



Bangkok Regional Bureau: Asia and the Pacific Regional Programme Portfolio Presentation Showcasing Country Operations

Post-first regular session of the Executive Board presentation

Thursday, 28 February 2019, 11:00–12:00

Aula Delegatis, WFP headquarters

Welcome breakfast will be served from 10:30

You are kindly invited to a post-Executive Board side event on Thursday, 28 February which will be chaired by the World Food Programme (WFP) Regional Director Mr David Kaatrud, with support from Regional Head of Programme, Mr Siemon Hollema; Regional Senior Programme Advisor, Ms Kimberly Deni; Head of Regional Partnerships, Mr Janne Suvanto; Regional Partnerships Officer, Ms Zahra Inayat; Regional Head of Communication, Mr James Belgrave; and Ms Sunsanee Boonyachindarat, Staff Assistant for the Regional and Deputy Regional Director.

Context

In the context of the United Nations 2030 Agenda and to better respond to the needs of the United Nations Member States, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were launched in 2016. WFP was one of the first United Nations agencies that decided to review its way of functioning and relevance in different parts of the world based on its global mandate to tackle hunger and malnutrition, as well as use its special role as the logistics arm of the United Nations and cluster lead or co-lead for food security, logistics and emergency telecommunications. This review is particularly important in regions like Asia and the Pacific, where economic growth has accelerated in recent years. Moreover, most of the countries where WFP has had operations are already classified as middle income or are anticipated to enter that level within the next couple of years.

The regional bureau for Asia and the Pacific has been at the forefront of the Integrated Road Map (IRM) implementation and now has developed a regional interim multi-country strategic plan (I-MCSP) Portfolio consisting of 14 CSPs with a projected 50-plus strategic outcomes and over 90 activities. This portfolio, being the first of its kind in WFP, represents a significant move away from narrowly-focused WFP-specific interventions to promoting increased national ownership through institutional strengthening and systems-oriented approaches. In addition, it fully leverages upon WFP's dual mandate. The shift towards a more enabling role, supporting nationally-led development agendas while assisting governments in managing risks to their plans that arise from natural or man-made hazards is proving transformational for WFP's efforts in the Asia and the Pacific region. This portfolio firmly positions WFP in support of national development plans and the SDGs and, within the United Nations reform effort, aligns closely with the United Nations development assistance framework (UNDAF) and key United Nations agency country strategic plans (such as United Nations Children's Fund, Rome-based agencies).

Objectives

This side event will provide the Executive Board Membership and WFP staff with a detailed insight on WFP's unique role in the Asia and the Pacific region and will share best practices and lessons learnt that will be useful for other operations implementing the IRM. This will be an interactive session covering not only emerging programmatic themes, such as climate change/disaster risk reduction, nutrition, social protection, and humanitarian–development–peace nexus; but also new implementation modalities, such as South-South and triangular cooperation, support services, such as supply chain management, and evidence generation.

Agenda

- 11:00 Introduction by the Regional Director
- 11:15 Programme overview by the Regional Head of Programme
- 11:35 Programme thematic presentation by the Regional Senior Programme Advisor
- 11:45 Q&A facilitated by the Regional Director
- 11:55 Closing remarks by the Regional Director

List of Speakers:

1. Mr David Kaatrud, Regional Director, Asia and the Pacific (moderator);
2. Mr Siemon Hollema, Regional Head of Programme;
3. Ms Kimberly Deni, Regional Senior Programme Advisor.