Definitions of terms used in Agro-Ecological Zones (FAO) classification:

- tropics: regions with monthly mean temperature, corrected to sea level, of >18 °C for all months
- **subtropics**: regions with monthly mean temperature, corrected to sea level, of <18 °C for one or more months
- temperate: regions with monthly mean temperature, corrected to sea level, of <5 °C for one or more months
- warm: daily mean temperature during the growing period of >20 °C
- **cool**: daily mean temperature during the growing period in the range of 5 to 20 °C (including the moderately cool range of 15 to 20 °C)
- warm/cool: daily mean temperature during part of the growing period <20 °C
- arid: Length of Growing Period <75 d

• **semiarid**: LGP 75-180 d

• **sub-humid**: LGP 180-270 d

• **humid**: LGP >270 d