

## **SE: Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty**

Organized by: Government of Brazil (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Social Development and the Fight Against Hunger).

### Summary of the side event

Brazil organized a side event to present the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty. Attending the event were Wellington Dias, Minister of Social Development and Fight Against Hunger, and Esther Dweck, Minister of Management and Innovation in Public Service. They were joined by Norway's Deputy Foreign Minister Bjørg Sandkjær, CFS Chairperson Ambassador Nosipho Jezile, and a Brazilian representative from the Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples Mechanism (CSIPM), Taily Terrena.

At the opening, Brazil's Ambassador to the UN agencies in Rome, Carla Barroso, briefly presented the Brazilian proposal for the Global Alliance, which focuses on three pillars: knowledge, financial resources, and national policy implementation. The ambassador emphasized Brazil's historical commitment to eradicating hunger and poverty through evidence-based public policies like Bolsa Família and the Food Procurement Program (PAA).

Determined to address these societal issues, Brazil prioritized the establishment of a Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty during its G20 presidency. The Alliance aims to create sustained political momentum and collective action while building synergies with existing efforts to combat hunger and poverty. It will facilitate the mobilization of domestic and international financial resources and knowledge for large-scale public policy implementation, led by countries seeking cooperation, particularly those most affected by hunger and extreme poverty.

Following the proposal presentation, other attendees shared their insights. Deputy Minister Bjørg Sandkjær underscored that food and nutritional

security is a top priority for global development and security. She reiterated that this must be framed within a human rights-based approach focused on inclusive economic growth. She announced Norway's strategy for substantial investments in food security, especially in Africa, highlighting the need for robust climate solutions and support for smallholder farming. As a guest country at this year's G20 presidency, Norway emphasized the importance of joint initiatives and a multilateral fund to mobilize innovative financing for sustainable development in impoverished regions, particularly in Africa. Norway committed to transferring funds to the Alliance's secretariat once established.

Minister Wellington Dias emphasized Brazil's relaunch of over 30 programs aimed at combating hunger as part of the Brazil Without Hunger Plan. He highlighted Bolsa Família, which currently supports 55 million people, promoting inclusion and assistance for vulnerable groups. Minister Dias outlined three priorities for the Global Alliance: inviting governments to join the initiative, seeking greater technical and financial support from international organizations and development banks, and ensuring active participation of civil society and indigenous peoples in the Alliance. He concluded by reaffirming that the Alliance is a collective effort requiring broad participation and engagement to achieve the common goal of eradicating hunger and poverty.

Taily Terrena, representing CSIPM, highlighted the need for collective action to address challenges faced by Indigenous communities in Brazil, such as those in the Pantanal affected by fires and climate change. On behalf of over 300 million healthy food producers represented by CSIPM, she called for increased civil society participation in the Alliance and emphasized the importance of land rights for food security, as well as the inclusion of Indigenous cosmologies in creating a fair and sustainable food system.

Minister Esther Dweck also stressed the importance of her ministry's efforts in Brazil, focusing on balancing expenditure volume with the efficient implementation of public policies. Closing the event, CFS Chairperson reaffirmed support for Brazil's initiative, emphasizing the need to renew the global commitment to combat hunger and poverty through coordinated and inclusive actions.