

Staying Ahead of the Curve in the Response to the Humanitarian Crisis in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Side event on the margins of the Second Regular Session of the Executive Board

Thursday, 29 November, 8:45-9:15 (with 8:30 welcome coffee)

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You are kindly invited to the side event entitled 'Staying Ahead of the Curve in the Humanitarian Crisis in the Democratic Republic of the Congo'. The discussion will be opened by Mr David Beasley, WFP Executive Director, who will be joined by a panel of speakers including:

- Ms Valerie Guarnieri, WFP Assistant Executive Director, Operations Services, will provide a broad overview of the crisis;
- Mr Amer Daoudi, WFP Senior Director of Operations, will touch upon the multiple stress points facing the country;
- Mr Claude Jibidar, WFP Country Director in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, will elaborate on WFP achievements to date, gaps, challenges and priorities in 2019.

The event will highlight the critical humanitarian situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo related to the Ebola virus disease in the conflict-affected eastern part of the country. It will also draw the attention to the worsening hunger crisis, marked by a doubling of Congolese people living in acute food insecurity over the past years, to a staggering 13 million. The event aims to activate an urgent call to action to prepare for what could represent a perfect humanitarian storm in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

We look forward to welcoming you.