



Join us at the High-level Dialogue!

Mapping Transformative Policies in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

16 November – 15:00-17:00 (GMT +3, Istanbul Time)

The Sub-regional Hub for Europe and Central Asia and the Economist's Intelligence Unit is organizing a high-level policy dialogue on **Mapping Transformative Policies in Eastern Europe and Central Asia** on 16 November, 15:00 (GMT+3, Istanbul time).

Register here to join us! : <https://ifad.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0uc-irrz4vH9d5zTx-sDuBtBxHNaQuF24F>

BACKGROUND: Agriculture remains a major economic driver in Eastern Europe and Central Asia (ECA) and the continued growth and competitiveness of the sector will play a significant role in shaping opportunities for inclusive and sustainable rural transformation in the region.

In this regard, many governments in the sub-region are looking to build resilience and achieve a holistic food systems transformation through strategic policies.

With the purpose of identifying the key rural development priorities across these 8 countries in the ECA region, IFAD's Istanbul Hub and The Economist's Intelligence Unit (EIU) teamed up to support policy dialogue with governments in the region.

OBJECTIVES: The event will provide a platform to foster learning and discussion on:

- ✓ The findings of the policy mapping and prioritization exercise across 8 countries, including Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkey and Uzbekistan;
- ✓ The current knowledge and lessons on transformative food and agriculture policies to foster sustainable and resilient food systems in the region;
- ✓ Practices and priorities of national governments to build capacity across the food and agriculture value chain to develop more inclusive, sustainable and transformative policies.

What's on the Agenda?

OPENING:

- **Opening Remarks**, Associate Vice-President*, International Fund for Agriculture (IFAD)
- **Keynote Speech**, Maximo Torero, Chief Economist, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

CURRENT KNOWLEDGE AND LESSONS:

- **Findings of mapping exercise and identified policies in ECA**, Ailia Haider, Senior Analyst, the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)
- **Understanding transformative agricultural and food policies**, Thomas Herzfeld, Head of Department, Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMCO)
- **Impact of food systems interventions: current data and gaps**, Marie Gaarder, Executive Director, International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie)
- **Questions & Discussion**

FEATURING COUNTRY EXPERIENCES FROM THE REGION: Turkey, Uzbekistan, Georgia, Jordan, Morocco, Egypt*

- Country experiences in transformative agricultural policy formulation, implementation and evaluation
- Learnings/successes/challenges for future policy making
- Pro-poor approach and the inclusion of small-scale value chain actors
- **Questions & Discussion**

CLOSING:

- **The way forward**, Dina Saleh, Regional Director (IFAD)