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WFP Exhibition Building Resilient Food Systems: African Youth at the Heart of Change

Exhibition on the margins of the first regular session of the Executive Board, 2026
Wednesday, 25 February 2026, 09:15–09:40
Red Foyer, WFP headquarters

We are delighted to invite you to the launch of the WFP exhibition – “Building Resilient Food Systems: African Youth at the Heart of Change”, taking place on Wednesday, 25 February 2026, from 09:15 to 09:40 at the Red Foyer, WFP headquarters.

This exhibition celebrates WFP’s flagship partnership with the Mastercard Foundation and its transformative impact on food systems and youth employment across eight African countries. Through compelling stories, interactive displays, and multimedia content, the exhibit showcases how WFP and the Foundation are unlocking opportunities for young people – particularly young women – while strengthening resilience and inclusive value chains.

The launch event will feature remarks from WFP leadership from the Partnerships and Programme divisions and a senior representative of the Mastercard Foundation, reflecting on how this partnership exemplifies WFP’s approach to food systems transformation and its ability to convene diverse actors around shared development priorities.

Following the remarks, guests will be invited to explore the exhibition, featuring:

- inspiring youth voices and testimonies from the field;
- short films and interactive demonstrations of programme approaches;
- insights into WFP’s role as a food systems actor.

We would be delighted for you to join us for this special occasion as we celebrate the people, solutions, and partnerships driving lasting change for young people across Africa.

Agenda

09:15-09:20 **Arrival**

09:20–09:22 **Mr Richard Wilcox, Director, Private Sector Partnerships Division, to introduce Rania and speakers**

09:22–09:26 **Opening and welcome remarks (4 minutes)**

Speaker: Ms Rania Dagash-Kamara, Assistant Executive Director, Partnerships and Innovation Department, WFP

- Welcomes guests and introduces the exhibition theme
- Highlights the significance of the WFP–Mastercard Foundation partnership

09:26–09:30 **Remarks from Kenyan Ambassador (4 minutes)**

09:30–09:34 **Remarks from Regional Director WACARO (4 minutes)**

Speaker: Ms Kinday Samba, Regional Director, Western and Central Africa Regional Office

- Highlights importance of private/foundation partners at country and regional level
- Showcases impact within their regions

09:35-09:39 **Walk-through of exhibit (4 minutes)**

Mr Richard Choularton, Director, Climate and Resilience Service

- Underscores WFP’s strategic focus on food systems and youth empowerment
- Highlights impact and future direction of the partnership

09:40 **Official opening of the exhibition throughout the week – and request they proceed to the Auditorium for the beginning of the Board session**