



Ending Cyclical Need: The Humanitarian Nexus in Southern Africa and the Sahel

Side event on the margins of the First Regular Session of the Executive Board

Wednesday, 28 February 2018, 08:30-09:45

Aula 1, WFP Headquarters

Breakfast will be served in the room from 08:00 to 08:30

You are kindly invited to the side event on leveraging support for further expanding humanitarian-development nexus programming. The event will be opened by Mr David Beasley, WFP Executive Director, who will be joined by a panel of speakers who will address the following topics:

- Ms Denise Brown, Director of Emergencies, WFP - *Economics of Early Resilience*;
- Ms Lola Castro, Regional Director for Southern Africa - *Breaking the Cycle through the Nexus*; and
- Mr Abdou Dieng, Regional Director for West Africa - *Scaling up Resilience and Fostering the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus*.

The event will highlight examples of how WFP implements programmes that seek to build resilience and end needs, reflecting on the impending crisis of La Niña-affected Southern Africa and the Sahel. In both regions, cyclical shocks exacerbate humanitarian needs and reverse development gains. Investing in resilience building and in preparedness actions and taking early action save lives when disasters strike and can significantly reduce the cost of an emergency response.

Despite a greater global focus on the nexus, investments remain largely concentrated on humanitarian response rather than actions designed for multi-year resilience building and preparedness.

We look forward to welcoming you.