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INVITATION - FAO FOOD FOR TALK SERIES, 1<sup>st</sup> Session on

## ***Nutrition in the post-2015 Development Agenda***

**THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER 2014, 18:00-19:30 (open to public)**

Graduate Institute of International & Development Studies, Auditorium Ivan Pictet, Maison de la paix, Geneva

The FAO Office in Geneva is launching a special ***Food for Talk*** series to highlight the linkages between agriculture, food and nutrition security, and sustainable development.

This first event will be held in partnership with the Graduate Institute, and with the support of National Geographic, in the context of the [Second International Conference on Nutrition - ICN2](#), FAO, Rome, November 2014.

### ***Introductory remarks***

Michael Møller, Acting Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva (video message)

### ***Kick-off of the “Food For Talks” series***

Xiangjun Yao, Director of the FAO Office in Geneva

### ***Speakers/Thinkers***

Francesco Branca, Director of Nutrition for Health & Development, World Health Organization

Kaitlin Yarnall, Deputy Creative Director, National Geographic

Marc Van Ameringen, Executive Director, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN)

Ilona Kickbusch, Adjunct Professor & Director of the Global Health Programme, Graduate Institute

***Moderation:*** Claire Doole, Communications Consultant & former BBC Correspondent

### ***Background information***

The Food for Talks series will take the form of several thematic and interactive sessions with inspired thinkers and speakers from various fields of expertise who will give their respective perspective on a topic related to agriculture, food and nutrition security and sustainable development. The objective will be to share ideas that are inspirational with a view to change attitudes and contribute to a real “food revolution” in our daily lives.

While substantial progress has been made in improving food security, with the overall number of undernourished people having fallen by 17% since 1990, 805 million people are still currently food insecure according to FAO’s latest estimations. Child under-nutrition remains a leading cause of death among children under 5, and overweight, obesity and related non-communicable diseases are also rising rapidly. In 2012, globally, an estimated 4 million children under 5 were overweight and 500 million people were considered obese. Under-nutrition remains a key obstacle to development and requires the engagement of various stakeholders through a holistic and long term perspective that integrates health, nutrition, food security and agriculture.

The Millennium Development Goals framework coming to an end, the post-2015 development agenda debate is an opportunity to promote progress towards addressing the direct and underlying causes of high rates of global malnutrition sustainably.

In this context, the ICN2, a high-level inter-governmental meeting on nutrition jointly organized by FAO and WHO (FAO, Rome, 19-21 November 2014), will aim at proposing a flexible policy framework to address today's major nutrition challenges and identify priorities for enhanced international cooperation on nutrition.

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