

Tentative Agenda

International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste

29 September 2025

Background

The International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste (IDAFLW) will be observed for the sixth time on 29 September 2025. The IDAFLW calls for the expansion and strengthening of stakeholder efforts to reduce food loss and waste toward securing a sustainable food future for all.

ATRIUM

12:45 Inauguration of the IDAFLW Exhibition

VIRTUAL EVENT

Moderator. Yasmina Bouziane, Director, Office of Communications, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

13:30 Welcome

13:35 Curtain-raiser video

13:40 Opening remarks – video messages

QU Dongyu, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Inger Andersen, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

13:55 Special message

Christina Niemelä Ström, Head of Sustainability for Supply, Inter IKEA Group

14:00 In Action: Preventing and reducing food losses

Reducing food losses in grains toward improving food security in Ethiopia

Esayas Lemma Hayi, Lead Executive Officer, Crop Development Office, Ministry of Agriculture, Ethiopia

Reducing food losses in the processing and distribution operations of rural micro-small and medium-sized food processing enterprises in Thailand
Nattapol Tangsuphoom, Associate Professor, Food Science Unit, Institute of Nutrition, Mahidol University, Thailand

OptiWaste – A Tool for Measuring Food Waste in Schools – Dominican Republic
Yenny Aristy Melo, Head, Nutritional Evaluation Division, National Institute for Student Welfare (INABIE), Ministry of Education, Dominican Republic

Let's Value Food – Food and Beverage Waste Dashboard, Argentina
Mariana Brkic, Manager National Plan for Food Loss and Waste Reduction, Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Argentina

Special video clip

Panel Discussion: Preventing and reducing food waste

Makoto Tanaka, Director, Food Loss and Waste Reduction Promotion Office, Consumer Affairs Agency (CAA), Government of Japan

Khuloud Al Nuwais, Secretary General, ne'ma National Steering Committee and Chief Sustainability Officer, Emirates Foundation, United Arab Emirates

Niki Walsh, Senior Director, Food and Beverage Marketing and Public Relations for Europe, Middle East, and Africa (EMEA), Hilton Worldwide

Quiz

15:20 Key takeaways

Máximo Torero Cullen, Chief Economist, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

15:30 Closing

Yasmina Bouziane, Director, Office of Communications, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)