

**UPDATE**



**Counting the cost: agriculture in Syria after six years of crisis**

A summary of FAO's unprecedented nationwide assessment on the cost of war to Syria's agriculture sector was launched during the Brussels Conference on Supporting the Future of Syria and the Region. A longer publication is forthcoming. (20 pp.)

**NEW BROCHURES**



**Improving gender equality in territorial issues (IGETI)**

(2 pp.)



**Rift Valley Fever in Niger: Risk assessment**

(12 pp.) Animal Health Risk Analysis Assessment No.1



**Identificación de cultivos de importancia económica impactados por la zoopolinización en Chile**

(Santiago, 8 pp.)



**Línea base del servicio ecosistémico de la polinización en Paraguay**

(Santiago, 10 pp.)



**Horn of Africa Cross-Border Drought Action Plan 2017**

(16 pp.)



**The community land rights of women and youth in Turkana County, Kenya**

(Accra, 4 pp.) FAO & UN Women

**The community land rights of women and youth in Tana River County, Kenya**

(Accra, 4 pp.) FAO & UN Women



**Protecting food security and the environment while facilitating trade**

(2 pp.)



**Good emergency management practice helping countries to prepare for animal disease emergency response**

(2 pp.)

**NEW BOOKS AND BRIEFS**

**AGRICULTURE**



**Algodón orgánico de color: generando ingresos y ciudadanía en la agricultura familiar de la región semiárida brasileña**

This publication presents sustainable cotton production practices of relevance to family farming, arguing that organic cotton production can improve yields, increase incomes and generate jobs, while ensuring access to fair trade schemes. (Brasilia, 40 pp.) Estudios sobre la cadena de valor del algodón en América Latina y el Caribe, Agência Brasileira de Cooperação & FAO



**Adoption de technologies durables en matière climatique dans le secteur agro-alimentaire**

This study provides legislators and businesses with a methodology for evaluating technologies of relevance in reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Morocco's agri-food sector, and identifies policy tools to help promote such technologies. (26 pp.)



**Assessment of innovation capacities**

This publication presents a new scoring tool that strengthens countries' innovation capacity to fight against hunger and climate change. It promotes innovation partnerships and agricultural innovation systems. (30 pp.) Occasional Papers on Innovation in Family Farming



**FAO-IPCC Expert meeting on climate change, land use and food security**

This report makes recommendations for achieving climate-smart agricultural systems, reducing the carbon footprint along the food chain, and increasing smallholders' resilience. (140 pp.)



**Hilando y transformando: Justa Trama, la cadena solidaria del algodón agroecológico**

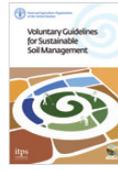
The Justa Trama Network, a sustainable cotton value chain in Brazil, is a relevant model for other Latin American countries. (Brasilia, 34 pp.) Estudios sobre la cadena de valor del algodón en América Latina y el Caribe, Agência Brasileira de Cooperação & FAO

## AGRICULTURE



### [Nutrition-sensitive agriculture and food systems in practice: options for intervention](#)

This publication provides a list of interventions to create nutrition-sensitive food systems, including food fortification or the sustainable intensification of agriculture. (104 pp.)



### [Voluntary Guidelines for Sustainable Soil Management](#)

These guidelines, now available in Arabic, provide scientific principles for sustainable soil management, thereby contributing to efforts to eradicate hunger and poverty. (24 pp., also available in [Arabic](#), [French](#), [Russian](#), [Spanish](#))

## ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT



### [Perspectivas de cosechas y situación alimentaria No.1, Marzo 2017](#) (44 pp.) [Perspectives de récolte et situation alimentaire, No.1, Mars 2017](#) (44 pp.)

Published quarterly, this report reviews the food situation in developing countries in particular. This issue estimates that 37 countries, including 28 in Africa, are in need of external assistance for food. Also available in [English](#)



### [Stratégie 2018-21 – FAO en Afrique du Nord](#)

A presentation of the major challenges and opportunities in achieving sustainable nutrition and agriculture in North Africa through economic diversification, management of natural resources, and diversification of the agriculture sector. (Tunisia, 16 pp.)

## FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE



### [Review and analysis of international legal and policy instruments related to deep-sea fisheries and biodiversity conservation in the ABNJ](#)

Recognizing the need to control fishing activity, this publication reviews international treaties relevant to deep-seas fisheries management and discusses which provisions require national-level implementation. (92 pp.)



### [Decent rural employment in small-scale and semi-industrial fishing sectors in Costa Rica](#)

This publication discusses the lack of social security and decent work for small-scale fishers in Costa Rica, and encourages the provision of capacity building and access to resources in order to ensure fishers' labour rights. (64 pp., also available in [Spanish](#)) Rural Employment Series



### [Report of the sixth aquaculture network for Africa \(ANAF\) annual meeting](#)

This report reviews ANAF's legal documents (founding agreement, rules of procedure, financial regulations and headquarters agreement) and presents a draft strategy for its establishment as an intergovernmental organization. (74 pp.) Fisheries and Aquaculture Reports



### [Report of workshop on the use of best available science in developing and promoting best practices for trawl fishing operations in Southeast Asia](#)

The report evaluates best practices for trawling to enhance sustainability of livelihoods and ecosystems. It promotes stronger collaboration with trawl fishing scientists and fishing fleets. (40 pp.) Fisheries and Aquaculture Reports



### [Informe de la segunda reunión del Grupo de Trabajo Consultivo y Técnico de Composición Abierta Oficioso sobre el Registro Mundial](#)

An overview of the steps towards developing a Global Record to fight illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (e.g. data exchange and technical specifications). (42 pp., also available in [English](#), [French](#)) Fisheries and Aquaculture Reports



### [Species Identification Plates: Mediterranean Sharks](#)

This photographic identification guide presents the Mediterranean shark species in FAO fishing area 37. The species are mentioned in alphabetical order, with information on their conservation and management. (12 pp.)

## GENDER



### [Gender, agriculture and rural development in Armenia](#)

This report points out major gender inequalities and shows how we can reduce the gap between legislation and project implementation to promote rural women's empowerment, access to tenure, technical knowledge and financial services. (Budapest, 40 pp.) Country Gender Assessment Series



### [Lutter contre les tracasseries routières pour garantir la sécurité alimentaire au Mali: synthèse des résultats et des recommandations](#)

To address road harassment issues that affect food security, this report proposes concrete measures that include increasing institutional coordination, strengthening transport services and improving data collection. (34 pp.)

## INDIGENOUS PEOPLES



### [Free Prior and Informed Consent: an indigenous peoples' right and a good practice for local communities](#)

Now in Arabic and Russian, this manual helps field practitioners incorporate Free Prior and Informed Consent into project design, ensuring that indigenous people's rights and self-determination are duly respected. (50 pp., also available in [Arabic](#), [Russian](#) and [Spanish](#))



### [World fertilizer trends and outlook to 2020](#)

Medium-term world supply and demand projections for nitrogen, phosphate and potassium fertilizer for the period 2016-2020. (36 pp.)

## PLANT PRODUCTION AND HEALTH