

WFP Zero Food Loss Initiative Side Event

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

Thursday, 29 November 2018 from 13:45 to 14:45

Auditorium, WFP Headquarters



You are kindly invited to the side event on the World Food Programme's (WFP) Zero Food Loss Initiative hosted by the East and Central Africa Regional Bureau and WFP's Global Post-Harvest Knowledge and Operations Centre (KNOC).

The event will focus on enhancing visibility among the Executive Board membership and key stakeholders regarding WFP's efforts to reduce post-harvest loss at the household level. Through the Zero Food Loss Initiative, smallholder families reduce post-harvest loss from 40 percent to almost zero. This has a measurable impact on farming family income, food availability in the lean season, and health and nutrition. WFP works with the private sector to ensure smallholder families have the opportunity to purchase cost-efficient air and water-tight storage, ranging from 50 Kg to 1 MT. This equipment reduces losses to almost zero by suffocating insects on their own CO₂. The Zero Food Loss Initiative has a cascade impact on half of the Sustainable Development Goals (1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 12.3, 13, 17).

WFP voices and external experts will participate in a panel discussion on next steps to scale post-harvest loss reduction efforts to reach Africa's estimated 200 million smallholder families by 2030.

Expert Panelists

- Mr Matthew Hollingworth – WFP Sudan Country Director
- Dr Matthias Huss, Senior Researcher, University of Zurich / ETH Zurich
- Mr Allan Mortensen - Managing Director – Food Security, Vestergaard Frandsen
- Ms Davinah Nabirye – Knowledge Management and Communications Officer, Post-Harvest KNOC

The event will be opened by Ms Erika Joergensen, Regional Director, East and Central Africa, Regional Bureau and moderated by Mr Brett Rierson, Head, WFP Global Post-Harvest Knowledge and Operations Centre.