



Agenda

Wednesday, 26 October

09:00 – 09:30

Registration and Welcome Coffee

09:30 – 12:30

Open House: Latest Developments at WFP

Presentations on key developments at WFP with opportunity for Q&A. Facilitated by Arnhild Spence – Director, Partnership, Advocacy and Coordination Division

09:30 – 10:30 WFP's new Corporate Strategic Plan, Country Strategic Plans and Financial Framework

Kenn Crossley – Deputy Director, Policy and Programme

Sean O'Brien – Director, Resource Management and Integration

10:30 – 11:00 New Advocacy Hub for SDG2

Corinne Woods – Director of Communications

11:00 – 11:20 WFP's new Nutrition Policy

Fatiha Terki – Senior Programme Policy Officer, Nutrition Division

11:20 – 11:50 WFP Oversight and Partners

David Johnson - Inspector General

11:50 – 12:30 Harmonization & Simplification of partner processes

Fatima Sherif-Nor – Head of Implementing Partner Management Services, UNHCR

Andrea Suley – Chief, Implementation Modalities, UNICEF

Marcus Prior - Head of NGO Partnerships, WFP



12:30 – 13:30

Lunch

13:30 – 13:45

Opening Remarks by WFP AED Elisabeth Rasmusson

13:45– 15:00

Leave no one behind: The SDGs and their implications for WFP and its partnerships

WFP Executive Director Ertharin Cousin

Discussant: Anne-Birgitte Albrechtsen, CEO, Plan International

The 2030 Agenda recognizes the need to prioritize vulnerable populations. As a core principle, the commitment to “leave no one behind and reach those furthest behind first” challenges us to move beyond a focus of meeting immediate needs in order to improve the lives of the most at-risk populations. Addressing these challenges requires a shift in traditional approaches of UN agencies and NGOs alike. In this session, Executive Director Cousin will outline how WFP is transforming itself in light of the SDGs and share her reflections on critical partnership priorities.

Outcomes:

Identify critical opportunities for WFP and NGO partners to deliver collective, sustainable food security and nutrition outcomes.

15:00 – 16:30

Session I: Humanitarian-development coherence and implications for humanitarian principles

Panel Discussion

Jan Egeland - Secretary General, Norwegian Refugee Council

Kevin Jenkins – CEO, World Vision International

Ramiro Lopes da Silva – Assistant Executive Director, Operations Services, WFP

Discussion Paper: Preserving Humanitarian Space while Transcending the Humanitarian/Development Divide (Norwegian Refugee Council)



The most prevalent operational reality of WFP and NGOs is protracted conflict. When multi-mandated actors deepen partnerships with governments and tap into development funding – the preservation of humanitarian space can be brought into question. Close partnership with governments – supporting national development plans - could affect access, partnerships, advocacy and protection. How does this dilemma manifest itself in contemporary operations, and how can we mitigate any negative consequences?

Outcomes:

Understand how different actors approach this issue, learn from best practice in operationalizing humanitarian principles, and review ways of mitigating negative impact on humanitarian space.

16:30 – 16:45 Closing of Day One

17:00 Group photo with the Executive Director (in the Auditorium)

17:30 – 19:00 WFP Meet & Greet and Cocktail Reception

Red Café, WFP HQ

19:30 Dinner hosted by WFP Executive Director Ertharin Cousin for CEOs and Executive Heads (by invitation only)



Thursday, 27 October

08:15 – 08:45 Coffee

08:45 – 09:00 Synthesis of Day 1

09:00 – 10:45 Session II: More Support to First Responders

- *Capacity Strengthening*
- *Funding*
- *Administrative frameworks*

Introductions by

Elhadj As Sy – Secretary General, IFRC

Mark Goldring – Chief Executive, Oxfam GB

Amjad Saleem – Vice Chairperson, NEAR

Followed by facilitated break-out groups + feedback

Discussion Papers: Organisational Development & Capacity Strengthening (IFRC) and The Provision of More Support to First Responders (NEAR)

Background study by ODI: WFP's role in NNGO capacity strengthening

The call for localizing humanitarian response has gained traction in the WHS process and culminated with the Grand Bargain commitments to provide more support to first responders. But how we can practically support them - and in what areas - remains largely unexplored. What do first responders see as priorities for funding? How can international NGOs and UN agencies be useful?

Outcomes:

Articulation of WFP's added value/comparative advantage in capacity strengthening of first responders and greater understanding of how INGOs, WFP and NNGOs can advance the Grand Bargain commitments.

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break



11:00 – 12:30

Session III: The Transformative Power of Cash:

Achieving a Common Vision

Panel Discussion

Alex Jacobs – Director, CaLP

Michael Bowers – Vice President, Humanitarian Leadership and Response, Mercy Corps

Dr. Abbas Gullet – Secretary General, Kenya Red Cross

Kenn Crossley – Deputy Director, Policy and Programme, WFP

Discussion Paper: Fast Forward – A Discussion Paper on the Future of Cash (CaLP)

Cash-based assistance is our shared future (or at least a very large part of it), but do we share a vision for how we can make cash work in tandem with other responses for the people who receive it? How can we get beyond technical discussions over modalities, platforms, and coordination, and maximise the potential of cash for meeting needs? How can we harness the power of 'big data' in programme design and delivery, and better articulate collective outcomes achieved through cash-based assistance?

Outcomes:

A conversation which gets beyond the restrictive debates around the delivery of cash-based assistance and which focuses on programmatic quality and results for affected people.

12:30 – 14:00

Buffet Lunch

14:00 – 14:10

Welcome to the WFP Executive Board



14:10 – 16:00 **Session IV: Innovating Together: Partnerships for Zero Hunger**

Lightning Talks

Lightning Talk 1: New statistical techniques and data to support vulnerable populations by *Linus Bengtsson, CEO, Flowminder*

Lightning Talk 2: Post-Harvest Loss Eradication Project
– *Wolfgang Mittmann, Programme Officer, WFP*

Lightning Talk 3: Leveraging Technology for Accountability to Affected Populations by *Thabani Maphosa, Partnership Leader, Food Assistance, World Vision International*

Panel Discussion:

Linus Bengtsson – CEO and Founder, Flowminder

William Warshauer – CEO, Technoserve

Jodi Nelson – Senior Vice President, Policy and Practice, International Rescue Committee

Robert Opp – Director, Innovation and Change Management, WFP

Innovation – everyone is talking about it. But what does it really mean for our work, and how can we demonstrate its impact on delivering results for those we assist? How can technology, big data, and new approaches to programming catalyze the drive to achieve Zero Hunger? How can UN agencies and NGOs best link with other actors, particularly the private sector, to harness innovative ideas from beyond our frame of reference for the benefit of our interventions?

Outcomes:

A 'meeting of equal minds' in a visionary discussion of the latest innovative approaches, models and tools to revolutionize humanitarian response currently being explored.

16:00 – 16:30 Closing Remarks by Executive Director Ertharin Cousin