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## Summary report Annual Partnership Consultation (APC) 2019

The **2019 Annual Partnership Consultation (APC)** was an opportunity for leaders of NGO partners and WFP to discuss some of the most pressing global challenges and opportunities that the humanitarian and development community are facing and align on common strategic interests and priorities. This APC, at CEO-level, was attended by **66 representatives from 44 non-governmental partners**. Many WFP staff also joined.

In his opening remarks, the Executive Director reminded the audience about how **fundamental partnerships are to addressing humanitarian and development challenges, now more than ever**. Conflict, climate change and extreme weather events are driving hunger in unprecedented ways, leading to a growing number of food insecure people and increased levels of migration across borders. Highlighting how complex these challenges are, he argued that **NGOs and WFP must work together**, more closely than ever, **to get back on track for Zero Hunger**.

### Climate-risk-informed development for food security

The APC kicked-off with a discussion on **how to transform vulnerable food systems in a changing climate** with the goal of strengthening the livelihoods of communities most at risk.

Following a keynote overview of the state of food systems under a changing climate, discussions focused on the changes needed to achieve the SDGs in the next decade.

### THE PANEL

#### Climate Risk-Informed Development for Food Security

**Ana Maria Loboguerrero**, Head, Global Policy Research, CCAFS (*Keynote*)

**Valerie Guarnieri**, Assistant Executive Director — Programme and Policy Development, WFP (*Moderator*)

**Christina Bennett**, Chief Executive Officer, Start Network

**Erin Coughlan**, Manager — Climate Science, Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre

**Marion Lieser**, Executive Director, Oxfam Germany

**Gernot Laganda**, Chief Climate and Disaster Risk Programmes, WFP

Recommendations include:

- Strengthening anticipatory actions to provide value for money, ensure faster response mechanisms, and address disasters of different scales as well as neglected crises.
- Improving integration of disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation and resilience strategies into country programmes to reduce humanitarian needs before they arise.
- Establishing better climate risk management practices to avoid, accept and transfer the risks that cannot be addressed with humanitarian financing only.
- Bringing tools created for development interventions into fragile contexts to strengthen the humanitarian-development nexus.



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## Integrated Programming and Population Displacement: Addressing the Complexities of Migration through Prevention and Principled Response

In his keynote, Jan Egeland, Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugee Council, reviewed the main factors that trigger migration and proposed focusing on advocacy, diplomatic and multi-stakeholder approaches to assist and protect migrants and their communities.

Evidence-based studies on hunger, conflict and migration were presented. It is clear that leaving home is a last coping resort undertaken despite the huge risks associated to irregular migration. This is especially true for women and children, who are exposed to very serious risks of violence and abuse when migrating.

The humanitarian sector must have a role in supporting people not to feel forced to make these choices.. This includes factoring in the support to

host communities and collecting disaggregated data to enhance our understanding of the migration phenomenon.

In this situation, partnerships are key for effective prevention and protection, as they can add value in providing assistance to vulnerable populations.

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#### Digital Opportunity, Solutions and Challenges: Implications of the Digital Era in Humanitarian Partnerships and Programming

**Enrica Porcari**, CIO and Director of Technology Division, WFP (*Keynote*)

**Mathias Mogge**, Secretary General, Welthungerhilfe (*Moderator*)

**Jemilah Mahmood**, Under Secretary General for Partnerships, IFRC

**Ken Isaacs**, Vice-President, Samaritan's Purse

**David Kaatrud**, Director Programme — Humanitarian & Development Division, WFP

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#### Integrated programming and population displacement: addressing the complexities of migration through prevention and principled response

**Jan Egeland**, Secretary General, Norwegian Refugee Council (*Keynote*)

**Arif Husain**, Chief Economist and Director of Research, Assessment and Monitoring, WFP (*Moderator*)

**Janti Soeripto**, President & COO, Save the Children USA

**Sheba Crocker**, Vice President for Humanitarian Policy & Practice, CARE USA

**Khaled Erksoussi**, Secretary General, Syrian Arab Red Crescent

**Kyung-Nan Park**, Deputy Regional Director — Latin America, WFP

#### Digital Opportunity, Solutions and Challenges: Implications of the digital era for humanitarian partnerships and programming

The sessions focused on **how to make the most of the opportunities that digital transformation offers, as well as tackle associated risks.**

Enrica Porcari, CIO and Director of the Technology Division at WFP, in her keynote speech presented WFP's overall direction, also in relation to partnerships, in leveraging technology to make its work more effective while considering the normative standards in place.





The panel discussion that ensued centered on **building common, interoperable systems** and **sharing data for increased operational effectiveness**, while at the same time following best practices and data protection standards.

During the discussion, partners from the floor pointed out at several challenges to be jointly addressed in the future. These include:

- The lack of universal standards on data protection
- The need to strengthen digital literacy in beneficiaries to empower them and build trust when collecting their data
- The necessity to address the digital divide and build capacity in local actors, as crucial players in humanitarian assistance.

Embracing **technology can enhance the efficiency and impact of humanitarian work** by providing tailored and meaningful support to those who need it the most. At the same time, there is a clear **need to continue the conversation** between WFP and its partners on common frameworks and principles and to what extent we should share data and build interoperable systems.

## Moving Forward Together - Discussion in view of WFP's Strategic Plan's Mid Term Review

In the last session, Valerie Guarnieri, WFP Assistant Executive Director of Programme and Policy Development Department, and Annalisa Conte, WFP Kenya Country Director, asked the **audience how to jointly explore new opportunities for strategic partnerships** to positively influence progress towards SDG2 and Agenda 2030.

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**Valerie Guarnieri**, Assistant Executive Director — Programme and Policy Development, WFP

**Annalisa Conte**, Country Director — Kenya, WFP

The break-out groups returned with some important actionable ideas, such as **increasing the participation of new NGOs on policy related issues, bringing the nexus to country level, focusing on localization, longer partnerships and transparency**. This session was attended also by WFP Executive Board Members.

For follow-up on any of the issues discussed during the APC, sharing of additional ideas and any other query, please contact [wfp.ngounit@wfp.org](mailto:wfp.ngounit@wfp.org)



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