



## FAO Commission

**Forum :** FAO

**Question :** What is the issue concerning the reduction and the management of food waste ?

**Sponsor :** Saudi Arabia

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*The FAO Commission,*

*Noting* that food losses and waste are currently responsible for about 7% of global greenhouse gas emissions according to the United Nations,

*Noting* that 30% of the global agricultural lands produce food that will never be eaten according to the United Nations,

*Considering* that 9.2% of the world's population is malnourished and 17% of the world's total food production is wasted in households, in the food service and in retail all together,

*Recalling* resolution 74/209 of 19 December 2019 adopted by the General Assembly as the International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste,

*Reaffirming* resolution 11/2019 adopted by the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations from 22 to 29 June 2019,

1. *Invites* governments of UN member countries to establish more efficient sorting centers that enable to distinguish food that is still edible and those that are fully expired or spoiled to save more food before it goes to waste ;
2. *Encourages* governments of UN member countries to sign an agreement in order to reduce their food waste by 2035 ;
  - a) Collect data about food waste throughout the years to evaluate a new strategy suitable for each country ;
  - b) Launching widespread educational campaigns to raise awareness about the environmental, social and economic impacts of food waste and promote behaviour change ;
  - c) Establish networks that enable retailers, supermarkets, restaurants and farms to redistribute their surplus food to food banks, shelters and charities ;
  - d) Invest in strong infrastructures and efficient trade logistics to prevent food loss during transit ;
  - e) Educate consumers about food expiry dates, effective storage methods and portion control ;
  - f) Use technologies like smart refrigeration systems and applications for tracking food waste ;
  - g) Invest in facilities that can transform food waste into useful resources like compost, biofuels or animal feed ;
  - h) Require from food industry businesses to report their food waste data to help identify areas for improvement ;