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MOVING FORWARD ON PROTECTION: HOW WFP IS BUILDING SAFER ENVIRONMENTS FOR BENEFICIARIES

Tuesday, 11th June 2018, breakfast meeting 08.30 – 09.45

Aula Delegatis, WFP Headquarters



The Government of Switzerland and WFP's Programmes and Policy 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. In June 2018, an evaluation of WFP in this key area was presented to the Executive Board with clear recommendations. After a first major side event on the margins of the Annual Board Session one year ago, this event will explore how WFP has engaged with the evaluation's findings since then, look to the future, and discuss the challenges that may lie ahead.

Participants will encounter the question of how Protection is being linked to other important themes, and understand how it is becoming a way for WFP to embrace a more holistic approach to engaging with populations affected by humanitarian crises. As such, it will consider how the delivery of food security and nutrition programmes contributes to the safety, dignity, and integrity of those we serve, and how risks to beneficiaries can be managed. The event will not shy away from looking at particularly challenging topical areas, such as how Access and Protection can be brought together.

Panellists

- **Valerie Guarnieri**, Assistant Executive Director, Operations, WFP
- **Samir Wanmali**, Deputy Director of Programme and Policy, WFP
- **Lola Castro**, Regional Director Southern Africa, WFP
- **Steven Kearney**, Country Director, State of Palestine, WFP

The event will be moderated by **Manuel Bessler**, Swiss Delegate for Humanitarian Affairs and Head of Swiss Humanitarian Aid.

A complimentary breakfast will be offered for participants.

Programme

- 08.15 Breakfast in the Aula Delegatis
- 08.30 Manuel Bessler, *Welcome and opening comments*
- 08.35 Introductory perspectives
Valerie Guarnieri, *WFP's evolving strategic approach to protection*
Samir Wanmali, *Managing risk for beneficiaries - the essence of what Protection is and means to WFP now and in future*
Lola Castro, *Protection and Accountability to Affected Populations*
Steven Kearney, *The tension between providing Protection and ensuring Access*
- 09.10 Facilitated podium discussion with questions and observations from the floor
- 09.45 Manuel Bessler, *closing comments*