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## MEDIA ADVISORY

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations  
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### **39th FAO Conference: 6-13 June** **Awards to countries for progress against hunger** **– Speeches by Argentine and Mexican Presidents,** **Queen of Spain**

#### **UPDATE (details below):**

- **President Nicolás Maduro of Venezuela will no longer attend the Conference.**
- "State of FAO" speech by re-elected **Director-General José Graziano da Silva**, Monday 8 June (9:30).
- Speech by **President Cristina Kirchner of Argentina**, Monday 8 June (morning session, time TBC)
- Speech by **Queen Letizia of Spain**, Friday 12 June (12:00, approximately)
- Speech by **President Enrique Peña Nieto of Mexico**, 13 June (14:00, approximately)

**IMPORTANT: Advance registration is required for all members of the media, including those with standing passes to enter FAO. **Detailed information on accreditation requirements and procedures is provided below.****

#### **Key events** ([summary table](#))

##### **Sunday, 7 June**

#### **Award Ceremony: Completing the MDG round – recognizing achievements in the fight against hunger**

**When:** 15:00 - 18:00 | **Where:** Plenary Hall

14 countries – Angola, Bolivia, China, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Gabon, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mali, Myanmar, Mozambique, Nepal, the Solomon Islands, Suriname, and Uzbekistan – will be recognized for achieving the Millennium Development Goal 1c of halving the rate of hunger or the stricter World Food Summit (WFS) target of halving the number of hungry people. Overall, 72 out of 129 countries monitored have made the MDG1c target and 29 have made the WFS target. **Social media:** #MDGProgress

##### **Monday, 8 June**

#### **Director-General's Policy Statement**

**When:** 9.30 | **Where:** Plenary Hall

FAO Director-General Jose Graziano da Silva will **present** the Organization's work and results over the previous four years, global food security trends, and including hunger eradication as one of the new Sustainable Development Goals.

#### **Useful Links**

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## ***Monday, 8 June***

### **Speech by President Cristina Kirchner of Argentina**

**When:** Morning session | **Where:** Plenary Hall

The Argentine President will address the Conference during the morning session.

## ***Friday, 12 June***

### **Speech by Queen Letizia of Spain**

**When:** 12:00 (TBC) | **Where:** Plenary Hall

The Queen will deliver a speech and be named as FAO Special Ambassador for Nutrition.

## ***Saturday 13 June***

### **Speech by President Enrique Peña Nieto of Mexico**

**When:** Afternoon | **Where:** Plenary Hall

The President will address the Conference during its closing session.

## ***Select side events***

(For a full list of side events, click [here](#))

### **8 June - Side event: Zero Hunger**

**When:** 12.30-13.30 | **Where:** Green Room

Ministers from Ecuador, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, and Malawi will discuss successes and challenges in the fight to end hunger through FAO's regional initiatives to eliminate hunger the Asia-Pacific, Africa, and Latin America and the Caribbean regions. The FAO Director-General will speak.

**Social media:** #UNFAOresults #ZeroHunger

### **8 June - Side event: Agrifood Trade and Regional Integration in Europe and Central Asia**

**When:** 13.30-14.30 | **Where:** Iran Room

Representatives from Moldova, Russia, Estonia and FAO will discuss successes in strengthening national and regional capacities in Europe and Central Asia to overcome challenges posed by greater trade integration. **Social media:** #UNFAOresults #AgriFood

### **9 June - Side event: Building Resilience in Africa's Drylands**

**When:** 12.30-13.30 | **Where:** FAO Sheikh Zayed Centre

Representatives from Chad, the EU, Kenya, Zimbabwe and the Interstates Committee for Drought Control on the Sahel discuss regional efforts and successes in strengthening the resilience of vulnerable people in drylands to threats and crises. **Social media:** #UNFAOresults #Resilience

### **9 June - Side event: Near East and North Africa's Water Scarcity Initiative**

**When:** 13.30-14.30 | **Where:** FAO Sheikh Zayed Centre

Representatives from Egypt, the League of Arab States, the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) and FAO will discuss successes from the regional initiative to improve the sustainable use and management of water. **Social media:** #UNFAOresults #WaterScarcity

### **10 June - Side event: Family Farming and Rural Territorial Development in Latin America and Caribbean**

**When:** 13.30-14.30 | **Where:** FAO Sheikh Zayed Centre

Representatives from Argentina, Guatemala and Saint Vincent and Grenadines discuss regional efforts to reduce poverty and food insecurity by promoting rural development processes where family farming plays a central role. **Social media:** #UNFAOresults #FamilyFarming

## 11 June - Side event: Asia and the Pacific Regional Rice Initiative

**When:** 13.00-14.00 | **Where:** FAO Sheikh Zayed Centre

Representatives from the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Indonesia and the Philippines talk about regional efforts to make rice farming more productive, sustainable and efficient in resource use. **Social media:** #UNFAOresults #Rice

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