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The crisis affecting the Lake Chad basin, including Nigeria, Cameroon, Chad and Niger has greatly escalated in scope and severity, with several UN agencies raising the crisis internally to L3. The UN Nigeria has called the situation in Northeast Nigeria "the largest humanitarian crisis on the African continent". There are currently 2.6 million IDPs and 180 000 refugees in the Lake Chad basin as a result. The risk of epidemics has been increasing and food prices rising. This has also heavily affected local populations, who are also vulnerable and have shared their resources with the displaced population. In Northeast Nigeria alone, over 7 million people are expected to be in need of emergency assistance. Food and nutrition insecurity of the affected population is alarming. Access to the population in need remains a challenge. Despite the magnitude of the humanitarian needs, the Lake Chad basin crisis remains largely ignored and humanitarian funding remain insufficient to meet the needs.

ECHO and DFID are committed to keep this crisis high in the international agenda and would like to invite you at the following event:

Exchange on the Lake Chad Crisis
14 November 2016, 13.45 to 14.45 hrs Forum, WFP HO Rome
Light lunch provided at the Peace Garden from 13.15 to 13.45

Agenda:

Opening remarks: WFP Executive Director, Ms Ertharin Cousin

Opening remarks from the Region: H.E. Dr. Yaya Olaniran, Nigeria Permanent Representative to United Nation Agencies for Food and Agriculture

Presentation of the humanitarian situation in the Lake Chad basin:
Mr Patrick Youseff, ICRC Deputy Regional Director for Africa

Views from donors:

Ms Androulla Kaminara, DG ECHO Director of Operations in Africa, Asia, LAC
Mr Donal Brown, Africa Director, DFID

Exchange on response strategies