

SE27: No famine on our watch – A new approach in a changing world

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Description

Over the past 15 years, the world has experienced an increasing risk of famine. With the intensifying threat of climate change and the continuing possibilities of conflict, economic crises, and new pandemics, the prospects for the future are worrying. Despite significant increases in humanitarian assistance, acute food insecurity is worsening, suggesting that emergency food aid alone is insufficient. The protracted nature of these crises highlights the need to understand and address the root causes, such as conflict, poor governance, and systemic failures in food systems. Without proactive measures, the conditions leading to famine will persist, exacerbating human suffering and destabilizing affected regions.

This side event will present the results of a series of dialogues held throughout 2024 that sought to build understanding of long-term trends, gaps, and responses to famine, as well as the role of humanitarian diplomacy and the critical elements of famine prevention. The discussion will seek broader stakeholder endorsement over an area that is often poorly understood and aim to secure a CFS acknowledgment of a new policy and operational approach to preventing famine.