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Committee: FAO

Country: Algeria

Agenda: Reducing Global Hunger through Sustainable Agriculture

1-Introduction

Algeria is the largest country in Africa and around the Mediterranean Sea. Algeria's population is 43.9 million. According to UN, Algeria is a developing country. The Sahara covers 85% of the country. Agriculture is the second contributor to the country's economy. One of the challenges of the agriculture in Algeria is water scarcity and drought. The main crops are wheat, barley and corn in Algerian agriculture. However, the country heavily depends on cereal grain imports.

2- Agenda Item and How It Affects the Country

All people have a right to eat sufficient, safe and nutritious food, which means food security. Not everyone in the world can eat safe, enough and nutritious food because of the world's unjust system. However, sustainable agriculture can improve food security and reduce the risk of malnutrition. Sustainable agriculture means that to cultivating agricultural products in a way that protecting soil, water, air, biodiversity and climate. At the same time, farmers should be supported to sustain efficient agriculture. Like many other countries Algeria has many sustainable agriculture problems. These problems are about misuse of water and soil, post-harvest loss and food waste. There is modern irrigation system only in the 15% of the Algeria agricultural lands.

3- Solutions

Algeria started a campaign to improve modern irrigation systems, transportation and storage of agricultural products. Our country support research, knowledge, training and innovation in sustainable agriculture. Algeria thinks the United Nations should provide support and training to developing and underdeveloped countries about sustainable agriculture. Algeria believes that UN should help for modernization of irrigation systems in developing and underdeveloped countries. We propose to UN to organise campaigns to modernize irrigation systems in Algeria and neighbour countries, which suffer from water scarcity. We propose to work together as a desert country to establish modern irrigation system in the region.

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