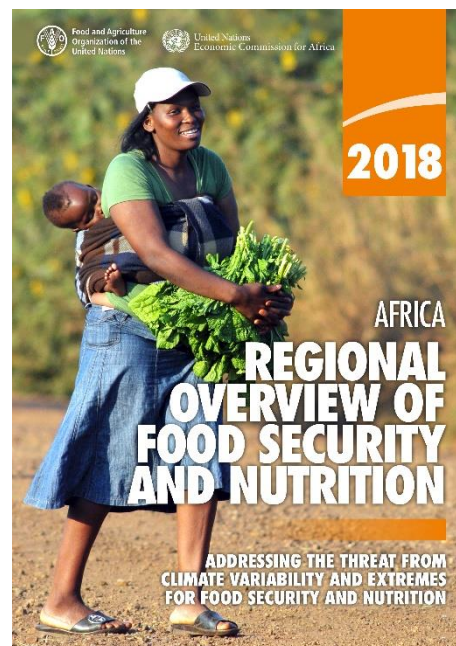


Launch of the 2018 Africa Regional Overview of Food Security and Nutrition Report

Multipurpose Hall,
African Union Headquarters
Wednesday, 13 February 2019
13:30 to 13:50 hours



The joint UN Report, the 2018 Africa Regional Overview of Food Security and Nutrition, reveals that the prevalence of undernourishment continues to rise and now affects 20 percent of the population on the continent, more than in any other region.

After years of decline, recent statistics from the joint report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) shows that there are 821 million undernourished people in the world and of these, 257 million are in Africa, of which 237 million in sub-Saharan Africa and 20 million in Northern Africa. Compared to 2015, there are 34.5 million more undernourished in Africa.

This joint event is co-organised by FAO and the ECA.

PROGRAMME

Opening and introduction (10 minutes)

- Ms Giovane Biha, Deputy Executive Secretary, ECA
- Ms Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director-General, FAO

Statement on FAO-ECA collaboration and opening the floor for questions (10 minutes)

- Mr. Abebe Haile-Gabriel, Regional Representative and Assistant Director General, FAO
- Mr Medhat El-Helepi, Food Security Analyst, ECA

Launch/Group Picture