



United Nations Rome-based Agencies' field-level collaboration in South-South and Triangular Cooperation for SDG 2

LEVERAGING SOUTH-SOUTH AND TRIANGULAR COOPERATION TO UNLOCK THE POTENTIAL OF NATIONAL HOME-GROWN SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAMMES TO TRANSFORM LOCAL FOOD SYSTEMS

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CONTEXT

The world is facing an unprecedented global food crisis in recent history with over 345 million people currently estimated to be acutely food insecure or at high risk. The overlap of major challenges, including the climate crisis, conflicts, and the COVID-19 pandemic, have contributed to putting national food systems – especially the ones in the Global South – under pressure to respond and prevent it from becoming even worse in 2023 and the coming years.

Food systems are central to protecting vulnerable people from the impact of the global food crisis. Concerted efforts must be made to strengthen these systems not only to respond to current crises, but also to enhance their resilience and capacity to become more self-reliant in the long term. This is key to protecting development gains from being lost amidst this urgent need.

OBJECTIVES

- Launch the first RBA joint field-level collaboration on SSTC in HGSF and demonstrate the RBA contribution to brokering SSTC in the field.
- Provide a platform for countries from the Global South to share experiences, good practices and lessons learned in HGSF, showcase their commitment to improving national HGSF programmes and share their views on how they can benefit from SSTC in this area.
- Enable dialogue between governments, development agencies, international organizations, regional entities, IFIs, and other stakeholders to build partnerships and scale-up solutions to strengthen national HGSF through SSTC.

OUTCOMES

- Identified opportunities for cross-fertilization and collaboration with other global and regional level initiatives supporting the Global School Meals Coalition.
- Identified potential partners (regional entities, IFIs, triangular partners, etc.) for the RBA joint SSTC initiative in HGSF to support national capacity strengthening in designing and implementing national sustainable HGSF programmes.
- Summary report with key takeaways of the session to be disseminated to relevant stakeholders.

In line with the outcome document of the UN Food Systems Summit, national home-grown school feeding programmes (HGSF) have been recognized as an effective means to reach the most vulnerable people living in hunger and as a strategic pathway toward a food system transformation. HGSF can support strengthening local value chains for the global food crisis response and generate longer-term multisectoral benefits in education, health and livelihoods of children and communities.

While many countries have achieved significant progress in implementing HGSF programmes, a number of them still face challenges in effectively connecting smallholder farmers to local food value chains linked to school feeding programmes. South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) can play a pivotal role in enabling countries to share their knowledge and experience to help each other enhance the capacity of HGSF programmes to reach the most vulnerable.

Recognizing the urgency and importance of sharing lessons learned and leveraging its complementarities, the Rome-based Agencies (RBA) – FAO, IFAD and WFP – have come together to develop a joint SSTC programme aimed at responding to the demands of five countries – Kenya, Rwanda, the Philippines, Sao Tome e Principe and Senegal – all part of the Global School Meals Coalition. The programme aims at supporting the implementation of their respective HGSF programmes, benefitting from the knowledge and expertise of a wide range of partners in the Global South. Whilst these five countries are provisionally identified as the initial set of participants, the RBA aim at expanding the programme to respond to increasing country demands.

This session at the Thematic Solution Forum (TSF) of the Global South-South Development (GSSD) Expo will enable the RBA to officially launch this RBA SSTC initiative by facilitating a dialogue between Member States, UN Agencies, and partners on how HGSF programmes can support achieving food security and nutrition for all, especially in the context of the global food crisis.

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AGENDA (12 SEPTEMBER 2022)

- **Moderator:** Ron Hartman (IFAD– Director, Global Engagement, Partnerships and Resource Mobilization Division)
- **Format:** in-person & zoom
- **Duration:** 75 minutes
- **Interpretation:** Portuguese & French

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKERS
Introductory Remarks from the Moderator		
5'	Welcome and introduction from the moderator	Mr. Ron Hartman, IFAD, Director of Global Engagement, Partnerships and Resource Mobilisation
Opening Remarks		
5'	The role of the RBA in brokering SSTC to support national HGSF programmes as a vehicle for food systems transformation in the context of the global food crisis.	Mr. David Kaatrud, WFP, Director of the Programme – Humanitarian and Development Division
Panel: Voices from the field - Reaching the most vulnerable through SSTC for home-grown school feeding programmes		
10'	Country perspective from Kenya: Opportunities for SSTC to share Kenya's experience with the transition of school meals programmes to the Government with partners in the developing world.	Ms. Nerreah Anyango Olick, Director of Primary Education, Ministry of Education Kenya, and Ms. Lauren Landis, WFP Country Director in Kenya
10'	Country perspective from Sao Tome and Principe	H.E. Francisco Martins dos Ramos-Pardal, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development, Sao Tome and Principe IFAD representative in Sao Tome and Principe (tbc)
10'	Country perspective from Senegal	Mr. El Hadji Seck, Director of School Canteens at the Ministry of National Education of Senegal, and Mr. Robert Gouantoueu Guei, FAO representative in Senegal
10'	Relevance of building partnerships and supporting SSTC for accelerating HGSF to help achieve zero hunger for all.	Tbc
Discussion (Moderator)		
18'	Questions from the floor and discussion.	Voices from the audience at the GSSD Expo
Closing remarks		
5'	Key take-aways and closing remarks.	Mr. Ye Anping, FAO, Director of the South-South and Triangular Cooperation Division
2'	Group photo	Moderator

SPEAKERS' BIOS



Mr. Anping Ye

*Director, South-South and Triangular Cooperation Division
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)*

Mr. Anping Ye is currently FAO's Director of the South-South and Triangular Cooperation Division. Mr. Ye, a national of China, holds a Bachelor of Science in Animal Husbandry from Zhejiang University in China. Prior to joining FAO, Mr Ye was serving as Deputy Director-General of Agricultural Trade Promotion Centre at the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA) in Beijing, China. In 2019, he joined FAO headquarters as Senior Advisor to the Director-General in the Office of the Director-General (ODG). He started his career in 1986 at the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA), where he served in the Division of European Affairs, Department of International Cooperation, holding positions of increasing responsibility, and, subsequently, advancing to Deputy Director of International Organizations Affairs Division. From 1999 to 2005, he served as Second Secretary and then as First Secretary at the Permanent Representation of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Rome-based Agencies (RBA) in Rome, Italy. Between 2005 and 2016, he returned to MOA, where he held senior level positions, in particular Director of International Organizations Affairs Division, Director of Asian and Africa Affairs Division, and Director of American and Oceanian Affairs Division. In 2017, he served as Deputy Director-General of International Cooperation Department at MARA. He is currently based in Rome, Italy.

Mr. David Kaatrud

*Director, Programme—Humanitarian and Development Division
World Food Programme*

Mr. David Kaatrud is WFP's Global Director of Programme and Policy for humanitarian and development action, based in WFP's headquarters in Rome. He leads the organization's work on Climate, Food Systems, Resilience, Peace & Conflict, Protection, Social Protection, Country Capacity Strengthening, South-South and Triangular Cooperation among others. David has been involved in leading humanitarian and development work for the past 30 years, having worked with CARE and OCHA in addition to WFP, with longstanding experience in coordinating operations across the globe. Most recently, David served in Bangkok as WFP's Regional Director for Asia & the Pacific Bureau. Through various senior positions in Emergencies, Assessment & Analysis and Logistics over the years, he has held a lead role in building WFP's internal response capacity, developing key strategic partnerships and strengthening inter-agency coordination. Specifically, as Global Chief of Logistics, he was deployed to numerous crises and conflict zones in ex-Yugoslavia, Somalia, Kosovo and East Timor and oversaw major logistics operations in the Caucasus and Central Asia. Later, as Director of Assessment & Analysis, he introduced new economic methodology to poverty and hunger reporting, which included co-leading the UN's efforts in GIS technologies. Beyond WFP, David served as OCHA's Coordination & Response Director in the UN's HQ in New York, supporting UN coordination of multiple crises, including the Haiti Earthquake. In 2010 he re-joined WFP as Director of Emergencies and continued coordinating global crises responses, including Syria. David holds two master's degrees in International Affairs/Economic Development and Urban Planning from Columbia University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He is currently based in Rome, Italy, with his wife and three children.



Mr. Ron Hartman

*Director, Global Engagement, Partnerships and Resource Mobilization
International Fund for Agricultural Development*

Mr. Ron Hartman is currently IFAD's Director for Global Engagement, Partnerships and Resource Mobilization. He is responsible for leading IFAD's global engagement and multilateral relations including with the private sector; South-South and triangular cooperation, resource mobilization and funds management. Prior to his current position, Mr. Hartman served as IFAD Country Director and Representative at its South-East Asia and the Pacific sub-regional office in Jakarta. With over 25 years of professional experience, including over 18 years with the United Nations, Mr. Hartman has acquired an extensive managerial and operational experience in over 25 countries. He has specialized knowledge in promoting sustainable socio-economic development and poverty reduction, public policy and partnerships. He has strong technical experience in the design and implementation of public and private investments. In 2011, Mr Hartman was awarded the IFAD Presidential Award for outstanding performance.



Ms. Nerreah Anyango Olick

Director Primary Education, Ministry of Education Kenya

Ms. Nerreah Anyango Olick is the Director of Primary Education in Kenya Ministry of Education. She is the overall in charge of Primary School Programmes. School Feeding is one of the programmes under her directorate. She is passionate about school meals and is a great advocate for the programme. She holds a master's degree in education and is currently undertaking a PhD programme. She has previously worked as a County Director of Education (sub-national level).



Ms. Lauren Landis

Representative and Country Director World Food Programme, Kenya Country Office

Ms. Lauren Landis has spent her career working in the field of relief and development. She began in 1985 working for OCHA (then UNDRO) in Geneva, Switzerland. She then took on assignments in Washington and in Africa working as a Disaster Operations Specialist and as an Emergency Operations Coordinator for the U.S. Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance within the Agency for International Development. In 1993, Ms. Landis turned her efforts to the NGO sector. From 1993 to 1995, she worked for InterAction, a coalition of U.S. based NGOs, as a Programme Officer. In 1995, Ms. Landis moved to Save the Children where she served for the next seven years in various assignments including Director of Humanitarian Response, and Director of the Food Security Unit. In 2002, Ms. Landis returned to the U.S Government to take up the position of Director of the Office of Food for Peace within the U.S. Agency for International Development. Subsequently, Ms. Landis transitioned to the U.S. Department of State in 2006, where she served as the Senior Representative on Sudan. Her returning to the UN in 2009, Ms. Landis served in Rome, Italy, for three years as Chief of Staff and Director of the Office of the Executive Director for the World Food Programme.

Following that assignment, she became the Director of the World Food Programme Geneva Office, from 2011 until 2013. From 2013 to 2016, Ms. Landis served as the WFP Country Representative and Director in Chad. In mid-2016, she returned to Rome, Italy to take up an appointment as WFP's Director of Nutrition. In March 2020, Ms. Landis was appointed Representative and Country Director for the WFP Kenya Country Office.



H.E. Francisco Martins dos Ramos-Pardal

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development, Republic of Sao Tome and Principe

H.E. Francisco Martins dos Ramos-Pardal is the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development of the Republic of Sao Tome and Principe. He has worked in both the public and private sectors, holding positions such as school director, manager in a private company overseeing the cocoa value chain, and coordinator of international development projects. In recognition of his many effective years of experience in administration and programme management, he was nominated by his government on December 3, 2018 to lead the transformation of the agricultural sector, one of the main pillars of the economy of Sao Tome and Principe. Prior to joining the Ministry, H.E. Ramos-Pardal played a key role in the development of family farming, fisheries and commercial agriculture for national commodities such as cacao, coffee and pepper. He was the lead Project Coordinator and Technical Advisor for over ten years in the Participatory Smallholder Agriculture and Artisanal Fisheries Development Programme (PAPAFPA) and was responsible for the promotion of rural family farming in the framework of the National Family Farming Promotion Programme (PNAPAF). H.E. Francisco Martins dos Ramos-Pardal is an agricultural engineer with a Master's of Science in Agronomy from the Peoples' Friendship University of Patrice Lumumba, Moscow, Russia; and was awarded the Order of Friendship between Nations by the then Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.



Mr. El Hadji Seck

Director of School Canteens at the Ministry of National Education Government of Senegal

Mr. El Hadji Seck holds a Higher Diploma of Normal Studies, a Certificate of Pedagogical Aptitude (CAP) and a degree in public law from Cheikh Anta Diop University in Dakar. He began his career as an educator in Gossas, in the region of Fatick, and in 2004, he was subsequently assigned to the Inspectorate of Education and Training of Foundiougne as a person in charge of school feeding programme. As Director of School feeding at the Ministry of Education in August 2017, Mr. Seck worked closely with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and the World Food Programme (WFP) through the implementation of projects and programs, including the Purchase from Africans for Africa (PAA), jointly implemented by FAO and WFP in Senegal and inspired by the Brazilian model through south-south cooperation, technical cooperation projects, among others. He represented the Ministry of Education in several high-level meetings at the national, regional and international levels on school feeding, including the Global Chain Nutrition Fund (GCNF) and school feeding summit in Addis Ababa. Mr. Seck has also ensured the coordination of all interventions on school feeding within the Ministry of Education and maintains a good partnership with bilateral and multilateral cooperation on this issue.



Dr Robert Gouantoueu Guei

Head of the Sub-Regional Office for West Africa and FAO Representative in Senegal

Dr Robert Guei, holds a master's degree in agronomy from the Agricultural University (ENSA), Abidjan, Cote D' Ivoire; a Master of Science and PhD in Plant breeding and Genetics from Kansas State University, USA in 1991. Dr. Guei began his career as a maize breeder in the Department of Agriculture at Kansas State University, then joined AfricaRice in 1991 as a geneticist and mangrove rice breeder. In 1994 he became the Coordinator of the International Network for the Genetic Evaluation of Rice and was then appointed as the Head of the Centre for the Conservation of Plant Genetic Resources. He joined FAO in 2005 as a Seed Officer in the Plant Production and Protection Division and in 2011 he was appointed the Secretary of the Committee on Agriculture, and Principal Technical Advisor of the Assistant Director General responsible for the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Protection, Rome, Italy. Since January 2019, he is appointed Head of the West Africa office of FAO and Representative in Senegal.