



Federal Ministry
of Food
and Agriculture



Agenda

Policies against Hunger Conference

4 – 5 June 2024 in Berlin, 20th anniversary of the Voluntary Guidelines
for the Right to Adequate Food – Experiences, Successes and Outlook

Special Edition Policies against Hunger 2024 Twenty Years of Action: Advancing the Human Right to Adequate Food

in Mauerstraße Conference Centre in Berlin

Tuesday, 4 June 2024

8.00 a.m. **Registration, arrival and welcome coffee**

9.30 a.m. **Welcome and opening**

Cem Özdemir

Federal Minister of Food and Agriculture

Svenja Schulze

Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development (tbc)

Nosipho Nausca-Jean Jezile

Chair, Committee on World Food Security (CFS) (tbc)

10.00 a.m. **Opening panels**

Film on the topic “Right to Food”

Keynote – *Máximo Torero*, Chief Economist, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) (tbc)

Transition to panel session

Panel 1 (international)

10.40 a.m. **Panel discussion**

“The right to adequate food as a compass for a human rights-based transformation of food systems: Successes and Challenges”

- *Chafik Ben Rouine*, responsible for the right to food, UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) (tbc)
- *Pramod Koirala*, Under-Secretary from the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Development, Nepal
- *Valéria Burity*, Special Secretary of State for the Coordination of the Brazilian Zero Hunger Programme, Ministry of Social Development (MDS) (tbc)
- *Prof. Tilman Brück*, Heisenberg Professor of Economic Development and Food Security, HU Berlin (tbc)
- *Margot Van der Velden*, Regional Director for Western Africa, World Food Programme (WFP) (tbc)
- *Mary Karanu*, Right to food coalitions, Kenya

(Discussion with the involvement of the audience)

Panel 2 (national)

11.45 a.m. Panel discussion

“The right to adequate food as a compass for a human rights-based transformation of food systems: Successes and challenges in Germany”

- [Hermann Färber](#), Chairman of the Committee on Food and Agriculture (AfEL), German Bundestag (tbc)
- [Martin Schulz](#), Federal Executive Board, German Small Farmers’ Association (tbc)
- [Maria Loheide](#), Director of Social Policy at Diakonie Deutschland (tbc)
- [Prof. Dr. Achim Spiller](#), Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, Georg August University Göttingen (tbc)
- [German Agri Business Alliance](#)

(Discussion with the involvement of the audience)

12.30 a.m. Lunch - Conference Centre

1.45 p. m. Presentation “Seed Money”

Project impetus (successful projects on the right to food, esp. VGGT; agroecology, women, school meals)

Project 1 Agroecology

Project 2 Gender and Youth: Empowerment of Women and Youth

Project 3 VGGT

Project 4 School meals

2.45 p.m. Transfer to seminar rooms/Working groups

3.15 p.m. Working groups

- Civil society and indigenous peoples
- International organisations/state representatives
- Science
- Private industry

Questions:

- What is missing to implement the right to food?
- What could an agenda for the right to food up to 2034 look like? What will it take to advance the realization of the right to food in the coming years?
- How can we as a stakeholder group make a concrete contribution?

- 4.15 p.m. Return to the Conference Centre and coffee break - Conference Centre**
- 4.45 p.m. Short reports from the Working groups**
- 5.05 p.m. Reactions to the reports: Evaluation and Summary**
- *Nosipho Jezile*, CFS Chair (tbc)
 - *Michael Fakhri*, Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food (tbc)
 - *Elisabetta Recine*, CONSEA Chair, Brazilian Food Policy Council
 - *Swantje Nilsson*, Head of Department International Cooperation, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture
- 5.45 p.m. Discussion with participants**
- 6.00 p.m. Individual transfer to the Federal Foreign Office**
- 6.30 p.m. Reception at the International Club of the Federal Foreign Office (roof terrace)**
- Federal Foreign Office top echelons – Welcome Note (State Secretary *Susanne Baumann*) (tbc)**

Wednesday, 5 June

8.30 a.m. Admission and welcome coffee

9.00 a.m. Short presentations and panel discussion

“Healthy eating environment for everyone: Which government measures and approaches are proving successful for a sustainable and healthy diet?”

Keynote addresses by representatives of the government/administration

- *Ruy López Ridaura*, Deputy Minister of Health Mexico (Public Health and Nutrition) (tbc)
- *Sally Randall*, UK, Director General of Food, Biosecurity and Trade (Defra) (tbc)
- *Sergawi Alemtsehay*, Ethiopia, Head, Food and Nutrition Security Coordination Unit, Ministry of Agriculture
- *Eva Bell*, Director-General for Consumer Health Protection and Nutrition, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture

Followed by a panel discussion with audience participation

10.30 a.m. Coffee break - Conference Centre

11.00 a.m. First-hand reports and panel discussion

“Participation as a prerequisite for change: What formats and participation models are needed to implement the right to adequate food?”

- *Elisabetta Recine*, CONSEA Chair, Brazilian Council for Food and Nutrition Security
- *Bärbel Bas*, President of the German Bundestag, for the German Bundestag’s citizens’ council “Nutrition in transition”(tbc)
- *Luis Lobo*, Latin Amer. Parliamentary Network, FAO Regional Office Chile (tbc)
- *Saskia Richartz*, Berlin Food Policy Council (tbc)
- *Representative* of Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples Mechanism (CSIPM)/Private Sector Mechanism (PSM)

Followed by a panel discussion with audience participation

12.30 p.m. **Conclusions and outlook** by *Dr Ophelia Nick*,
Parliamentary State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture

12.55 p.m. **Hand-over of the conference results** to CFS Chair Nosipho Jezile

1.00 p.m. **End of the event**

1.00 - 3.00 p.m. **Convivial get-together and lunch** – Conference Centre