



CLIMATE AND NUTRITION ROUNDTABLE

5 FEBRUARY 2025 | 10:00-13:00 (CET)



Policy and research roundtable dialogue on integrated climate-nutrition action

Sheikh Zayed Centre FAO headquarters, Rome and online
Interpretation in all UN languages

Climate change and malnutrition are two of the greatest challenges to sustainable development. Food security and good nutrition are essential human rights and will not be achieved sustainably without climate action. Whereas the goals of climate action cannot be achieved without also addressing food security and good nutrition. The latest IPCC reports document that even if all climate commitments in sectors other than agrifood systems were reached, the goals of the Paris Agreement would still not be met, highlighting the need to invest in agrifood systems solutions and underscoring the urgent need to empower **all** available climate solutions across **all** sectors.

Integrated actions that are nutrition-sensitive and climate-smart present an opportunity to accelerate progress towards SDG 2, SDG 13 and the 1.5 °C Paris Agreement Goal simultaneously. By increasing knowledge, we can improve policy, drive action, and identify the most effective routes to making progress across all SDGs. Recognizing this potential, this roundtable event, organized by FAO and the Government of France, allows researchers and policymakers to exchange knowledge and outline critical data and evidence needs for science-driven policy, action, and investment in integrated action to improve nutrition and climate outcomes.

This roundtable event, supported by the Initiative on Climate Action and Nutrition (I-CAN) partners including the World Health Organization (WHO), the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement, the Standing Together for Nutrition (ST4N)/ Micronutrient Forum and the SickKids Hospital/ Aga Khan University, will inform the [**Paris 2025 Nutrition for Growth \(N4G\) Summit**](#), and stimulate further dialogue, contributing to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) processes and the 30th UNFCCC Conference of the Parties (COP30).

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PROGRAMME

10:00 – 10:05 | WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Moderator: **Ms Nancy Aburto**, *Deputy Director, Food and Nutrition Division (ESN), FAO*

10:05 – 10:15 | OPENING REMARKS

Ms Beth Bechdol, *Deputy Director-General, FAO*

H.E. Céline Jurgensen, *Ambassador, Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations in Rome*

10:15 – 10:35 | KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

The latest data, metrics, and evidence on the impact of integrated climate-nutrition action

Ms Saskia Osendarp, *Executive Director, Micronutrient Forum*

Mr Zulfiqar A. Bhutta, *Robert Harding Inaugural Chair, Global Child Health & Policy at the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto and Founding Director, Institute for Global Health & Development, The Aga Khan University, Karachi, Pakistan*

Mr Juan Lucas Restrepo, *Global Director of Partnerships and Advocacy, CGIAR, Director General of the Alliance of Bioversity International and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT)*

10:35 – 11:15 | ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Atty. Asis G. Perez, *Undersecretary for Policy, Planning, and Regulations, Department of Agriculture, Philippines*

H.E. Thesele John 'Maseribane, *Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Lesotho*

H.E. Luke Daunivalu, *Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Fiji to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva*

H. E. Bassam Essam Rady Abdelhamid Rady, *Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt*

H.E. Carla Barroso Carneiro, *Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Federative Republic of Brazil*

H. E. Krisztina Bende, *Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Switzerland*

11:15 – 11:45 | Break with Buffet

11:45 – 12:15 | **FIRESIDE CHAT: IMPLICATIONS FOR POLICY and ACTION**

Introduction of fireside chat: **Mr Amos Laar**, *Professor of Public Health Nutrition, University of Ghana*

Mr Lawrence Haddad, *Executive Director, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN)*

Mr Bruno Brasil, *Director of Sustainable Production and Irrigation, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Brazil (COP30 Presidency)*

Ms Piedad Martin, *Deputy Director, Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment (OCB), FAO*

Ms Beatrice Ekesa Onyango, *Head of Nutrition, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)*

12:15 – 12:45 | **OPEN DISCUSSION**

All participants

Reflection on the discussions and outline of policy and research priorities

Ms Lynnette Neufeld, *Director, Food and Nutrition Division (ESN), FAO*

12:45 – 13:00 | **CLOSING REMARKS**

Ms Afshan Khan, *Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations, Coordinator of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement*

H.E. Briec Pont, *Special Envoy for Nutrition, Secretary General of the Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit, France*

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