



Informal Engagement with the PSEAH Championship Advisory Group

Friday, 22 November 2024, 10:00–12:00

WFP headquarters, Auditorium and Peace Garden

Context

As the current Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Champion on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Sexual Harassment (PSEAH), WFP is leading on PSEAH efforts across the sector. Through her role and engagements, Executive Director McCain is amplifying the voices of high-risk communities, and increasing awareness and the need for collective and concrete actions to address the ongoing challenges of implementing PSEAH.

A key WFP IASC Championship priority is to continue to operationalize the victim/survivor-centred approach. Central to this was the creation of a global advisory group, consisting of women-led non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations located in high-risk countries prioritized by the [Inter-Agency Standing Committee Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Risk Overview \(SEARO\)](#). Twelve members were selected, representing organizations from: Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Haiti, Nigeria, the State of Palestine, Philippines, Somalia, South Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Venezuela, and Yemen. Members include feminist leaders from women's rights organizations, people with disabilities, youth and LGBTIQ+ groups, academia, and male gender equality networks. The participants represent diverse contexts and have extensive experience working on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse on the ground and expertise related to victims' needs.

The advisory group will be in Rome from 18–22 November for their first in-person consultation. This consultation will help draw upon their diverse expertise and experience to strengthen IASC Championship strategies for advocacy initiatives, policies, and programmes related to PSEAH.

Objectives

- Introduction of the advisory group members.
- Presentation of key outcomes from the first in-person consultation.
- Networking and exchange between advisory group and Executive Board members.

Agenda

Time	Session	Lead
10:00-10:10	Opening statement	Cindy McCain, Executive Director, WFP
10:10-10:20	Introductory remarks	H.E. Mr Jeffrey Prescott, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture
10:20-10:35	Presentation of the advisory group and key outcomes of the consultation	Selected advisory group members
10:35-10:45	Closing statement	WFP
10:45-12:00	Open exchange between the advisory group members and the Board members, in the Peace Garden	All