

SE39: Participatory and intersectoral governance for the realization of the Human Right to Adequate Food – Experiences from Portuguese-speaking countries

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Description

The adoption of the Food and Nutritional Security Strategy of the Community of Portuguese Language Countries – ESAN-CPLP, in 2012, consolidated the high-level political commitment of Portuguese-speaking countries to realizing the Human Right to Adequate Food (RtF) through strengthening participatory and intersectoral governance of food systems. Ten years later, hunger and all forms of malnutrition remain among the main challenges for the member states of the CPLP. These challenges become even more complex in the context of the escalating climate crisis.

In this regard, the Voluntary Guidelines on the Right to Adequate Food (RtF) by the Committee on World Food Security, adopted 20 years ago, present a strategic opportunity to reflect on the progress and challenges in consolidating participatory and intersectoral governance arrangements of food systems in CPLP countries, as well as at the international-regional level. Building upon the experience of National Councils on Food Security and Nutrition and intersectoral policy management mechanisms aimed at achieving the Human Right to Adequate Food (RtF), special attention will be given to lessons learned by Government and Civil Society in implementing ESAN-CPLP and to promoting social participation and empowering rights-holders to devise solutions for the complex challenges in food systems, with particular emphasis on addressing inequalities.