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REACHING THE FURTHEST BEHIND: WFP'S INTEGRATED APPROACH TO PROTECTION

Tuesday, 19 June 2018 from 13:10 – 14:45
Auditorium, WFP Headquarters



The Government of Switzerland and WFP's Policy and Programme Division are pleased to invite you to an Executive Board side event on WFP's integrated approach to protection.

Protecting affected people by contributing to their safety, dignity and integrity is an essential foundation upon which communities can re-establish their livelihoods and strengthen their resilience to future crises. Protection is a key element of WFP's strategic plan, and there are strong linkages between WFP's protection approach and the 2030 Agenda commitment to "leave no one behind."

The side event will explore the potential for WFP to enhance the protective impact of its programmes, presenting good practices, but also addressing what can happen when protection is neglected. The findings of a recent external evaluation of WFP's protection policy will be featured and discussed, along with consideration of other areas central to ensuring the rights of affected people, such as accountability and gender. These discussions follow an event hosted by Sweden on the humanitarian-development-peace nexus, serving to place protection as fundamental to WFP's efforts to achieve results across the nexus.

Panellists

- Dr Michelle Sanson, Senior Protection Advisor, WFP
- Mr Jan Egeland, Secretary General, Norwegian Refugee Council
- Ms Valerie Guarnieri, Assistant Executive Director, Operations Services, WFP

The event will be chaired by H.E. Manuel Bessler, Delegate of the Swiss Government for Humanitarian Aid and Head of the Swiss Humanitarian Aid Unit.

Agenda

13:10 – Lunch in the Peace Garden

13:35 – H.E. Manuel Bessler, Welcome and opening remarks

13:45 – Dr Michelle Sanson, A WFP field perspective: what happens when protection is neglected

13:55 – Mr Jan Egeland, “Leaving no one behind” – assisting the most vulnerable

14:05 – Ms Valerie Guarnieri, WFP’s strategic approach to protection

14:15 – Facilitated discussion and questions and answers

14:40 – H.E. Manuel Bessler, closing remarks