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# The Global Governance of Food Security and Nutrition: Progress and Challenges

Wednesday 27 April 09:30-12:30

Charlemagne building, Room MANSHOLT,  
Rue de la Loi 170, 1040 Brussels, Belgium

The conference will illustrate how the EU, FAO, IFAD, WFP and their partners jointly address the challenge of improving the governance of food and nutrition security at global, regional, national and community levels, looking especially into the areas of Nutrition-sensitive agriculture, the Committee on World Food Security, Resilience and Food crises and the challenges for the future.



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### *Improving the global governance of food security and nutrition*

**Without rapid progress in reducing and eliminating hunger and malnutrition by 2030, the full range of Sustainable Development Goals cannot be achieved.** At the same time, making progress on SDGs across the board will pave the way for ending hunger and extreme poverty. Nearly a decade ago, in the wake of soaring food prices and the global economic and financial crisis, renewed political attention has been given to world food security and nutrition and its governance with the intention to address the effects of crises, and more importantly, the long-term, structural factors that contribute to hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition. FAO, the EU and many other partners believe that greater coherence in the global governance of food security and nutrition is needed to encourage convergence of policies, the strengthening of institutions and raising the capacity to address food insecurity and malnutrition.

**Over the past few years, the EU and the three Rome-based agencies (RBAs) - FAO, WFP and IFAD – have strengthened their partnership** on *Global Governance for Hunger Reduction* to concretely improve the way in which the global community works together to eradicate hunger and malnutrition. The related EU-RBA programme implemented in 2012-2016 helps to strengthen more inclusive food security and nutrition governance globally in combination with concrete results at country level, a.o. by supporting the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2), and actively engaging in important initiatives such as the Scaling-Up Nutrition Movement (SUN). **It supports access to innovative guidance, quality information and analysis across sectors to improve the evidence on which policy decisions are made**, linking food security, nutrition, sustainable agriculture, social protection and gender equity. Through active efforts on capacity development and knowledge-sharing across countries, it contributes to strengthening Food Security, Nutrition and Resilience related policies, investments and large-scale programmes in more than 40 countries. **It engages with a very wide range of partners** and actively supports regional organizations like CILSS, IGAD, NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) and ASEAN.

**Looking into the future, we need to meet the challenge of eradicating hunger by 2030 and in this effort global governance will continue to play a major role.** We will need a strong political will and improved governance frameworks to invest in the critical agents of change to benefit and empower the most food insecure groups, particularly in rural areas: smallholders, pastoralists, rural women, fisher folk, indigenous communities, youth and others. Through improved policies, decisions, capacities and partnerships, the global governance of food security and nutrition can help achieve the goals of the international community under the new SDG framework, including pro-poor investments in sustainable agriculture, rural poverty reduction, resilience-building and a transformation of our food systems to make them more sustainable and combat the negative impacts of climate change.

### *Presentation of the event*

In this event, the EU DG DEVCO and FAO, together with IFAD, WFP and their partners, will discuss progress and perspectives for addressing the many challenges for the governance of food security and nutrition globally. The event will be organized around three sessions, as follows:

- **Introductions and Scene-Setting:** Senior representatives from the EU and FAO will introduce the event and highlight the vision behind their strong partnership in the area global food security governance. This will be followed by a presentation of the EU-RBA programme on *Global Governance for Hunger Reduction* - objectives, modalities, achievements over the past 4 years, and highlights from the final evaluation.
- **Discussion of selected results and success stories:** this session will review progress, achievements and success stories in three areas that are key to improve food and nutrition security globally. It will consist of a presentation by a speaker and a short discussion by a respondent in three areas a) the reform of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS); b) Nutrition-sensitive agriculture; c) Food crises and resilience.
- **Improving the global governance of food security: challenges for the future.** In this session, a panel of high-level representatives and experts will present their vision for the future, looking at the challenges and priorities especially under the new SDG framework, and interact with the audience to identify where to put our efforts in the future.

## PROGRAMME

The event will be moderated by Jean-Pierre HALKIN, Head of Unit, Food security, nutrition and rural development, EU DG EuropeAid

Time	Session	Speakers
09:30-10:00	Registration and Coffee	
<b>10:00-10:30</b>	<b>Session 1: Introductions and Scene-Setting (30 min)</b>	
10:00-10:15	Key note speeches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roberto RIDOLFI, Director Sustainable and Inclusive Growth DG Development and International Cooperation, EuropeAid</li> <li>Kostas STAMOULIS, Assistant-Director General Economic and Social Department a.i.</li> </ul>
10:15-10:30	The EU-RBA partnership on global governance for hunger reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Luca RUSSO, Programme Manager of the <i>Global Governance for Hunger Reduction Programme</i></li> </ul>
<b>10:30-11:20</b>	<b>Session 2: Discussion of selected results/success stories</b>	
10:30-10:50	a) <u>The reform of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speaker: Deborah FULTON, Secretary of the CFS</li> <li>Respondent: CONCORD representative (TBC)</li> </ul>
10:50-11:10	b) <u>Mainstreaming nutrition in agriculture</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speaker: Boitshepo GIYOSE, Senior nutrition officer, FAO</li> <li>Respondent: Florence LASBENNES, head of SUN movement secretariat (TBC)</li> </ul>
11:10-11:30	c) <u>Addressing food crises and resilience</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speaker: Arif HUSAIN, Chief economist, WFP</li> <li>Respondent: EU DG ECHO representative (TBC)</li> </ul>
<b>11:30-12:20</b>	<b>Session 3: Improving the global governance of food security and nutrition, challenges for the future</b>	
11:30-11:50	Panel discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Her Excellency Amira Daoud Hassan Gornass, Chair of the CFS (TBC)</li> <li>Olivier De SCHUTTER, Professor UCL, former UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food</li> <li>Michael HAILU, Director of the CTA</li> <li>Ashwani MUTHOO, Director Global Engagement and Research Division, IFAD</li> </ul>
11:50-12:20	Discussion with the audience	
<b>12:20-12:30</b>	<b>Concluding remarks</b>	