



CFS 42 Special Event

Resilience building for sustainable food security and nutrition

October 15, 11:30 – 13:30

Description: In recent years the concept of resilience has gained significant interest across stakeholder groups and sectors, including in relation to the fight to eliminate hunger.

Strengthening the resilience of vulnerable households, communities and systems is increasingly seen as central to achieving food security and improving nutrition in a variety of contexts, including those affected by, or at risk of, climatic-related and other shocks and stressors.

Building resilience is argued to contribute to saving lives, as well as to the longer-term adaptation and transformation of livelihoods and food systems. In relation to agriculture, food security and nutrition, resilience is focused on the inherent capacities of individuals, groups, communities and institutions to withstand, cope, recover, adapt and transform in the face of shocks. This implies that all interventions to support food security and nutrition should begin by identifying and building upon existing capacities and resources.

The Special Event provides a space for the role of resilience in contributing to sustainable food security and nutrition to be discussed by the Committee on World Food Security.

Objective: To explore the concept of building resilience for sustainable food security and nutrition from a number of CFS stakeholder perspectives, sharing examples and experiences where possible, and to identify opportunities for future work, including links with CFS' work and policy guidance.

Format: The Special Event will be a moderated extended panel discussion, to ensure a dynamic session and a high level of interaction with the audience.

- Opening by the CFS Chair
- Introductory remarks by the Moderator
- Opening comments by each panellist, responding to a specific question
- Questions, comments and contributions from the floor
- Wrap-up from each panellist on what next and foci for future work

Facilitator:

- **Willem Olthof**, Development Adviser, Delegation of the EU to the Holy See, to the Order of Malta and to the UN Organisations in Rome

Panellists:

- **H.E. Josephine W. Gaita**, Ambassador of the Republic of Kenya to Italy and Permanent Representative to the UN Organisations in Rome
- **Adolfo Brizzi**, Director Policy and Technical Advisory Division, Programme Management Department, IFAD
- **Carlo Azzarri**, Research Fellow, Environment and Production Technology (EPTD), IFPRI
- **Mariam al Jaajaa**, General Manager, The Arab Group for the Protection of Nature
- **Cesarie Kantarama**, Representative, East African Farmers Federation Board