

Side Event at the Global South-South Development Expo 2022

**South-South dialogues and learnings in Africa: powerful strategy and tools to improve food security and nutrition**

13<sup>th</sup> September 2022, from 17:15 to 18:30 (local time, GMT +7 hours)

Hybrid event: Conference room 3 and Zoom link:

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**Context**

Africa has a plethora of good practices that have generated good results on addressing food insecurity and malnutrition. Unfortunately, little systematic effort has been made to promote them. Making good practices readily accessible through their replication and/or upscaling on the continent could create greater impact on food security and nutrition.

As a facilitator of south-south cooperation and innovative partnership between WFP and Cote D'Ivoire, the Regional Centre of Excellence against Hunger and Malnutrition (CERFAM) has a two-fold service offering to support the African countries to advance SDGs, especially SDG2 and the Agenda 2063 of the African Union: the promotion of good practices and the facilitation of capacity strengthening. To deliver the two-fold service, CERFAM has developed strategies and tools to support the capacity strengthening of national institutions and development partners and facilitate the access and implementation of good practices on food security and malnutrition. CERFAM has developed an [innovative digital knowledge exchange platform \(KEPT\)](#), which promotes knowledge exchange and the mobilization of expertise on key thematic areas. The platform enables the submission, documentation, validation or certification and dissemination of good practices through a rigorous methodology. By partnering with CERFAM and using KEPT, stakeholders in food security and nutrition will contribute to the expansion of a robust body of evidence-based, programme-integrated, risk-informed good practices available to governments and partners to make informed decisions to leverage investments in matters relating to hunger and malnutrition.

Apart from its work on good practice documentation, CERFAM focuses on capturing experiences to assist partners in capitalizing on the lessons learnt from their programmes and projects. By adopting a holistic and inclusive approach and through extensive consultations with main stakeholders, including interviews with key informants, focus group discussions, and on-site observations, this method fosters peer-learning, networks and communities of practice. Occasional knowledge products may be generated in the form of publications to support more systematic use of experience capitalization to inform policy decision-making and investments.

The year of 2022 has been declared by the African Union (AU) as the year of Nutrition. A few priority areas have been identified to strengthen resilience in nutrition and food security on the African continent. One of these areas is “Data management, information systems, knowledge generation and dissemination to inform decision making”. CERFAM can play a key role in this area to support African countries through its services, including good practice dissemination and south-south learning, to achieve nutrition security.

As one of the CERFAM's key partners in knowledge management, the knowledge sharing platform on Emergencies and Resilience of FAO (KORE) is actively engaged in knowledge sharing and capitalization of good practices to support building resilience of agriculture-based livelihoods. Joint actions between CERFAM and KORE, including two webinars on the documentation, dissemination and replication of good practices, have been undertaken to foster knowledge management among key stakeholders in food security and nutrition on the continent. The collaboration of two entities can create more synergies and complementarities to better support the priority area of AU on knowledge and data generation and dissemination.

**Specific objectives for the session include:**

- Showcase the strategy and tools developed by CERFAM for south-south learning;
- Present CERFAM digital knowledge exchange platform (KEPT), which facilitates the documentation of good practices online, the access to validated/certified good practices, exchanges among technical experts and other users and the request of technical assistance to replicate good practices.
- Advocate for a multi-sectorial and multi-stakeholder approach of knowledge management with partnering organizations engaged in leveraging the documentation of good practices and their replication/scale up.
- Present a country's experience on SSTC benefits in the field.

**Concrete outcomes expected from your session**

The side-event is expected to increase awareness about the benefits and importance of south-south exchange, especially through the documentation and dissemination of good practice. Participants will be introduced to CERFAM initiatives and tools on good practice documentation as well as initiatives carried out by one of its partner organizations. Other exchange modalities, namely knowledge products and south-south study visit, will also be explored in the session.

Specific outcomes include:

- The modalities of south-south exchange (good practice documentation through digital knowledge exchange platform, knowledge products and south-south study visit) are shared with countries and partners;
- The digital knowledge exchange platform of CERFAM and its methodology of

good practice documentation are presented;

- Increased awareness on the benefits of these exchanges and dialogue for better programmes and policies; and
- Partnerships opportunities are identified for future collaboration on south-south exchanges, especially on knowledge management.

## Agenda

- **Modérateur:** Christiani Buani, Chargée des Operations, CERFAM

<i>Duration</i>	<i>Thématique</i>	<i>Panelistes</i>
<b>Remarques d'ouverture du modérateur</b>		
3'	Bienvenu et présentation des panelistes	Dr. Christiani Buani, Chargée des Operations, CERFAM
<b>Session d'ouverture</b>		
10'	CERFAM, un centre pour les échanges de coopération sud sud, la création et la diffusion de connaissances pour la faim zéro et malnutrition  Côte d'Ivoire et le renforcement de la dissémination et la promotion des bonnes pratiques pour la faim zéro et la malnutrition en Afrique de l'Ouest	M. Patrick Teixeira, Director ai, CERFAM  Dr. Patricia N'Goran, Conseillère Spéciale du Gouvernement de la Cote d'Ivoire au CERFAM, TBC
<b>Panel: Les échanges de coopération sud sud en Afrique</b>		
5'	Les bénéfices d'investir en coopération sud sud pour avancer l'agenda des ODDs	Dr. Grace Wang, Directrice Adjointe UNOSSC, TBC
5'	Les outils de la coopération sud sud pour améliorer la sécurité alimentaire et nutritionnelle : la plateforme digitale innovante (KEPT) et les apprentissages entre pairs en Afrique	Dr. Christiani Buani, Chargée des Operations, CERFAM
7'	Les avantages de la coopération sud sud sur le terrain : l'expérience du Kenya	Official du Gouvernement + Mme. Lauren Landis, CD PAM au Kenya
10'	La perspective des partenaires de KEPT : quels gains pour la documentation et promotion des bonnes pratiques?	Mme. Frederique Mantras, FAO KORE (TBC)/ TBC IFAD RURAL PORTAL
<b>Echanges</b>		
10'	Questions des participants	Dr. Christiani Buani, Chargée des Operations CERFAM comme modérateur des voix des participants à l'Expo et online
<b>Mots de clôture</b>		
5'	La coopération sud sud pour avancer l'agenda de l'Union Africaine dans l'amélioration de la sécurité alimentaire et	DR. Margaret Agama-Anyetei, AG. Directeur de la Sante et Affaires

	nutritionnelle	Humanitaire, Commission de l'Union Africaine
5'	L'investissement du PAM en Coopération sud sud et le rôle des Centre d'Excellence	David Kaatrud, Directeur, Division de Programme, Humanitaire et Développement au PAM
3'	Photo de Groupe	Modérateur

### Speakers' Bios

	<p><b>Mr. Patrick Teixeira</b>  Director a.i of CERFAM  World Food Programme</p>
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Patrick TEIXEIRA is director a.i. of the Regional Centre of Excellence against Hunger and Malnutrition (CERFAM). He joined CERFAM in 2019 as head of strategic planning, program design and partnerships. Patrick has over 26 years of experience as a humanitarian and development actor, including 25 years with the World Food Programme. He has held various leadership and management positions, including in Cape Verde, Liberia, Eritrea, Côte d' Ivoire, Gambia and Italy. Most recently, as Deputy Country Director and Program Director at WFP-Timor-Leste. Patrick has expertise and experience in the areas of food security, nutrition and food systems. Patrick obtained a Master of Sciences in Economics and a Diploma in International Development and Cooperation from the University of Social Sciences of Toulouse, France. Patrick is also an ILO certified gender expert.



**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 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.



**Mrs. Lauren Landis**

Representative and Country Director

World Food Programme, Kenya Country Office

Ms. 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.