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# Partnerships for Peace Round Table

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14:00 – 17:00 CET - Online event via ZOOM

## Introduction

The Executive Board (EB) Bureau has asked the World Food Programme (WFP) to facilitate engagement between EB Members and Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) who are WFP's Cooperating Partners (CPs) under the overall theme of "Partnerships for Peace". Members of the Board have been invited as have WFP's largest international NGO partners plus some that have engaged in programmes and discussions relevant to this Round Table. National and local NGOs selected in consultation with the regional bureaux and country offices have also been invited to participate.

This moderated Round Table Consultation will be made up of a series of panel discussions. Each panel will consist of representatives from international and local NGOs and WFP, with time allocated for discussions with participants in each panel. Questions may be submitted during the consultation.

Following opening remarks, the first panel will provide an overview of the recent consultations with NGO partners on WFP's next Strategic Plan. This will be followed by three panels, each focusing on a different aspect of the theme "Partnerships for Peace". All panelists have been asked to be forward looking and visionary with a focus on how our partnerships can be more strategic, and how we can do more with less.

## Agenda

Welcome by the Moderator, Mr Tomson Phiri, WFP Spokesperson

Opening remarks:

- Ms Valerie Guarnieri, Assistant Executive Director Programme and Policy Development Department, WFP
- Mr Andrew Morley, International President and Chief Executive Officer, World Vision International

## Consultations with CPs on WFP's Strategic Plan 2022-2026

An overview will be provided of the background and process that led to the series of consultations. This will be followed by brief perspectives on the consultations from WFP, an international and a local NGO:

- Mr Giammichele De Maio, Chief, NGO Partnership Unit, WFP
- Mr Arif Husain, Chief Economist, WFP
- Ms Nada Perovic, Head of Institutional Partnerships, AVSI
- Ms Carine Roenen, Executive Director, Fonkoze Foundation, a local NGO in Haiti

After the presentations the moderator will take questions and other interventions from the floor

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## Partnerships for Peace Discussion

### Discussion 1: Putting Peace into Practice

This session will share the engagement of partners in incorporating peace into their programming at global, regional and country levels, and similarly in ensuring that their work does not inadvertently get caught up in conflict. The following questions will be considered:

- *How have you incorporated a focus on conflict and peace in your programming?*
- *What have you learned and what opportunities do you see in strengthening our partnerships?*
- *From your perspective, what are the main barriers to incorporating peace in programming in conflict settings, and how can we overcome them?*

#### Moderator

- Mr David Kaatrud, Director of Programme (Humanitarian and Development), WFP, as the panel moderator

#### Panel Interventions

- Ms Maya Assaf, Director of Peacebuilding, World Vision International
- Ms Su'ad Jarbawi, Regional Vice President MENA, International Rescue Committee – Jordan
- Mr Elijah Manyok, Executive Director, Smile Again Africa Development Organization (SAADO), a local NGO partner in South Sudan

Questions and other interventions from the floor

### Discussion 2: Breaking the Hunger-Conflict Cycle

Hunger and conflict are two negative drivers that send societies into a downward spiral. This session will consider the cycle of hunger and conflict and the key elements needed to truly change the situation that faces the most vulnerable in these circumstances. The following questions will be considered:

- *What do we, as partners, each focus on, and how can we leverage our own comparative advantages, taking into account the reality of conflict settings?*
- *What are the key elements, beyond political solutions, that are needed to break the cycle of hunger and conflict.*

#### Moderator

- Mr Justin Byworth, Global Humanitarian Director, World Vision International as the panel moderator

#### Panel Interventions

- Ms Sylvia Brown, Conflict Adviser, Islamic Relief
- Ms Joanne Farchakh Bajjaly, Manager, Biladi, a local NGO in Lebanon

Questions and other interventions from the floor

### Discussion 3: Disseminating and Applying Resolutions

United Nations Security Council Resolution 2417 (adopted May 2018), acknowledges the link between hunger and conflict, condemns the starving of civilians as a method of warfare as well as the unlawful denial of humanitarian access to civilian populations. The following question will be considered:

- *What is needed to improve awareness and ensure the application of UNSCR 2417, and related resolutions especially given the deterioration of acute food insecurity that today several countries are facing and the need to prevent and address famine?*

#### Moderator

- Ms Rebecca Richards, Chief, Peace & Conflict Office, WFP, as panel moderator

#### Panel Interventions

- Mr Jean François Riffaud, Executive Director and ad interim Director of Operations, Action contre la Faim
- Ms Mirela Shuteriqi, Director of Policy, International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA)
- Ms Esther Oman, Executive Director, Reach Out, a local NGO in Cameroon

Questions and other interventions from the floor

#### Closing remarks will be delivered by:

- Mr Jan Egeland, Secretary General, Norwegian Refugee Council
- Ms Valerie Guarnieri, Assistant Executive Director Programme and Policy Development Department, WFP

#### Follow Up

A summary of the Partnerships for Peace Round Table will be circulated to participants. If you have any questions regarding this consultation or other follow up, please email the WFP NGO Partnership Unit at [wfp.ngounit@wfp.org](mailto:wfp.ngounit@wfp.org)