

AFRICA DAY OF SCHOOL FEEDING

1 March 2019, 10:00-12:00 WFP Auditorium, Rome

Investing in home grown school feeding for achieving Zero Hunger, sustaining inclusive education for all including Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced persons in Africa.











On 1 March 2019, the Fourth Africa Day of School Feeding, 55 countries will celebrate all over Africa under the theme:

Investing in home grown school feeding for achieving Zero Hunger and sustaining inclusive education for all, including refugees, returnees and internally-displaced persons in Africa.

The celebration will advocate school feeding for the most vulnerable students across the continent. The theme chosen by the African Union for 2019 incorporates the governance dimension of home grown school feeding programmes to benefit students, farmers and entire communities. They ensure children are healthy and ready to learn, help farmers find new markets for their produce and enable communities to prosper.

They are also a vital weapon in the battle to achieve Zero Hunger and the Sustainable Development Goals to enhance the full potential of African Children. WFP joins this initiative and is organizing an event with FAO and IFAD to celebrate school feeding in Africa.

AGENDA

Interpretation is provided

09:30-10:00: Welcome Coffee

10:00-10:05: **Welcoming address** by **Ms Valerie Guarnieri, WFP Assistant Executive Director**

Introduction video

10:05-10:15 **Opening remarks** by

Mr David Beasley, WFP Executive Director

10:15-10:20 **Song performance** by the **United Nations Women's Guild African** Group

10:20–10:25 Video message of H.E. Agbor Sarah Mbi Enow Anyang, African Union Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology

10:25–11:20 **Panel discussion** chaired and moderated by **Ms Valerie Guarnieri**, **WFP Assistant Executive Director**:

- Video Message of H.E. Daniel Kablan
 Duncan Vice President of Côte d'Ivoire
- H.E. Ato Admassu Nebebe, State Minister, Ministry of Finance and Economic Cooperation of the Republic of Ethiopia
- H.E. Ingrid Ebouka-Babackas, Minister of Planning, Statistics and Regional Integration Republic of Congo
- Dr. Yaya Adisa Olaitan Olaniran,
 Permanent Representative of the Republic of Nigeria
- **Mr Máximo Torero Cullen**, Assistant Director-General, **FAO**
- Mr Ashwani Muthoo, Director of the Global Engagement and Multilateral Relations Division, IFAD
- H.E Haladou Salha, AU-NEPAD Advisor to the Africa Regional Group and AU-NEPAD Liaison to the RBAs

Q&A

Investing in Home Grown School Feeding: a high return investment in local economies

11:20-11:25 Home Grown School Feeding video

11:25-11:40 **Mr J. Edward Taylor**, Professor and Vice Chair Agricultural and Resource Economics, **University of California**, **Davis**

11:40-11:55 Discussion with the panel and the audience

11:55-12:00 **Closing remarks**