

Objectives and Agenda 2024 Global Child Nutrition Forum

(As of 3 November 2024)



THEME: School Meal Programs in an Era of Food Systems Transformation

The objectives of the 2024 Global Child Nutrition Forum in Osaka, Japan are to:

- Serve as a key platform for governments and their partners to learn, exchange experiences, and gain inspiration for building, maintaining, and expanding high quality school meal programs.
- Highlight results of the Global Survey of School Meal Programs and other research, trends, and innovations relevant to school meal programs.
- Showcase Japan's local, national, and international experiences with school meal programs and serve as an official pre-event to the 2025 Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD).
- Collectively develop key messages reflecting participant priorities to guide advocacy efforts over the coming year.
- Support the objectives of the School Meals Coalition (SMC) and Nutrition for Growth (N4G).

The Forum is offered in cooperation with the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs; the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology; and International Child Nutrition Japan.

Forum Activity Color Key
Free
Plenary session
Workshop/Gala Dinner
Field Visit
Break/Photo/Welcome reception

MONDAY DECEMBER 9

Time	Activity	Confirmed Speakers/Organizations
Pre-8:00	Breakfast at hotels and arrival at Osaka International Convention Center	
8:00	Check-in: Pick up name badge and welcome bag	
9:00	Check-in closes	
9:15 - 11:00	Plenary: Opening Ceremony of the 2024 Global Child Nutrition Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative of Osaka Prefecture • Representative of Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)) • Ms. Nomura Marika, Senior Advisor, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) • Dr. Nakamura Teiji, Chairman, Japan Dietetic Association • Ms. Morishima, Director Ajinomoto Co., Inc. • Ms. Betty Kibaara, Director, Food Initiative, The Rockefeller Foundation • Dr. Ronald Kleinman, GCNF Board President • Hon. Aigul Japarova, First lady of Kyrgyz Republic
11:00 – 11:45	Plenary: Announcement of government delegations and partners; Forum orientation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Heidi Kessler, Deputy Director, GCNF • Mr. Kei Kuriwaki, President, International Child Nutrition Japan (ICNJ)
11:45 - 12:15	Group Photo	
12:15 - 13:45	Lunch	
13:45- 14:45	Plenary: School Meal Programs in an Era of Food Systems Transformation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Douglas Syakalima, Minister of Education, Republic of Zambia • Hon. Madalitso Kambauwa Wirima, Minister of Education, Republic of Malawi • Mr. Ibrahim Sanon, Secretary General of the Ministry of Education, Burkina Faso
14:45 - 15:00	Lightning Round (3 four-minute presentations)	
15:00- 15:30	Break	

15:30 - 17:30	<p>Room 1 (English, French, Portuguese, Spanish): Local purchasing to create demand for climate-smart, nutritious foods</p> <p>Room 2 (Arabic, English, Japanese, Russian): Food and Nutrition Education w/ FAO, UNICEF, WFP</p> <p>Room 3 (English only): Island Nations and School Meals: Innovations and Opportunities</p> <p>Room 4 (English only): Life Skills and Food Literacy Program in India</p>	<p>Room 1: Mr. Vinicius Limongi, Head of Programme, WFP Centre of Excellence; Ms. Maria Giulia Senesi, Programme Policy Officer, WFP Centre of Excellence; Mariana Carvalho, Programme Assistant, WFP Centre of Excellence</p> <p>Room 2: Ms. Melissa Vargas, Nutritionist, FAO; Ms. Christina Alvorez, Nutrition Specialist for School-aged Children & Adolescents, UNICEF; Representative of WFP</p> <p>Room 3: Ms. Sarah Burkhart, Chair, Pacific School Feeding Network; Danny Hunter, Principal Scientist, Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT; Mr. Jun Kobayashi, Chair of the Japanese Consortium for Global School Health Research</p> <p>Room 4: Ms. Aditi Mehrotra, Nutrition Advisor, Food Future Foundation, India, Ms. Ritu Jawa, Vice Principal, Lotus Valley International School</p>
17:30- 19:00	Welcome reception (featuring exhibitors and research posters).	
19:00 –	Open evening. Dinner arrangements offered.	

TUESDAY DECEMBER 10

Time	Activity	
Pre-8:00	Breakfast at hotels and arrival at Osaka International Convention Center	
8:00 -8:15	Communique	Mr. Eric Mitchell, President, Alliance to End Hunger
8:15 - 9:15	Plenary: School Meals Around the World: Global Survey of School Meal Programs	<p>Moderator - Dr. Purnima Menon, Senior Director for Food and Nutrition, IFPRI</p> <p>Ms. Ganga Dilhani, Director of Education, Ministry of Education, Sri Lanka</p> <p>Mr. Charles Wilson Mahera Deputy Permanent Secretary Education</p>

		Ministry of Education Science and Technology, Tanzania Ms. Lindsay Carter, Director, USDA McGovern Dole
9:15 – 9:45	Plenary: School Meals on the Global Agenda	Hon. Brieuc Pont, French Special Envoy for the Nutrition for Growth Summit (video) Mr. Saulo Ceolin, General Coordinator for Food Security and Nutrition, Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Hon. Angeline Ndayishimiye, First Lady of Burundi (video)
9:45 – 10:00	Lightning Round (3 four-minute presentations)	
10:00 - 10:30	Break	
10:30 - 12:30	<p>Room 1 (English, French, Japanese Portuguese, Spanish): Japan's School Meal Program - History and Nutrition Education (Shokuiku)</p> <p>Room 2 (Arabic, English, Russian): Creating demand for climate- smart, nutritious foods through home-grown school meal programs</p> <p>Room 3 (English only): Using fortified whole grains & clean cooking</p> <p>Room 4 (English only): Ensuring the nutritional quality of school meals: Why does measurement at different points in the school meals chain matter?</p>	<p>Room 1: Dr. Takimoto Hidemi, Head of National Institute of Health and Nutrition; Prof. Fujihara Tatsushi, Kyoto University; Prof. Murayama Nobuko, University of Niigata Prefecture; Prof. Murayama Nobuko, University of Niigata Prefecture; Representative Japan Ministry of Agriculture; Prof. Eto Kumi, Kagawa Nutrition University; Yamamoto Kana, Osaka Education University Elementary School</p> <p>Room 2: Mr. Francis Mwanza, GCNF Senior Advisor; Representative U.S. State Department, Office of the Special Envoy for Global Food Security; Mr. Danny Hunter, Principal Scientist, Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT</p> <p>Room 3: Mr. David Kamau & Ms. Betty Kibaara, Director, Food Initiative, Rockefeller Foundation</p> <p>Room 4: Ms. Winnie Bell, Senior Technical Advisor, INTAKE; Ms. Melissa Vargas, Nutritionist, FAO; Ms. Gloria Folson, University of Ghana</p>
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch	

14:00 - 15:00	Plenary: Regional School Meal Program Updates	<p>Moderator: Ms. Anne Sellers, Technical Director for Education, Catholic Relief Services (CRS)</p> <p>Ms. Najla Veloso, Coordinator of the Regional Agenda for Sustainable School Feeding in Latin America and the Caribbean, RAES</p> <p>Hon. Dogdurkul Sh. Kendirbaeva, Minister of Education, Kyrgyz Republic</p> <p>Mr. Peter Defranceschi, Head of Brussels Office, School Food for Change (ICLEI)</p> <p>Ms. Bibi Giyose, Senior Advisor Nutrition, NEPAD</p>
15:00 – 15:15	Lightning Round (3 four-minute presentations)	
15:15 - 15:30	Break	
15:30 – 17:30	<p>Room 1 (English, French, Portuguese, Spanish): McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program w/US Department of Agriculture</p> <p>Room 2 (Arabic, English, Japanese, Russian): Japan's School Meal Program - History and Nutrition Education (Shokuiku)</p> <p>Room 3 (English only): Kitchens: Centralized and school-based</p> <p>Room 4 (English only): How school meal programs impact women's labor</p>	<p>Room 1: Representative of McGovern-Dole USDA</p> <p>Room 2: Dr. Takimoto Hidemi, Head of National Institute of Health and Nutrition; Prof. Fujihara Tatsushi, Kyoto University; Prof. Murayama Nobuko, University of Niigata Prefecture; Prof. Murayama Nobuko, University of Niigata Prefecture; Representative Japan Ministry of Agriculture; Prof. Eto Kumi, Kagawa Nutrition University; Yamamoto Kana, Osaka Education University Elementary School</p> <p>Room 3: Representative of Food4Education and Akshaya Patra</p> <p>Room 4: Ms. Adriane Seibert, Senior Technical Advisor for Nutrition, CRS & Ms. Liliane Bigayimpunzi, Survey Coordinator for Africa, GCNF</p>
17:30 –	Free evening. Dinner arrangements offered.	

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 11

Time	Activity	
Pre-8:00	Breakfast at hotels and arrival at Osaka International Convention Center	
8:00 - 8:15	Communique	Mr. Eric Mitchell, President, Alliance to End Hunger
8:15 - 9:15	Plenary: Domestic Financing – What we are learning	<p>Moderator- Ms. Marie Evane Tamagnan, Haiti and Dominican Republic International Education Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)</p> <p>Dr. Soo-Youn Kim, Team leader, Korea Educational Environments Protection Agency</p> <p>Representative of Lao Republic</p> <p>Ms. Betty Kibaara, Director, Food Initiative, The Rockefeller Foundation</p> <p>Mr. Kevin Watkins, School Meal Coalition (SMC) Sustainable Financing Initiative (video)</p>
9:15 - 10:00	Plenary: Sustaining Programs into the Future	<p>Moderator: Ms. Theresa Becchi, Associate Director, Food Security Programs, Counterpart International</p> <p>Ms. Arlinda Chaquisse, National Director of Nutrition and School Health, Mozambique</p> <p>Sidaty Ine Bouye, Director of School Nutrition and Health Department, Ministry of National Education, Mauritania</p> <p>Mr. Karma Wangchuk, Chief Program Officer, Ministry of Education and Skills Development, Bhutan</p> <p>Mr. Joao Viegas, Director, Empresa Carrinho</p>
10:00 - 10:30	Break	
10:30 - 12:30	Room 1 (English, French, Portuguese, Spanish): Using data/your survey results	Room 1: Ms. Shivani Gcharge, Research Coordinator, GCNF; Ms. Liliane Bigayimpunzi, Survey Coordinator: Africa; Mr. Moses Collins Ekwueme, Survey Associate: Africa, GCNF

	<p>Room 2 (Arabic, English, Japanese, Russian): McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program w/US Department of Agriculture</p> <p>Room 3 (English only): Fortification: Large-scale</p> <p>Room 4 (English only): local-regional procurement (LRP)</p>	<p>Room 2: Representative of McGovern-Dole USDA</p> <p>Room 3: Mr. Arvind Betigeri, WFP, Regional Food Fortification Advisor, Regional Bureau for Asia and Pacific; Ms. Kai Lin Ek, Head of Science Translation and Advocacy APAC, DSM; Ms. Judy Boucek, Nutrition Improvement Segment Lead, APAC, DCM</p> <p>Room 4: Representative of CRS and World Vision</p>
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 - 15:00	Plenary: Initiatives Making a Difference	<p>Moderator - Ms. Beatrice Wamey, President, Nascent Solutions- confirmed and registered</p> <p>Ms. Wawira Njiru, Founder, Food for Education</p> <p>Ms. Miriam Schindler, Programme Lead, Children and Young People, GAIN</p> <p>Mr. Daniel Germain, Founder, Breakfast Club Canada</p> <p>Representative Ethiopian Government</p>
15:00 - 15:30	Communique review	Mr. Eric Mitchell, President, Alliance to End Hunger
15:30 - 16:00	Break	
16:00–18:00	<p>Room 1 (English, French, Portuguese, Spanish): Private Sector Engagement</p> <p>Room 2 (Arabic, English, Japanese, Russian): Using your Global Survey results</p> <p>Room 3 (English only): Workshop: Fortification: Small-scale</p> <p>Room 4 (English only): TBC</p>	<p>Room 1: Mr. Taylor Quinn, Executive Director, Tailored Food & Mr. Benjamin Uchitelle-Pierce, Manager, CGIAR HarvestPlus Solution</p> <p>Room 2: Ms. Shivani Gharge, Research Coordinator, GCNF; Ms. Liliane Bigayimpunzi, Survey Coordinator: Africa; Mr. Moses Collins Ekwueme, Survey Associate: Africa, GCNF</p> <p>Room 3: Representative of Sanku & Ms. Miriam Schindler, Programme Lead, Children and Young People, GAIN</p>

		Room 4: TBC
18:00 -	Free evening; Dinner arrangements offered.	

THURSDAY DECEMBER 12

Time	Activity	
Pre-8:15	Breakfast at hotel and arrival at Osaka International Convention Center	
8:15 - 9:30	Plenary: Japan's School Meals: present (includes site visit orientation)	<p>Part 1: Kuriwaki Kei, President, ICNJ; Prof. Murayama, Professor of Public Health Nutrition, University of Niigata Prefecture</p> <p>Part 2: Mr. Kei Kuriwaki, ICNJ President; Ms. Kazuko Ogasahara, Associate General Manager, Ajinomoto; Ms. Liliane Bigayimpunzi, GCNF Survey Coordinator; Ms. Ludmilla de Gois, GCNF Survey Associate; Ms. Shivani Garge, GCNF Research Coordinator</p>
9:30 - 13:45	Site Visits: Spend a half day seeing local Japanese school meal activities in action	Mr. Kei Kuriwaki, ICNJ President; Ms. Kazuko Ogasahara, Associate General Manager, Ajinomoto; Ms. Liliane Bigayimpunzi, GCNF Survey Coordinator; Ms. Ludmilla de Gois, GCNF Survey Associate; Ms. Shivani Garge, GCNF Research Coordinator
13:45 - 14:00	Bento box & tea break	
14:00 - 15:00	Plenary: Site Visit Debrief: Exchange learnings	Ms. Arlene Mitchell, GCNF Executive Director
15:00 - 15:20	Plenary: Ratification of the Communique	<p>Mr. Eric Mitchell, President, Alliance to End Hunger</p> <p>Ms. Lindsay Carter, Director McGovern Dole, U.S. Department of Agriculture</p>

15:20- 16:15	Plenary: Official Closing Ceremony of the 2024 Global Child Nutrition Forum	<p>Mr. Daniel Balaban, Director, United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) Centre of Excellence against Hunger</p> <p>Hon. Suzuki Takako, Japanese Member of Parliament, LDP</p> <p>Representative of Japan's MEXT or MOFA</p> <p>Dr. Inoguchi Kuniko, Member of the House of Councillors</p> <p>Dr. Ronald Kleinman, GCNF Board President</p>
16:15- 18:00	Hotel time to refresh and prepare for gala dinner	
18:00-18:30	Bus transportation from Rigma Hotel to Westin Osaka	
18:30–	Gala Dinner and Celebration at The Westin Osaka (including Japanese traditional music and Ninja performance)	

DEPARTURES SHOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 13