



South-South and Triangular Cooperation: Nurturing Partnerships and Sharing Solutions

Side event on the margins of the annual session of the Executive Board
Thursday, 27 June 2024, 13:30–14:30
Auditorium, WFP Headquarters

Context

South–South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) is a vital tool for empowering the Global South to achieve a more stable, prosperous future. WFP acts as a triangular partner supporting SSTC by brokering and facilitating the exchange of country-owned solutions to achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2 (zero hunger) and 17 (partnerships for the goals). Since the approval of WFP's first SSTC policy in 2015, WFP has built significant institutional, operational and staff capacity to facilitate learning and to broker zero hunger solutions among developing countries.

Building on the June 2023 SSTC policy update, WFP is a committed participant in the evolving SSTC landscape, seeking to leverage increasing numbers of countries to share – and benefit from – knowledge, expertise, and innovations to advance their food security and nutrition national agendas. The establishment of the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty has galvanized increased momentum to raise resources and knowledge for implementation of public policies and social technologies that are proven to be effective in reducing hunger and poverty around the world.

Building on its experience with the innovative Centre of Excellence models in Brazil, China and Côte d'Ivoire, WFP will enhance its support to other countries to realize their ambition of becoming SSTC champions to share their country-owned solutions. WFP will not do this alone and continues to invest in collaborations with United Nations organizations including the Rome-based agencies.

Objectives

The main objective of the side event is to discuss opportunities to enhance WFP's support to countries to share their innovations and learn from others in support of SDGs 2 and 17. This could include requests in non-traditional areas of SSTC, including emergency preparedness and response, resilience, shock-responsive social protection, supply chain, and more.

WFP aims to bring government partners together to discuss SSTC as a mechanism for addressing SDGs 2 and 17 and consider WFP's role in supporting governments achieve their development objectives.

The session will explore:

- How WFP has taken a multi-stakeholder approach, fostering and expanding beyond traditional collaborations in SSTC;
- WFP's support to SSTC provider countries to document, package and share their innovative zero hunger solutions with peer countries leveraging a sustainable result-oriented approach in line with SSTC principles; and
- National priorities and needs for engagement in SSTC with WFP support.

Expected outcome

Through country presentations and interactive discussions, Member States will provide their perspective on the role WFP should provide as a platform for SSTC. Executive Board members will acquire a deeper understanding of the specific actions taken by WFP to address challenges related to SSTC and advance sustainable solutions for achieving zero hunger. They will also be equipped with practical knowledge and strategies to enhance collaboration and support for SSTC initiatives within their respective regions. Ultimately, Executive Board members will leave the event with a clear picture of how WFP is contributing to global efforts to combat hunger and malnutrition through innovative partnership models and effective resource utilization.

Tentative agenda

1. Welcome

- Mr. George Fominyen, Deputy Director, Communications and Media Office, WFP

2. Opening remarks

- Ms Cindy McCain, Executive Director, WFP

3. Introduction

- Mr. Stanlake Samkange, Director, Multilateral and Programme Country Partnerships Division, WFP

4. SSTC Partnership Expansion: Concrete Examples from Governments and Field Perspectives

- H.E. Mr. Ismael Nabé, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation, Republic of Guinea
- H.E. Ms Carla Barroso Carneiro, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Brazil
- H.E. Dr. Guang Defu, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of China

5. Discussion

6. Closing remarks

- Mr. Stanlake Samkange, Director, Multilateral and Programme Country Partnerships Division, WFP