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Theme: Stop food loss and waste. For the people. For the planet

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Concept Note

The 74th United Nations General Assembly designated 29 September as the [International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste](#), recognizing the fundamental role that sustainable food production plays in promoting food security and nutrition. Observance of this day globally marks a clear call to action for all stakeholders in both the public and private sectors to bolster efforts to reduce food loss and waste. This year the day will be marked under unprecedented conditions occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic, which has sounded a global wake-up on the need to transform our food systems from production to consumption.

It is estimated that 30% of the food produced for human consumption is lost or wasted in the supply chain while at the same time 820 million vulnerable people go without food. This situation has been aggravated by COVID-19 pandemic. When food is lost or wasted, all the resources that were used to produce it, including water, land, energy, labour and capital are wasted. In addition, the disposal of food loss and waste in landfills, leads to greenhouse gas emissions, contributing to climate change. Therefore reducing food loss and waste has societal and environmental benefits including: increased food availability to the most vulnerable, reduction in GHG emissions, reduced pressure on land and water resources and increased productivity and economic growth. It is also essential to increase the efficiency in the way our food is produced, distributed and consumed. These benefits inform our theme for this year '**Stop Food Loss and Waste - For the People. For The Planet**'.

The negative impacts of FLW have drawn international attention as reflected in the 2030 agenda for sustainable development. Specifically under Sustainable Development Goals 12 on sustainable production and consumption, target 12.3 calls for '*halving per capita global food waste at the retail and consumer levels and the reduction of food losses along production and supply chains, including post-harvest losses by the year 2030*'. Similarly the African Union has set a target of halving postharvest losses by the year 2025 under the Malabo Declaration (2014) on Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation for Shared Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods. Reduction of FLW has direct impact on other SDGs including Zero Hunger (SDG 1), No Poverty (SDG 2) and Climate action (SDG 13).

The international day of awareness of FLW is an opportunity to rally all stakeholders in the food sector including producers, traders, policy makers, businesses, researchers/academia, development partners, civil society and other non-state actors to joint action towards FLW reduction. Transformative actions and interventions are required at every stage of the supply chain, from production to consumption and



marketing of food. These interventions include technologies/innovations, good practices, better organization of actors, market linkages and marketing (including e-commerce/digital platforms), innovative value addition, consumer education, capacity building at all stages, enabling policies among others.

To celebrate this day, SNV (Netherlands Development Organization); Society of Crop Agribusiness Advisors of Kenya (SOCAA); University of Nairobi; Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock & Fisheries, Kenya; Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO-Kenya) and other partners are organizing a webinar and various social media activities to engage stakeholders and create awareness on Food Loss and Waste.

Forum Objectives

1. To create awareness about food loss and waste - the extent, the causes and the impact
2. Discuss the gaps in policy and implementation that are hindering progress in Food loss and waste
3. Highlight ongoing activities and results from efforts being implemented by partners to address food loss and waste
4. Identify the specific roles of various stakeholders in the efforts to reduce food loss and waste and areas of collaboration and partnership to address the problem

Participants - stakeholders from the Food Sector and related sectors

- ❖ Producers/farmers
- ❖ Farmer organizations
- ❖ Consumer organizations
- ❖ Traders
- ❖ National Government officials
- ❖ County Government officials
- ❖ Development partners
- ❖ Private sector
- ❖ Industry representatives
- ❖ Researchers and academia
- ❖ Non-state actors including civil society, NGOs, CBOs

Structure of the Webinar

The forum will have short presentations from the Ministry of Agriculture representative, FAO, University of Nairobi (academia/research), and SNV (development partner). The presentations will be followed by a panel discussion featuring representatives from County governments, regulatory agencies, private sector, civil society, farmer organization and consumer groups.



Webinar Programme

Time	Session
3:00- 3:15 pm	Welcome and Introductions Agenda setting Video by FAO Chief Economist https://we.tl/t-lo4pctVjS4 Brenda Mareri - SNV
3:15-3:25 pm	Prof. Hamadi Boga, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries - High the Kenya Government's Efforts in Addressing Food Loss and Waste
3:25-3:35 pm	Mr. Hamisi Williams, Assistant FAO Representative - Highlight FAO activities in Food Loss and Waste Reduction
3:35-3:45 pm	Ms. Mary Njuguna (SNV-V4CP) Interventions in Addressing Food Loss in the Counties
3:45-3:55 pm	Prof. Jane Ambuko (University of Nairobi) - Highlight Technologies and Training/Capacity Building Initiatives in Food Loss and Waste Reduction
3:55 - 4:15 pm	Q&A Session
4.15 - 4.45 pm	Panel Discussion - What does Kenya need to do successfully address Food Loss and Waste? Featuring Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Representatives from Counties, Kenya Agricultural Research Organization (KALRO), Civil Society representative, Private Sector - AAA and CIN
4.45 - 4.55 pm	Final remarks from speakers
5:00pm	Closing remarks - SOCAA Rikki Agudah