system in line with the relevant national and international standards. Taskiran Agricultural Enterprise has an integrated facility for packaging, cold storage and transportation of carrot produced in the region.

ECO-RCC actively participated in 'Workshop on Monitoring Food Security in the Context of 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda' jointly organized by FAO and SESRIC

ECO-RCC actively participated in 'Workshop on Monitoring Food Security in the Context of 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda' which was organized jointly by FAO and SESRIC in February 2017 in Ankara. The workshop discussed standard methodologies for monitoring the progress of food security in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including two global



Workplan

- ECO-RCC finalized the new work plan which organizes the actions of ECO-RCC with time and action.

Project Work Plan

"Establishing the National Committee on Food Security in Turkey and updating the Regional Food Security Programme of ECO"

Project Period: 1 May 2017 to 28 February 2019

Donor(s): Government of Turkey (FTPP I and II)

FTPP Outcome 1 (Food Security and Nutrition related information is generated, analysed, disseminated and used as a result of capacity building of decision makers)

FAO SP: SP1 (Help eliminate food insecurity and malnutrition)

CPF: Food and Nutrition Security

#	Expected outcomes (=impact of activities - e.g. strategies developed, institutions established)	Means to verify the achievement of outcomes	Planned activities	Outputs (=immediate results - e.g. workshop organized, training completed etc.)	Means to verify the achievement of outputs
Component 1. Establish project implementation team and enhance its project management and coordination capacity through trainings and practices					
ECO RCC establishes a mechanism to plan, implement and monitor the activities of ECO RCC	Project progress report drafted by ECO RCC Bi annual Activity Update drafted and disseminated by ECO RCC ECO RCC organigram developed	1.1 Develop the work plan and organigram of the ECO RCC 1.2 Regularly convene team meeting to review the progress of the project 1.3 ECO RCC drafts Activity Update (external) and Progress Report (internal) on bi-annual basis	1.1.1 ECO RCC team members established	1.1.2 Roles and responsibilities of each member are clarified and agreed	ToR of ECO RCC members including consultants developed, reviewed and agreed by
			1.1.3 ECO RCC Work Plan developed and adopted	1.2.1 Meetings of ECO RCC members convened at least on a quarterly basis	Minutes of ECO RCC meetings at least for every quarter
			1.3.1 Activity Update reviewed by FAO disseminated among all ECO RCC member countries	1.3.2 Progress Report reviewed by FAO submitted	Frequency, timeliness and quality of Activity Bulletin and Progress Report
ECO RCC staff strengthened their capacity to coordinate food security related activities of the ECO RCC and other programmes	ECO RCC staff obtained certificate of completion for training courses in relevant areas. ECO RCC staff facilitated technical discussions with stakeholders and produced analytical reports on food	1.4 Conduct training on priority areas for ECO RCC 1.5 Participate in relevant events (conferences etc.)	1.4.2 Russian language	1.4.3 List of training participants nominated	Result of capacity assessment of training participants
			1.4.4 Trainings conducted on priority areas (food security, food loss and waste - tbc.)	1.4.5 Select key online training courses and develop Russian and Turkish versions	List of training participant
			1.5.1 Summary of findings reported through activity bulletins (bi annual), BTORs	1.5.2 Russian and Turkish versions of online courses developed	Certificate of completion
Component 2. Establish a committee of agriculture and food security experts to support ECO-RCC					
A group of national expert established to support the activities of ECO RCC, particularly review of the activities proposed by member countries	Agreement document of the group (working principles, work plans, terms of reference) Activity records (NFR, BTOR)	2.1 Identify potential members of the committee 2.2 Undertake study visits to a centre of excellence for learning experience in establishing food security related institutions 2.3 Develop the structure and tasks of the committee in consultation 2.4 Developing a legislative framework (working principles) of the committee 2.5 Develop detailed workplan of the committee in consultation with NFSC members 2.6 Provide technical support to the committee to convene regular meetings to discuss priority issues of food security	2.1.1 Meetings with universities, research institutes, government officials	2.1.2 ToR and agenda of study visits drafted by TWG and approved by ECO RCC Coordinator	
			2.2.1 Two study visits (int'l)	2.2.2 Feedback to the MFAL and NFSC through Back to Office Reports (BTORs) and presentations	
			2.3.1 ToR of the committee approved by ECO RCC Coordinator	2.4.1 Legal framework for the committee established	
Component 3. Regularly analyse food security of Turkey and ECO member countries in the context of the SDGs and provide policy recommendations	Regular analysis of food security situation of ECO countries undertaken by ECO RCC with technical support of FAO and the committee	3.1 Provide analytical materials for ECO RCC Steering Committee meetings 3.2 Discuss and agree on the objective, contents and work plan for FS analysis 3.3 Develop and disseminate food security analysis bulletin of ECO countries	2.5.1 Workplan of the committee developed and approved	2.6.1 Launching event	
			2.6.2 Committee meetings convened on biannual basis	2.6.3 Key results and recommendations shared through food security bulletins on biannual basis	
Component 4. Identify and implement priority interventions in ECO countries and update Regional Programme for Food Security					
Priority interventions in ECO countries are identified and small scale pilot projects are implemented. Regional Programme for Food Security is updated reflecting	Project concept notes developed with support of ECO RCC, FAO and the Committee. Pilot projects implemented. New Regional Programme for Food Security drafted by	4.1 Request ECO member countries activity concept note in priority areas 4.2 Review the concept note with FAO and the committee. 4.3 Provide feedback to the member countries and finalize the concept note 4.4 Develop project document for funding	4.1.1 Call for proposal announced at the Steering Committee meeting	4.1.2 First draft concept notes	
			4.3.1 BTOR of the mission to selected (1.3) member countries for consultation	4.3.2 Finalized concept note	
			4.4.1 Project document developed		



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ECO-RCC Representation in Meetings



- ▶ Turkey-Africa First Agriculture Ministers Meeting and Agribusiness Forum (Antalya, Turkey)



- ▶ Black Sea Economic Cooperation the 2nd Meeting of the Agriculture Ministers (Istanbul, Turkey)



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ECO-RCC Representation in Meetings



- ▶ The 28th and 29th Meeting of the Regional Planning Council of ECO in December 2017 (Islamabad) and 2018 (Tehran).



- ▶ ECO Council of Ministers Meetings in February 2017 and April 2018, in Dushanbe.



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ECO-RCC Representation in Meetings



- ▶ Social Protection for Food Security, Nutrition and Rural Development in Eastern Europe and Central Asia (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan).
- ▶ 'Workshop on Monitoring Food Security in the Context of 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda' which was organized jointly by FAO and SESRIC in February 2017 in Ankara.



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ECO-RCC - Progress and Achievements

- ▶ The Regional Planning Council appreciated the activities conducted by the ECO-RCC.
- ▶ The Council also asked the Member States to extend support to the Centre in strengthening cooperation.
- ▶ The Council appreciated the Republic of Turkey for their financial support to the ECO-RCC.



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ECO-RCC - Progress and Achievements



- Establishment of the ECO-RCC was mentioned as an example of regional platform to facilitate the formulation of multi-country action for food security.



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ECO-RCC - Progress and Achievements

- ▶ Also, russian language course started for enhancing the capacity of the ECO-RCC staff.
- ▶ Technical level meetings of ECO-RCC and FAO LTO were organized on a regular basis.
- ▶ ECO-RCC and FAO developed the Publication “*Overview of Food Security in the Countries of ECO*”



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