

Feeding the future: Leveraging multisectoral efforts for productive human capital and engaging women's participation

Wednesday, 23 July 2025, 1.15 - 2.30 PM
CR 9 - UNHQ, New York

Side Event Description

In alignment with the "Golden Indonesia 2045" Vision, the Government of Indonesia has prioritised the development of human capital by nurturing a healthy, smart, and productive generation. To support economic growth, reduce poverty, and enhance the quality of human development, the Government has launched the Free Nutritious Meal Program (FNMP) in 2024 with a wide range of beneficiaries, which includes students, pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers, and children under five.

The FNMP goals are interconnected and far-reaching, ranging from nutrition and health to education, employment, women empowerment, as well as reduction of poverty and inequality, such as improving academic performance and school attendance, strengthening the livelihoods of farmers, ranchers, fishers, MSMEs, and cooperatives, and contributing to poverty alleviation.

a. Objective

Co-hosted by Qatar, Finland, Bulgaria, Japan, Indonesia and UNICEF, this side event will highlight the importance of shared vision through the multi-sectoral approach for the effective implementation of the FNMP, where the eradication of malnutrition will not only help to achieve SDG 2, but also many other objectives related to SDG 3, SDG 4, SDG 5, and SDG 8. It will bring together representatives from government, development partners, the private sector, and civil society to share best practices and experiences, particularly within the framework of the SDGs in their own policies, strategies, and action plans. The discussion will focus on the FNMP's contributions to sustaining productive human capital and enhancing women's participation in national development.

b. Outcome of the event

The event will catalyse greater movement on sustainable school meals as a cross-sector solution to build productive human capital and engage women participation that builds up momentum toward other global key events, among others the Second Global Summit of the School Meals Coalition (SMC) that will take place in Fortaleza, Brazil, in September 2025.

c. Expected participants of the side event

The invitation to participate in this event will be extended to all HLPF participants.

d. Format

The 1 h 15 min, in-person side event will consist of a panel discussion followed by an interactive discussion. The panel will feature speakers from governments, who will discuss their national commitments, challenges and approaches to scale up and strengthen national school meal programmes. In addition, the panel will include development partners, who will share how they are providing support to help governments achieve their commitments.

e. Agenda

The side event will be organised within the High-Level Political Forum, which takes place on **Wednesday, 23 July 2025, 1.15 pm -2.30 pm (New York time), Conference Room 9 (CR-9).**

The detailed agenda of this event is as follow

Time	Activities
1.15 - 1.19	<u>Welcoming Message</u> Moderator by Ms. Yoko Watanabe , Director of Environment, Asian Development Bank
1.20 - 1.25 (5')	<u>Opening Remarks</u> H.E. Febrian Alphyanto Ruddyard , Vice Minister of National Development Planning of the Republic of Indonesia
1.25 - 1.30 (5')	<u>Remarks</u> Ms. Kitty van der Heijden, Deputy Executive Director for Partnerships, UNICEF
1.30 - 1.50 (20')	<u>Panel Session</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Brig. Gen. (Ret) Sarwono, Chief Secretary, National Nutrition Agency, Republic of Indonesia Ms. Kathleen Sherwin, Chief Strategy and Engagement Officer, Plan International Ms. Joan Matji, Director of Child Nutrition and Development, UNICEF Mr. Ally-Raza Qureshi, Director, WFP New York Global Office
1.50- 2.05 (15')	<u>Discussant</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Ahmed Khalid Al Sumaiti, Director of International Indicators and International Cooperation Department, National Planning Council of Qatar Ms. Jenny Haukka, Deputy Director of the Unit for UN Development Issues, MFA Finland Ambassador Gianluca Greco, Deputy Permanent Representative of Italy Permanent Mission of Bulgaria Permanent Mission of France
2.05 - 2.27 (22')	QnA
2.27 - 2.30 (3')	Closing School Meals Coalition (tbc)

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