



Session 8

Connecting school meal programmes with local food systems – Regional Priority 4

The session will focus on the rapid transition of nutrition patterns in the region; in contrast to the progress in reducing hunger, micronutrient deficiencies and multiple forms of malnutrition, the prevalence of obesity has been increasing in many countries. Such a rapid transition calls for the need to address both the supply and demand sides of food systems. This will be highlighted through the case study of innovative models of school meal programmes in Kyrgyzstan.

A moderated panel discussion will explore challenges and good practices related to school meal programmes and linking them with local food systems in Europe and Central Asia.

The session expects members and non-state actors to provide their thoughts and views on the needs for a holistic approach to address food and nutrition security issues and on the expectations from FAO to improve school food and nutrition. The discussion should reflect on addressing Regional Priority 4.

(background document)