

SE17: Catalyzing Parliamentary Action through CFS Policy Products and the Global Parliamentary Pact for Food System Transformation

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Description

This side event will be a pivotal moment in highlighting the transformative potential of the first Global Parliamentary Pact Against Hunger and Malnutrition adopted in 2023, to implement the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition (VGFSN) and other CFS Policy Products through Parliamentary Action. The 20th anniversary of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Right to Food strengthens the momentum for parliamentary networks worldwide to elevate their shared commitment to combatting food insecurity on a global scale. The Global Pact serves as a beacon of unity to address the pressing issues of hunger, malnutrition and food system transformation. This essential role of parliaments in accelerating progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) was also recognized in 2022 by UN General Assembly (A/RES/77/159).

The VGFSN explicitly stresses the key role played by parliamentarians in "promoting the adoption of policies, establishing appropriate legislative and regulatory frameworks, raising awareness and promoting dialogue among relevant stakeholders, and allocating resources for the implementation of policies and programmes to achieve healthy diets through sustainable food systems."

The event will provide a space for stakeholders to explore experiences, synergies, best practices and existing resources, ultimately paving the way towards more coordinated and effective global responses to food system transformation.