



# AFRICA DAY OF SCHOOL FEEDING



**Harnessing Demographic  
Dividend through  
Investment in Youth:  
Home-Grown School Feeding**



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# Second Africa Day of School Feeding

Harnessing Demographic Dividend through Investment in the Youth: Home-Grown School Feeding is an Investment in Africa's Youth and Children

On 1 March, the Second Africa Day of School Feeding will involve 55 countries, celebrating all over Africa under the theme:

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This theme states that school feeding is an investment, not mere spending of national resources. It buttresses the fact that school feeding has short-, medium- and long-term dividends for children, through their demographic transition. The income of local communities would be increased as most of their produce finds a ready market for feeding schoolchildren. Strategically managed Home-Grown School Feeding will spawn value chains for local agriculture, catalysing innovation and entrepreneurship.

WFP joins this initiative and is organizing an event in Rome to celebrate school feeding in Africa.

## AGENDA

15:00–15:05 Introductory words by **Mr Ramiro Lopes da Silva**, Assistant Executive Director, WFP

15:05–15:10 Video Message of **Dr Martial De-Paul Ikounga**, African Union Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology

15:10–15:15 Opening Remarks by **Mr Mohamed Nassir Camara**, Deputy Permanent Representative of **Guinea**

15:15–15:20 Video presentation of **Home-Grown School Feeding in Africa**

15:20–15:55 Panel moderated by **Ms Kawinzi Muiu**, Director of the WFP Gender Office:

- **H.E. Mamadou Kamara Dekamo**, Permanent Representative of the **Republic of Congo**
- **H.E. Hassan Abouyoub**, Permanent Representative of **Morocco**
- **Mr Ayman Tharwat Amin Abdel Aziz**, Chargé d'Affaires at the Permanent Mission of **Egypt**
- **Dr Alice Gisèle Sidibe-Anago**, Deputy Permanent Representative of **Burkina Faso**

- **Mr Rakotoarisolo Suzelin Ratohiarijaona**, Deputy Permanent Representative of **Madagascar**
- **Dr Mitiku Tesso Jebessa** Deputy Permanent Representative of **Ethiopia**
- **Mr Haladou Salha**, **AU-NEPAD** Senior Technical Advisor to the Africa Regional Group and **AU-NEPAD** Senior Liaison to the RBAs

15:55–16:15

**Discussion with the panel and the audience**

16:15–16:30

**The Home-Grown School Feeding Resource Framework**

- **Introduction to the Home-Grown School Feeding Resource Framework** by **Mr David Cuming**, Advisor Permanent Mission of **Canada** to the Food and Agriculture Agencies of the UN
- **Joint Presentation** by **Mr Shantanu Mathur**, IFAD, **Ms Boitshepo Giyose**, FAO and **Mr David Ryckembusch**, WFP
- Remarks by **H.E. Dinah Grace Akello**, Permanent Representative of **Uganda**

16:30–16:45

**Harnessing the Demographic Dividend: Achieving Nutrition**

- Video Message of **Dr Donald Bundy**, Senior Adviser to the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**
- **Nutrition-Sensitive Programming**, by **Ms Lauren Landis**, Head of the **WFP Nutrition Division**
- Remarks by **Mr Carlos Alberto Amaral**, Deputy Permanent Representative of **Angola**

16:45–16:55

**Innovative Partnerships**

- **The School Feeding Investment Case and the MasterCard-WFP Partnership**, by **Mr Gaetano Carboni**, Executive Vice President Strategic Alliances **MasterCard**
- Video message of **Dr Ed Taylor**, Professor at the University of California, Davis, **The Local Economy-Wide Impact Evaluation**

16:55–17:00 **Conclusion**