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First Regional Meeting of Chairs of the Committees on Food and on Agriculture of National Parliaments of the Europe and Central Asia region, 22-23 October 2024

Tirana, Albania

Reply requested by 15th of September 2024

Excellency,

The Parliament of the Republic of Albania is generously hosting the first Regional Meeting of the Chairs and Members of the Committees covering food and agriculture issues of National Parliaments of the Europe and Central Asia (ECA) Region, which will be held in Tirana, Albania, 22–23 October 2024.

The Summit will bring together Members of Parliament from across the region, Chairs of Agrarian Committees, representatives of the European Parliament, experts and other stakeholders.

This Summit will provide a unique platform to facilitate high-level engagement and exchanges, allowing parliamentarians to share experiences, discuss the main challenges faced by the region, and agree on follow-up steps for regional cooperation to achieve a holistic approach to agri-food systems transformation in the European and Central Asia Region, and promote creating an enabling environment for a cross-sectoral approach.

The Summit will consist of multiple working modalities designed to foster collaboration towards real progress in the development of sustainable agrifood systems, from high-level plenary sessions featuring prominent speakers, to interactive moderated discussions designed to spark dynamic and fruitful exchanges between participants.

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The development of a Follow-up Action Plan will maintain momentum, deepen parliamentary engagement in agrifood systems transformation, and prepare European parliamentarians for their contributions at the next Global Parliamentary Summit against Hunger and Malnutrition.

The meeting will be conducted in English, Albanian, and Russian.

The draft Regional Parliamentary Summit's Concept Note and Provisional Annotated Agenda are attached herewith. The Information Note, which provides more details on summit logistics will be shared with the nominated delegates in due course. Please be informed that all background documents for the session will be shared additionally.

The Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia would appreciate your nominations of your country's parliamentary delegation. You are kindly requested to send the names and position titles of the representatives of your Parliament, who will attend the Summit, via email to ECA-Parliamentary-Summit@fao.org by **15 September 2024**. All nominated participants designated to attend are also requested to register online through a link that will be provided on the website (<https://www.fao.org/europe/events/detail/regional-meeting-of-the-chairs-of-national-parliaments-committees-on-agriculture/en>)<http://www.fao.org/europe/events/detail-events/en/c/877206/>.

The deadline for online registration is 15 September 2024. Participants who need an entry visa to Albania are required to complete the online registration by 15 September 2024.

Your Parliament presence at this meeting would contribute to further strengthening our excellent relations and enrich discussions.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.



Viorel Gutu
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