



Food Security in the Arab Countries: New Challenges and Opportunities in the Context of Global Price Volatility

**Sultan Qaboos University
Muscat, Oman**

Preliminary Conference Program

Day 1: Tuesday 2 March 2010

Opening Ceremony

Time	Activity
8:00-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:10	Opening session with Holy Quran
9:10-9:20	Welcome Address, H.E. Dr Ali Al Bemani, Vice Chancellor SQU
9:20-9:30	Organizing Committee Address
9:30-10:00	Opening of the Exhibition and Coffee Break

Session 1: Food Security in a New Global and Regional Context (plenary session)	
Chair:	
Time	Presentation
10:00-10:30	The Global Food Crisis: How Arab Countries can Emerge more Food Secure (key note). <i>Dr Teunis Van Rheenen, IFPRI Washington, USA</i>
10:30-10:45	Discussion
10:45-11:15	Food Security in the Arab Region: A strategic agenda for the post 2008 food crisis ((<i>Key Note</i>) Salah Abdel Kader <i>Arab Organization of Agricultural Development, Khartoum Sudan</i>
11-15-11:30	Discussion
11:30-12:00	Coffee break
12:00-12:30	Addressing Food Security Problems in the Arab Countries: A Macro Policy Perspective (key note) <i>Michael Reed, University of Kentucky, USA</i>
12:30-12: 50	Biofuel vs. Food Security Debate: Argumentation and Role of Biofuels Policies. <i>Kamel Louhichi and Florence Jacquet, INRA, Agro ParisTech France</i>
12:50-13:00	Discussion
13:00-14:00	Lunch break

Session 2A: The Role of Local Production Systems in Insuring Food Security (parallel Session) (Parallel session) Chair:		Session 2B: Impact Assessment, Poverty Analysis and Nutrition (parallel session) Chair:
Time	Presentation	Presentation
14:15-14:35	The State of Food production and Food Security in Oman. <i>Dr Med Ridha, Advisor to the Minister of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture Ministry of Agriculture, Oman</i>	High World Food Prices and the Impact on the Sudanese Cereal Markets <i>Mohamed B. Elgali, University of Gezira, Sudan</i>
14:35-14:55	Fisheries and Food Security: The Case of the Sultanate of Oman <i>Shekar Bose, Ahmed Al-Mazrouai, Abdulla Al-Nahdi, Saoud Al-Habsi</i>	A Spatial Non-parametric Analysis of the Determinants of Food Insecurity in Sub-Saharan Africa. <i>Maria Sassi, Faculty of Economics – University of Pavia, Italy</i>
14:55-15:15	The Role of Bahrain Local Production Systems in Ensuring Food Security. <i>Salma Bani, Food Policy Specialist, Ministry of Agriculture- Bahrain</i>	Livelihoods, Resources Conservation and Food Security: Lessons from West Africa <i>Lokman Zaibet, ILRI, Nairobi-Kenya</i>
15:15-15:35	The Role of Rural Women in Improving Households Nutritional Status and Food Security Through Traditional Production Systems in Sudan. <i>Huwaida Elsheikh, University of Khartoum- Sudan</i>	Agricultural Policy and Poverty in Rural Areas: An Empirical Analysis Using Agricultural Prices and Investment on Tunisian Rural Areas <i>Boubaker Dhehibi, National Research Agronomic Institute, Tunisia</i>
15:35-15:50	Coffee break	Coffee break
15:50-16:10	The Role of Local Food Production Systems During Crisis Times: Lessons from Sri Lanka <i>Jeevika Weerahewa, Department of Agricultural Economics , University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka</i>	تحليل آثار الأزمة الغذائية على التغذية ومستويات الفقر في الجمهورية اليمنية د. محمد عبدالله الحميري جامعة صنعاء اليمن
16:10-16:30	Urban Agriculture (UA) as an Integrative Factor of Climate-Optimized Urban Development; The case of Casablanca-Morocco. <i>Prof. Undine Giseke, Technische Universität Berlin Germany</i>	Analyzing the Effects of the Tunisian Cereal Price Policy on the Social Welfare <i>Abderraouf Laajimi and Raja Gtari, Institut National Agronomique, Tunisia</i>

Day 2: Wednesday 3 March 2010

Session 3: Securing Food from Foreign Investment in the Farming Sector (plenary session) Chair:	
8:15-8:45	Food for Oil? Gulf Agro Investments Abroad and the Future of Gulf Food Security <i>Dr. Eckart Woertz, Program Manager Economics, Gulf Research Center, Dubai</i>
8:45-9:00	Discussion
9:00-9:20	أهمية الاستثمار الزراعي الخارجي في رفع نسبة الأمن الغذائي في المملكة العربية السعودية أ.د. سفر بن حسين الفحطاني جامعة الملك سعود The Impact of Foreign Agricultural Investment for Food Security in Saudi Arabia; <i>Dr. Safar Kahtani, King Saud University</i>
9:20-9:40	Corporate Farming and Food Security: A Case Study of South Asia

	<i>Dr. Rafik Ahmed Chandio, Pakistan</i>
9:40-10:00	The Performance of Foreign Venture Investment in the Farming Sector: Lessons from Tunisia. <i>Sahla Mezghani, Ministry of Agriculture and hydraulic resources, Tunisia</i>
10:00-10:30	Coffee break

Session 4A: The Green Revolution: Lessons Learned and New Development (Parallel session) Chair:		Session 4B: The Macro-Aspects of Food Security, Trade and Marketing (Parallel session) Chair :	
Time	Presentation	Time	Presentation
10:30-11:00	The Green Revolution in Asia: Lessons for the Arab Countries (key note) <i>DrPiya Abeygunawardena, Assoc. Director, Norman Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture, Texas&AM, USA</i>	10:30-11:00	Global Competitive Marketing: Future Agenda for Research and Public Making in Food Security and Supply Chain Management <i>Erdener Kaynak, Chair School of Business Administration, Pennsylvania State University, USA</i>
11:00-11:15	Discussion	11:00-11:15	Discussion
11:15-11:35	Biotechnology and its Impact on Food Security <i>Mohammad B. Habibi Najafi, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran</i>	11:15-11:35	Factors Explaining Recent Crop Price Developments: Time-Series Evidence for Developing Countries. <i>Katharina Raabe, Institute for Environmental Economics and World Trade, Hannover, Germany</i>
11:35-11:55	Re-Engineering Agriculture for Enhanced Performance Through Financing <i>Mafimisebi, TE, The Federal University of Technology, Akure, Nigeria</i>	11:35-11:55	The Role of the Food Processing Sector in Ensuring Food Security: A perspective from the Oman Flour Mills Company <i>Manal Al Abdwani, Director General Ministry of Commerce and Industry , Oman</i>
11:55 - 12:15	Agrobiodiversity in a Climate Change Scenario: New Challenges and a Paradigm Shift <i>S.Padulosi, Paa Kwesi sagoe, and Mellon, Biodiversity International Maaccare, Rome, Italy</i>	11:55 - 12:15	Macroeconomic Effects of Oil and Food Price Shocks to Oman Economy <i>Ahmad nawaz Hakro and A.omezzine, University of Nizwa, Oman</i>
12:15-12:35	Capacity Building on Food-crop Farming to Improve Food Production and Food Security in Central Java, Indonesia <i>Waridin and Indah Susilowati Faculty of Economics, Diponegoro University, Indonesia</i>	12:15-12:35	An Estimation of the Economic Cost of Rising and More Volatile food Import Bills in the Arab region <i>Marcus Marktanner, American University of Beirut</i>
12:35-12:55	Ministry of Agriculture	12:35-12:55	Alternative Mechanisms for Achieving Food Security in Oman <i>Dr Msafiri Mbagi, Sutlan Qaboos University</i>
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break	13:00-14:00	Lunch Break

Session 5A: Food Consumption, Inflation, and Food Security (Parallel session) Chair:		Session 5B: Market Instruments, Government Intervention and other Policy Alternatives for Food Security (Parallel session) Chair:	
Time	Presentation	Time	Presentation
2:15-2:35	Reducing Food Waste : A Strategy to Improve Food Security in the Arab World <i>Dr Mohsen Bagnied, American University of Kuwait</i>	2:15-2:35	Impact of Trade Liberalization and Government Intervention in the Food Sector on Food Security Situation in the Sudan <i>Nagat Elmulthum, University of Gesira, Sudan</i>
2:35-	Food Security in the Arab Countries:	2:35-	Food security as a public good?

2:55	Opportunities to Boost Fish Supplies to Meet Demand and Control Prices <i>Izzat H. Feidi, Fisheries Consultant, Egypt</i>	<i>Hemesiri Kotagama, Houcine Boughanmi, Slim Zekri Sultan Qaboos University</i>
2:55-3:15	تحليل تطور الاستهلاك وتأثير ارتفاع الأسعار على الأمن الغذائي بالجمهورية التونسية روضة الخالدي و محمد الطريف، المعهد الوطني للبحوث الزراعية بتونس	The European Experience in Addressing Food Security Issues <i>Andrew Palfreman, SQU</i>
3:15-3:35	A Historical Alternative Approach for food security in the absence of production and accessibility <i>Dr Ali Aljamal, American University of Kuwait</i>	The Development and Strategy for Food Security with Reference to Selected Commodities: A Case Study from Central Java, Indonesia <i>Indah Susilowati, of Economics-Diponegoro University in Semarang, INDONESIA</i>
3:35-3:55	SQU Presentation	SQU presentation
3:55-4:15	Discussion	Discussion
4:15-5:00	Closing session	
7:00-9:00	Banquet Dinner	

Day 3: Thursday 4 March 2010

Field Trip