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Background and Food for Thought:

Food loss and waste requires multifaceted holistic policy perspectives to reduce food loss and waste and create real impact. Food insecurity caused by the lack of availability of food is one of these areas, where making the existing food available could result in major changes. Another area impacted by food produced and never consumed are our depleting natural resources and the related burden on the environment. Effective measures to reduce, redistribute and revalorize food lost/wasted could help ease this burden and at the same time, open new income generating possibilities. Economic losses of the producers and packers early in the supply chain are often very high – particularly at aggregated national levels. In addition, only slowly are important ‘climate action’ angles linked to food loss and waste reduction policies.

This conference will discuss the potential means or policy tools that reduce food loss and waste in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development including SDG 12, 2, 13, 8 and 17. The policy areas include food security, systematic recording of data through innovative IT solutions, integrated food management systems for cities and climate action. The conference is jointly organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

15.00 - 15.20		Opening <i>Carolyn Rodrigues Birkett, Director, FAO Geneva Office</i> <i>Nicola Koch, Chef de Cabinet, UNECE</i>
15.20 – 15.45	POLICY	Food Loss and Waste: Possible policy options for the governments and Community of Practice – the international perspective, <i>Rosa Rolle, FAO</i>
15.45 – 16.05		Linking the missing food with the missing buyer – how is UNECE addressing such Food Loss and Waste, <i>Liliana Annovazzi-Jakab, UNECE</i>
16.05 – 16.30		How to move forward on food loss and waste reduction, <i>Andrea Cattaneo, FAO</i>
16.30 – 16.45		Introduction to initiatives and advocacies for food loss and waste
16.45 – 17.05	PRACTICE	Cities and the food loss and waste challenge – the experience of the Slovak capital of Bratislava, <i>Viera Baričičová, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, the Slovak Republic</i>
17.05 – 17.25		Data and food loss policy options: the case of Belgium’s national food loss and consumer behavior survey, <i>Guy Lambrechts, Department for Agriculture and Fisheries, Belgium</i>
17.25 – 17.45		Circular economy and food waste/loss – how Swiss cantonal authorities work on measurement and solutions, <i>Hans Musch, Canton Luzern, Office for Environment and Energy, Switzerland</i>
17.45 – 18.00		Closing

Food (Waste) for Thought on Food Loss and Waste

Learn about existing and potential initiatives and solutions for fighting food loss and waste during the Conference outside the conference room XI.

Registration at www.unece.org/trade/wp7/unece-fao-intlconf-2019.html