



Country Capacity Strengthening

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

Wednesday, 16th November, 08:30 – 09:30

Auditorium (Hybrid), WFP Headquarters

Context

The [Country Capacity Strengthening \(CCS\) policy update](#) was approved by the Executive Board (EB) on 21 June 2022, reaffirming WFP's commitment to delivering high quality support to national and sub-national stakeholders for achieving impactful and sustainable capacity change.

The coming months are a critical time for WFP to sustain and build on the momentum created by the policy update and to continue to advance the recognition and appreciation of CCS as an important area of work for WFP. WFP also received specific requests from member states in the June 2022 Executive Board session to maintain communication on CCS as WFP enters the next phase of operationalizing the policy update. Engagement with the Executive Board is therefore key to maintaining long-term support to WFP's work in CCS.

The side event will showcase the recently approved policy update and highlight CCS work in the field, success stories and lessons learned. The panel of speakers will provide insights on CCS from different regions and stakeholders, including from government officials and external partners.

Objectives

The high-level side event will:

- Provide member states with the opportunity to hear directly from the field about the approaches recently endorsed in the CCS policy update.
 - Respond to the requests that WFP received from the Executive Board in June 2022 to maintain communication on CCS following the policy update's approval.
 - Contribute to the endeavours to strengthen Executive Board members' support to CCS as an area of work in WFP's portfolio moving forward.
 - Provide WFP Country Directors, HQ Directors, and other internal partners that play an important role in shaping and advancing WFP's CCS work with the opportunity to learn from each other's experiences and to highlight key challenges and achievements to member states.
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Agenda (60 min)

1. Welcome remarks (2 min)

- Ms. Valerie Guarnieri Deputy Executive Director, Operations Services Department, PD Programme and Policy Department, WFP

2. Setting the scene: Overview of CCS at WFP and the key takeaways for the field (6 min)

- Mr. David Kaatrud, Director, Programme, Humanitarian and Development Department, WFP

3. Presentation: WFP Country Capacity Strengthening in Colombia (12 min)

- Mr. Cesar Giraldo, Manager of the National Program for the Fight Against Hunger, Presidency of the Republic of Colombia
- Mr. Carlo Scaramella, Country Director, WFP Colombia
- Ms. Lola Castro, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean

4. Presentation: WFP's Enabling Agenda, Perspectives from Argentina (6 min)

- H.E. Carlos Bernardo Cherniak, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Argentina to the Rome-based UN Agencies

5. Presentation: WFP Country Capacity Strengthening in Egypt (6 min)

- Mr. Praveen Agrawal, Country Director, WFP Egypt

6. Presentation: WFP Country Capacity Strengthening in India (6 min)

- Mr. Bishow Parajuli, Country Director, WFP India

7. Presentation: Country Capacity Strengthening partnerships (6 min)

- Mr. Alberto Lizzi, Policy Specialist, Quality Programming, UNDP

8. Panel Q&A (14 min)

- Questions from attendees, with responses from the presenters
- Moderator: Ms. Maria Lukyanova, Chief, Country Capacity Strengthening Unit, WFP

9. Closing remarks (2 min)

- Mr. David Kaatrud, Director, Programme, Humanitarian and Development Department, WFP
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