

Regional Agro-Industries Forum for the Middle East and North African Region

Dr. Ayed Amr from the University of Jordan represented AARINENA along with 200 participants including senior level government officials, food industry leaders and agro-industry specialists from Middle East and North African Region (MENA) countries, UN agency officials, as well as interested people from developmental organizations, multi-lateral and bilateral agencies, civil society organization and the public and private sectors, in the Regional Agro-Industries Forum (RAIF) for the MENA Region which was organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and its partners and took place in Beirut – Lebanon from 15 - 18 November 2011. This Forum is the fifth in a series of Fora held in various regions around the globe. The major driving force behind the holding of the Fora stems from the differential impacts that the world food crisis of 2007-08 had on different regions, including MENA. The MENA Forum is committed to enhance the developmental role of agro-industries, through a greater engagement of all the stakeholders in agrifood supply chains to achieve food security, employment generation and sustainable economic growth in the MENA Region.