



Localizing the 2030 Agenda: High-level dialogue on National Zero Hunger Strategic Reviews with selected Lead Convenors

Side event on the margins of the annual session of the Executive Board
Wednesday, 20 June 2018 from 13:45 – 14:45
Auditorium, WFP Headquarters

Context

In September 2015, global leaders committed themselves to transforming our world through the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The United Nations System, including the World Food Programme, pledged to support countries to achieve this ambitious agenda and help “localize” the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by defining baselines and concrete actions.

WFP supports country-led “Zero Hunger Strategic Reviews” in collaboration with other partners to help countries achieve SDG 2. The reviews have been recognized by governments around the globe as a valuable approach to determining what their countries need to do to make zero hunger a reality. The process identifies what is missing to achieve this ambitious goal (the gaps) and what is needed to address it (recommendations) by 2030. To date, WFP and partners have supported more than 65 nationally-owned strategic reviews with senior political and/or academic figures as Lead Convenors. Most Lead Convenors have served at the highest levels of government and do possess vast knowledge of development issues, including challenges to food security and poverty reduction at national and regional levels. Many have served as Heads of State or Government Ministers or senior officials of international organizations.

Strategic reviews are not carried out in isolation but are aligned with the plans and strategies of other development partners, including United Nations agencies. WFP’s Executive Board members, including donors of the organization, have expressed keen interest in the strategic review process, recognizing it as a good example of how United Nations agencies can support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

Objectives

The side event on the margins of the annual session of the Executive Board aims to share country experiences in localizing SDG 2. It will bring together three Lead Convenors who have facilitated strategic reviews in their countries, namely:

- H.E. Hedayat Amin Arsala, former Vice President of Afghanistan
- H.E. Eduardo Stein, former Vice President of Guatemala
- Professor Ndioro Ndiaye, former Minister for Social Development of the Republic of Senegal

The Lead Convenors will reflect on the value of the Zero Hunger Strategic Review process, discuss best practices and lessons learned, and elaborate on how strategic reviews are complementing national efforts to achieve SDG 2.

The event will provide an opportunity for WFP’s Executive Board members to engage with Lead Convenors first hand, learn from their perspectives and reflect on efforts being made at country, regional and global levels to implement the 2030 Agenda. Rome-based agencies (the Food

and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the International Fund for Agricultural Development) and WFP management staff are planned to be part of the audience.

In particular, the event will:

1. enable an exchange of views on challenges encountered at national and global levels with the implementation of the 2030 Agenda;
2. facilitate a dialogue with Lead Convenors on the value of partnerships to achieve the 2030 Agenda; and
3. provide Lead Convenors with the opportunity to understand the views of WFP's Executive Board members on implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

Agenda

13:45 – 13:50 Welcome remarks by Mr David Beasley, Executive Director (tbc)
Objectives of the side event by Mr Stanlake Samkange, Senior Director
for Strategic Coordination and Support

Interventions of the Lead Convenors:

13:50 – 14:00 H.E. Hedayat Amin Arsala, former Vice President of Afghanistan
14:00 – 14:10 H.E. Eduardo Stein, former Vice President of Guatemala
14:10 – 14:20 Professor Ndioro Ndiaye, former Minister for Social Development of Senegal
14:20 – 14:40 Questions and answers with facilitation from Mr Amir Abdulla,
Deputy Executive Director
14:40 – 14:45 Vote of thanks by Mr Zoltán Kálmán, President of the Executive Board
Closing remarks by Mr Amir Abdulla, Deputy Executive Director

This event will be followed by a panel discussion in the Gazebo from 15:30 – 16:30 organized for WFP staff.