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In October 2023, the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) policy recommendations on strengthening collection and use of food security and nutrition (FSN) data and related analysis tools were endorsed during the fifty-first plenary session of the CFS. They contain a collective call for action targeting diverse stakeholders with an objective of further strengthening food security and nutrition data systems for improving decision-making in support of the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security.

The overall objective of this side event will be to take stock of and discuss initiatives that are being planned and undertaken to implement the CFS policy recommendations on data in practice. These initiatives include the creation of a new statistical domain on FSN statistics under the aegis of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC); the harmonization of healthy diet metrics under the Healthy Diets Monitoring Initiative (HDMI); the proposal of a new SDG indicator on Minimum Dietary Diversity in the context of the 2025 Comprehensive Review of the SDG indicator framework; as well as the 50x2030 Initiative to Close the Agricultural Data Gap.

### **Objectives:**

The specific objective of this side event will be to take stock of the actions that are being undertaken and planned to implement the CFS policy recommendations on data in practice; discuss challenges that different constituencies are facing and exchange lessons learned so far; and further disseminate the CFS policy recommendations and draw the attention of relevant stakeholders on their implications and opportunities in terms of their implementation at national, regional and global level. Specific initiatives will be showcased, such as the 50x2030 Initiative, their importance for food security and nutrition data explained, and their contribution to broader policy and improved food security and nutrition outcomes highlighted.

**Format:**

The side event will follow a hybrid format, combining in-person (principally) and remote interventions. It will consist of two main parts. In the first part, FAO, UNICEF and the World Bank will provide an overview of actions taken to implement the policy recommendations at global level, including in the context of the UN Statistical Commission, the 2025 Comprehensive Review of the SDG indicator framework and global capacity development efforts for FSN statistics. The second part will comprise a panel discussion in which Ghana, Brazil, a representative of the private sector and a representative of a philanthropic foundation will outline the steps that each has taken to implement the recommendations in their own country/constituency, what challenges they are facing, and what possible solutions are available for addressing these challenges.

## Speakers' bios:



**Máximo Torero** is the Chief Economist of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Rome, Italy. Before joining FAO in 2019, he served at the World Bank Group in Washington, D.C. as the executive director for Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay. Between 2006 – 2016, he led the Markets, Trade and Institutions Division at the International Food Policy Research Institute also in Washington.



**Dr Lynnette M. Neufeld** is currently the Director of the Food and Nutrition Division (ESN) of FAO. Before joining FAO in 2022, Dr Neufeld was the Director of Monitoring, Learning and Research (MLR) at the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) and a member GAINs Senior Management Team. Before joining GAIN in 2013, Dr Neufeld led the Micronutrient Initiative's efforts to identify, develop and support strategic research related to diverse aspects of nutrition programs. From 1998 to 2009, Dr Neufeld was Director of the Division of Nutritional Epidemiology at the National Institute of Public Health (INSP) in Mexico.



**Dr José Rosero Moncayo** is the Director of the Statistics Division in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations based in Rome, Italy. He has served as Executive Director of the National Institute of Censuses and Statistics of Ecuador, as a former President of the Statistical Conference of the Americas, and as a member of the High-Level for Partnership, Coordination, and Capacity-Building for statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. He has also served as Vice Minister of Social Development, as Technical Secretary of the Social Front, and as Coordinator of the Integrated System of Social Indicators in his home country of Ecuador.



**Ms. Chika Hayashi**, Chief, Nutrition Data Unit, UNICEF. She is an epidemiologist from Johns Hopkins University with experience in the World Bank in Washington, D.C., the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva, UNICEF in Timor-Leste. She is now leading the team that collects, monitors, and analyzes data on nutrition around the world.



**Mr. Vasco Molini** leads the design, implementation, and results management of the 50x2030 Initiative through the 50x2030 Program Management Team. Over the course of more than one decade with the World Bank, he worked in Mozambique, Angola, Sao Tome and Principe, Ghana, Nigeria, Morocco, Tunisia, and Libya, where he led national surveys and analytical studies on jobs, inequality, and conflict, as well as managed country-level statistical capacity building initiatives.



**H.E. Carla Barroso Carneiro** is Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Brazil to FAO. She has held outstanding positions in the Ministry of External Relations and other Brazilian Federal Agencies during 28 years serving her country as career diplomat. Ambassador Barroso Carneiro was Chief International Advisor to the Ministry of Regional Development (2020-23), Special International Advisor to the Ministry of Citizenship (2015-2019), Special International Advisor to the Ministry of education (2015-2019) and Advisor on International Affairs to the Chief of Staff of the Presidency of Brazil (2013-2015).



**Prof. Samuel Kobina Annim** acts as the Government Statistician at the Ghana Statistical Service. Samuel is a Professor of Economics with specific concentration on Micro Development Economics and Applied Microeconometrics at the Department of Economics, University of Cape Coast, Ghana. Samuel passionately supports national and global development agenda by providing professional service to the National Development Planning Commission, the National Statistical System in Ghana and several international bodies.



**Mr. Graham Mullier**, Digital Agriculture Association, is the Lead Architect Data Collaborations at Syngenta where he brings passion for data to his work on digital agriculture and sustainability. He has a background in crop protection research and IT. The Digital Agriculture Association works to advance digital solutions in our agri-food system to support access to IT solutions and advancing sustainable development. He is vice-chair of the Cool Farm Alliance's supervisory board, a member of the British Standards Institute committee on data-driven agrifood systems and is working on the AgriGuide Project with CLI and EU.



**Ms. Challiss McDonough**, Senior Program Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, has 25+ years of experience in issue-based advocacy and communications, with a focus on food security and nutrition. She currently heads the Global Policy & Multilaterals portfolio in the foundation's agricultural development advocacy team, managing a portfolio of advocacy and policy-focused grants to support delivery of SDG 2 -- Zero Hunger by 2030 -- with a focus on the targets related to productivity and sustainability.