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World Food Day



Our actions are our future.

Better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life.



World Food Day Special Edition

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From the Country Representative

World Food Day is one of the most celebrated international days of the year. The occasion is marked in over 150 countries around the world. The theme of this year's event is "Our actions are our future: Better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life." With this theme, FAO is issuing a call for the world to transform agrifood systems to ensure that everyone, everywhere has access to enough, affordable, safe and nutritious food to lead active and healthy lives.



Viorel Gutu - FAO Representative in Turkey and Subregional Coordinator for Central Asia.

This World Food Day is the second to be celebrated during the COVID-19 pandemic, which has had a devastating impact on food security and value chains worldwide.

Prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, countries were already not on track to meet their commitments to end world hunger and malnutrition in all its forms by 2030. The advent of the pandemic has made achieving this goal even more challenging.

The latest reports by renowned international agencies, including FAO, show that hunger, malnourishment and food insecurity are on the rise globally. For example, almost 40 percent of the world's population cannot afford a healthy diet – a proportion that corresponds to nearly 3 billion people.

This World Food Day Special Issue provides details about workshops, events and symposiums organized by FAO Turkey as part of World Food Day.

Happy Reading!



FAO Turkey Team at Virtual Launch of The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2021 (SOFI 2021).

Digital Launch-Turkey: The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2021 (SOFI 2021)

In the context of celebrations to mark World Food Day 2021, on 6 October 2021, FAO Turkey organized a live broadcast event, moderated by Ahu Orakçioğlu, to share the results of The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2021 (SOFI 2021).

The SOFI 2021 report, prepared jointly by FAO, IFAD, UNICEF, WFP and WHO, is the first evidence-based global assessment of the state of chronic food insecurity in the world following the emergence and spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. This annual flagship report also provides up-to-date information, comprehensive assessments and authoritative estimates of the global state of hunger and food insecurity.

At the virtual event, participants highlighted the major drivers of hunger, malnutrition and food insecurity: conflicts, climate variability and extremes, economic instabilities and high levels of income inequality.

FAO Turkey Assistant Representative Selışık joined the International Adana Taste Festival

This October the theme of the 5th International Adana Food Festival was “Geography is Taste”. The festival aimed to introduce the cuisine of Adana to the world and contribute to the development of gastronomy tourism.

FAO-Turkey's contribution to the festival was a presentation entitled “The Future of Food” given by Assistant Representative Ayşegül Selışık. The presentation informed the participants of the latest developments in agriculture and food in the context of World Food Day 2021.

Workshop organized on gender equality and women's empowerment in the agriculture and food sector with the involvement of women's cooperatives

As part of World Food Day 2021, FAO-Turkey organized a workshop on implementing policies and collective actions aimed at reducing gender inequality in the agrifood sector and increasing women's empowerment. The virtual event featured the participation of representatives of public institutions, non-governmental organizations, women's cooperatives and the private sector. It focused on the need to transform agrifood systems and underlined the importance of increasing the role of women in agrifood supply chains, including in e-commerce.

FAO Director-General answers student questions

A Junior World Food Day Event was organized to raise awareness among younger generations about the agrifood systems. FAO Director-General Qu Dongyu participated in an online event with students of Bahçeşehir Uğur Educational Institutions, and answered their questions.



Students asked questions to FAO Director-General Qu Dongyu.

FAO and WHO organize a two-day symposium as a part of World Food Day 2021

FAO Turkey and WHO jointly organized a two-day symposium shaped around the theme of World Food Day 2021: Our actions are our future – Better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life.

Supported by Firat University and the University of Health Sciences, the symposium covered current developments in food systems and nutrition, and shed light on the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on health, agriculture and food. The event also brought together public authorities, academics and experts from relevant NGOs and international organizations.

In his speech, Viorel Gutu, Subregional Coordinator for Central Asia and FAO Representative in Turkey, emphasized that everyone, everywhere must have access to adequate, affordable, safe and nutritious food in order to ensure a healthy life.



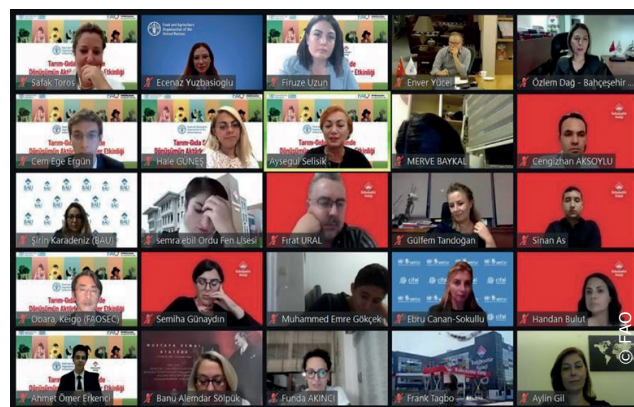
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Youth – actors of transformation in the agri-food system

Young food activists were invited to take part in an online event, “Actors of Transformation in the Agriculture-Food System: Youth”, organized by the FAO and Bahçeşehir University within the framework of World Food Day.

In his opening remarks to the participants, Viorel Gutu, Subregional Coordinator for Central Asia and FAO Representative in Turkey, explained that, “Youth are the most important actors in the transformation of the agrifood system. Only with your support can we reduce food loss and waste. Only with your support can we achieve better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life for all.”

During the event, Ange Soubirous Tambineza, Information and Communication Officer of the FAO Youth Committee, gave a presentation on the role of FAO in respect to agrifood systems transformation. She emphasized that our responsibilities extend beyond the year 2030, the target for achieving the SDGs.



“Actors of Transformation in the Agriculture-Food System: Youth” organized by the FAO and Bahçeşehir University within the framework of World Food Day with high participation.

FAO and TBB put urban food and food systems and local food production under the microscope

On 15 October 2021, as part of celebrations to mark World Food Day 2021, FAO Turkey co-organized a virtual event with the Union of Municipalities of Turkey (TBB) with a view to discussing FAO’s Vision on Urban Food and Food Systems and Local Food Production.

Giorgi Kvinikadze, Statistician at the FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia, presented the global SDG indicator framework and SDG monitoring framework to the participants, and underlined the importance of data disaggregation for increasing the visibility of vulnerable groups. Fazıl Düşünceli, FAO Agricultural Officer, gave a presentation on FAO’s vision and efforts to improve local agricultural production and rural livelihoods. He provided details of FAO’s City Region Food Systems Programme, the Green Cities Initiative, and the Urban and Peri-urban Forests Programme, and also shed light on FAO’s cooperation with other international organizations to support initiatives on local agricultural production.

Innovative student projects for sustainable agriculture

Celebrations to mark World Food Day this year included the launching of several projects to encourage student and youth participation in promoting sustainable agriculture. The celebrations were organized in cooperation with the FAO and Bahçeşehir University (BAU).

As part of World Food Day celebrations for 2021, FAO launched a variety of activities at the BAU Future Campus. These centred around the need for better production, better nutrition for a better life, a better environment and a more efficient, inclusive, durable and sustainable approach that supports the transformation of agriculture and food systems.

The World Food Day Youth Gathering Meeting included the participation of BAU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr Tunç Bozbura; Assistant Representative of FAO in Turkey Dr. Ayşegül Selişik; CIFAL Istanbul, UNITAR Director Prof. Dr Ebru Canan-Sokullu; Istanbul City Council Secretary-General Tülin Hadi; BAU Dean of Students Dr Tuğba Kiral Özkan and special guests, and was attended by a large number of students.

Assistant Representative of FAO in Turkey Dr. Ayşegül Selişik opened the meeting by emphasizing that youth and women are pioneers in the transformation of the agriculture-food system. She continued: *“You young people can start to influence the agrifood system by using technology effectively and changing your consumption habits. Remember that being a conscious consumer starts with becoming food literate. Please keep in mind that when you reflect your dominance on technology to the fields of agriculture and food, the digital divide between the city and the countryside will gradually decrease. Food means life, culture and joy. To value what we consume means valuing ourselves, others and our world. You can show that you value your environment by valuing the foods that you consume and avoiding wasting them.”*

Secret Power wins the World Food Day

Horse Race

Secret Power (Native Khan - Fleeting Mirage/Afleet Alex), owned by Emrah Karamazı, trained by Umut Coşar and ridden by jockey Ahmet Çelik, won the World Food Day Horse Race.

Two-day summit focused on the future of food and agriculture

Within the framework of World Food Day 2021, FAO, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, the Sustainability Academy, and the Turkish Food & Beverage Industry Employers Association (TÜGİS) jointly organized the 7th Sustainable Food Summit on 19-20 October. The two-day summit brought together leading figures from public institutions, the private sector, international organizations and civil society, to focus on the future of food and shed light on recent trends. During his speech, Bekir Pakdemirli, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, stated that in order to ensure sustainability, we need to change habits across the entire food system, from production to consumption.

Viorel Gutu, Subregional Coordinator for Central Asia and FAO Representative in Turkey, shared some of the key findings of FAO's flagship report The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2021. Noting that hunger, malnourishment and food insecurity are on the rise in all regions of the world, Gutu underlined the need to transform current agrifood systems to build long-term resilience. He also reflected on FAO's recommendations to governments, private companies and civil society organizations to promote this transformation.



Assistant Representative of FAO in Turkey Dr. Ayşegül Selişik watched the presentations of innovative student projects with students at BAU Future Campus.

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World Food Day in the media Numbers of participant attending virtual events

Event Number	Number of participants
Actors of Transformation in the Agri-food System Youth Event	380
Webinar on FAO's Vision for Urban Food and Food Systems and Local Food Production	70
Digital Launch-Turkey: The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2021 (SOFI 2021)	400
Workshop on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in the Agriculture and Food Sector	70
7th Sustainable Food Summit	3 000
Total access	3 920

Print media

Total news number: 501

Total access: 21 826 736

Internet media

Total news number 1 030

Total access: 25 081 628

Tv media

Total news number: 26

Many promotions and events were held in Turkey as part of the World Food Day events. One of the most notable of these was the project competition held in cooperation with Bahçeşehir University and the event where the

participating works were exhibited. FAO Turkey Assistant Representative Ayşegül Selışık also attended the event where the university students' projects were exhibited and examined works.

ONE SHOT: Photo of the month



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