

# Publication launch Side Event



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Tuesday, 15 October

14:30h - 15:00h

📍 Sheikh Zayed Centre  
FAO, Rome

### Participants

#### Moderator:

Mr. Máximo Torero, Assistant-Director General, Economic and Social Development Department, FAO

#### Panelists:

Mr. Gabriel Ferrero, Director General for Sustainable Development Cooperation Policies, Government of Spain

Mrs. Wenche Barth Eide, Emerita, Department of Nutrition, University of Oslo

Mrs. Hilal Elver, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food

### Language

English and Spanish

# Fifteen years implementing the Right to Food Guidelines

## Reviewing progress to achieve the 2030 Agenda

This year, the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) celebrates ten years since its reform in 2009 and 45 years since its founding in 1974. But 2019 also marks the 15 years of implementing the Right to Food Guidelines, adopted by the FAO Council.

On occasion of these anniversaries, FAO, through the support of the Government of Spain, has prepared a publication which brings lessons and good practices that have taken place all over the world in the last decade and a half towards the realization of the right to adequate food.

The review recalls that, rather than marking an end point, the adoption

of the Right to Food Guidelines has proved to be a moment of transition and evolution, embodying the commitment that existed at that time. Indeed, it has spearheaded the adoption and endorsement of a number of international tools and instruments.

Additionally, the publication identifies a number of well-known global challenges which, unless addressed through a human rights-based approach, will be difficult to overcome. Finally, it shows how the Right to Food Guidelines have an important role to play in accelerating progress to achieve the 2030 Agenda.

# Moderator and Panelists

## ► Mr. Máximo Torero Cullen

is the Assistant Director-General, Economic and Social Development Department (ES) of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) since January 2019. Prior to joining FAO, he was the World Bank Group Executive Director for Argentina, Bolivia, Chile Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay since November 2016. Before, he led the Division of the Markets, Trade, and Institutions at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). His major research work lies mostly in analyzing poverty, inequality, importance of geography and assets (private or public) in explaining poverty, and in policies oriented towards poverty alleviation based on the role played by infrastructure, institutions, and on how technological breakthroughs (or discontinuities) can improve the welfare of households and small farmers. His experience encompasses Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia. Mr. Torero holds a Ph.D. and a Master's Degree in Economics from the University of California (UCLA).

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## ► Mr. Gabriel Ferrero

is Director General of Sustainable Development Policies in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Development of Spain. Previously has served as Senior Adviser for the 2030 Agenda Implementation. He has worked as Senior Policy Adviser in the Executive Office of the United Nations Secretary General from 2011 to 2017. From 2012 to December 2015, he was part of the Post-2015 Development Planning Team, under the leadership of Amina J. Mohammed. Before joining the UN, he served as Deputy Director General of Development Policies Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation. In this position, he was lead author of the 2009-2012 Spanish Development Cooperation Master Plan. Mr. Ferrero holds a PhD on Development Planning and Management by the Technological University of Valencia, Spain, in which he served as full time professor for ten years.

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## ► Mrs. Wenche Barth Eide

is an Emerita at the University of Oslo in the Department of Nutrition. Her special interests are the global dimensions of nutrition. She has been among the pioneers in giving content to the right to adequate food as human right. She was Co-Director of the International Project of the Right to Food in Development (IPRFD) and Co-Chair of the Working Group in Nutrition, Ethics and Human Rights of the UN System Standing Committee on Nutrition (SCN). Mrs. Barth served for several years as the first technical adviser in nutrition to the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) in Rome. She has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the IFPRI. She holds a Master's Degree of Zoology from the University of Oslo and a Postgraduate Academic Diploma in Nutrition from the University of London.

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## ► Mrs. Hilal Elver

has served as the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food since 2014. Mrs. Hilal Elver is an international law professor and a Global Distinguished Fellow at the UCLA Law School Resnick Food Law and Policy Center; she is also as a research professor at the UC Santa Barbara, where she has been Distinguished Visiting Professor since 2002. Previously she was the UNEP Chair on Environmental Diplomacy at the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies in Malta; and taught at the University of Ankara, Faculty of Law. Ms. Elver has also served to the Turkish government as the founding legal adviser of the Ministry of Environment, and to the General Director of the Women Status in the office of the Prime Minister. Until recently, she was also a member of the Turkish team at the Climate Change negotiations. She is the author of a number of publications focusing on environmental law, climate change, food security, human rights and women rights.

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