



End poverty, build prosperity

Stories from Zambia and Paraguay

7 December 2017, h 15:30-17:00 FAO HQ (Iran Room)

CONCEPT NOTE

Eradicating hunger and poverty are two faces of the same coin. While meeting the basic needs of the poor means ensuring their food security, improving their nutrition helps increase productivity and incomes. Yet, about 767 million people continue to live in extreme poverty and inequalities are still pervasive.

Hunger is also on the rise. In 2016 there were 815 million chronically food-insecure and malnourished people in the world, up from 777 million in 2015. Poor people are the ones who go to bed on an empty stomach. Because hunger and poverty are concentrated in rural areas, agriculture and the off-farm sector offer an opportunity to provide jobs, food and income to the 767 million people living in extreme poverty.

The event "***End poverty, build prosperity - Stories from Zambia and Paraguay***" will discuss how to make agriculture and the rural economy more inclusive to eradicate hunger and poverty and achieve SDG 1 and 2. Representatives from the Government of Zambia and Paraguay will share their successful experience on reducing poverty and hunger in rural areas, highlighting challenges and opportunities to achieving SDG 1 and 2.

The side-event on "***End poverty, build prosperity***" aims to engage member countries in a discussion on the strategies and policies needed to achieve SDG 1 and 2. The goal is to share successful experience on hunger and poverty eradication from different regions, including how multi-sectoral approaches and integrated policy can accelerate progress towards the achievement of these goals. The event seeks also to identify the main challenges faced in achieving SDG 1 and 2 and reflect on how lessons learned can be replicated at global scale.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Moderator: *Mr Benjamin Davis*, Leader of the FAO Strategic Programme to Reduce rural poverty

15.30 - 15:40	Opening <i>Mr Jose Graziano da Silva</i> FAO Director General
15:40 - 16:10	Presentations
15:40 – 15:55	<i>HE José Molinas Vega</i> Minister Executive Secretary of the Technical Secretary for Economic and Social Planning of Paraguay
15:55– 16:10	<i>HE Dora Siliya</i> Minister of Agriculture of Zambia
16:10 – 16:35	Discussants <i>Ms Chiara Segrado</i> Deputy Permanent Representative of United Kingdom to WFP <i>Mr Fredrik Alfer</i> Deputy Permanent Representative of Sweden to FAO <i>Ms Miriam Lutz</i> Alternate Permanent Representative of US to FAO
16:35 – 16:55	Q&A
16:55 – 17:00	Closing <i>Mr Benjamin Davis</i> Leader of the FAO Strategic Programme to Reduce rural poverty

Refreshment will be served outside the event room starting from 15:00.

Interpretation available in French and Spanish.