

# Objectives and Agenda 2024 Global Child Nutrition Forum

(As of 14 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.

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

## MONDAY DECEMBER 9

Time	Activity & Location	Speakers
Pre-8:00	Breakfast at hotels and arrival at Osaka International Convention Center	
8:00	10th Floor Foyer: Check-in: Pick up name badge and welcome bag	
9:00	10th Floor Foyer: Check-in closes	
9:15 - 11:00	Plenary Room (1001-1003): Opening Ceremony of the 2024 Global Child Nutrition Forum	<p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Arlene Mitchell, GCNF Executive Director</li> </ul> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Head of Board of Education of Osaka Prefecture (5 minutes)</li> <li>Representative from Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) (5 minutes)</li> <li>Ms. Nomura Marika, Senior Advisor, Japan International Cooperation Agency (10 minutes)</li> <li>Dr. Nakamura Teiji, Chairman, Japan Dietetic Association (10 minutes)</li> <li>Ms. Chika Morishima, Director Ajinomoto Co., Inc. (5 minutes)</li> <li>Hon. Suzuki Takako, Member of Parliament, LDP (10 minutes)</li> <li>Ms. Betty Kibaara, Director, Food Initiative, The Rockefeller Foundation (5 minutes)</li> <li>Hon. Rachel Ruto, First Lady of Kenya (15 minutes)</li> <li>Hon. Aigul Japarova, First lady of Kyrgyz Republic (15 minutes)</li> <li>Hon. Angeline Ndayishimiye, First Lady of Burundi (5-minute video)</li> <li>Dr. Ronald Kleinman, Board President, GCNF (5 minutes)</li> </ul>

11:00 – 11:45	Plenary Room (1001-1003): Announcement of government delegations and partners; Forum orientation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Kei Kuriwaki, Representative Director, International Child Nutrition Japan (ICNJ)</li> <li>• Ms. Heidi Kessler, Deputy Director, GCNF</li> </ul>
11:45 - 12:15	Building main entrance: Group Photo	
12:15 - 13:45	12th floor foyer & conference hall: Lunch	
13:45- 14:45	Plenary Room (1001-1003): School Meal Programs in an Era of Food Systems Transformation	<p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Asma Lateef, Chief, Policy and Advocacy Impact, SDG2 Advocacy Hub</li> </ul> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hon. Douglas Syakalima, Minister of Education, Republic of Zambia</li> <li>• Ms. Mary Carmen Rojas Torres, National Director, Ministry of Education, Cuba</li> <li>• Mr. Ibrahim Sanon, Secretary General of the Ministry of Education, Burkina Faso</li> <li>• Hon. Madalitso Kambauwa Wirima, Minister of Education, Republic of Malawi</li> </ul>
14:45 - 15:00	Plenary Room (1001-1003): Lightning Round	<p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Arlene Mitchell, Executive Director, GCNF</li> </ul> <p><u>Speakers (four-minute presentations):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Qian Zhang, National Institute for Nutrition and Health, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention</li> <li>• Ms. Lily Bliznashka, Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)</li> <li>• Mr. Emmanuel Montoia Gonçalves Afonso, National School Feeding Program Coordinator, São Tomé e Príncipe</li> </ul>
15:00- 15:30	10th floor foyer: Break	
15:30 - 17:30	Plenary Room	<u>Room 1 Facilitators:</u>

	<p>(1001-1003) (<b>English, French, Portuguese, Spanish</b>): Local purchasing to create demand for climate-smart, nutritious foods</p> <p>Room 2 (1009) (<b>Arabic, English, Japanese, Russian</b>): Food and Nutrition Education w/ FAO, WFP</p> <p>Room 3 (1004-1005) (<b>English only</b>): School Meals in Island States – Examples, Opportunities, and Advocacy</p> <p>Room 4 (1006-1007) (<b>English only</b>): Life Skills and Food Literacy Program in India</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Vinicius Limongi, Head of Programme, WFP Centre of Excellence Against Hunger in Brazil</li> <li>• Ms. Ana Clara Cathalat, Programme Officer, WFP Centre of Excellence Against Hunger in Brazil</li> <li>• Ms. Vera Meyer, Regional School Feeding Adviser, WFP Regional Bureau Bangkok</li> </ul> <p><u>Room 2 Facilitator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Melissa Vargas, Nutritionist, FAO</li> </ul> <p><u>Room 3 Facilitators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Sarah Burkhart, Chair, Pacific School Feeding Network</li> <li>• Mr. Danny Hunter, Principal Scientist, Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT</li> <li>• Prof. Jun Kobayashi, Chair of the Japanese Consortium for Global School Health Research (JC-GSHR)</li> </ul> <p><u>Room 4 Facilitators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Aditi Mehrotra, Nutrition Advisor, Food Future Foundation, India</li> <li>• Ms. Ritu Jawa, Vice Principal, Lotus Valley International School</li> </ul>
17:30- 19:00	12th Floor Foyer & Conference hall: Welcome reception featuring exhibitors and research posters.	
19:00 –	Open evening.	

## TUESDAY DECEMBER 10

Time	Activity	
Pre-8:00	Breakfast at hotels and arrival at Osaka International Convention Center	
08:00 - 08:15	Plenary Room (1001-1003): Announcements and Communique	<p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Heidi Kessler, Deputy Director, GCNF</li> </ul>

		<p><u>Speaker:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Eric Mitchell, President, Alliance to End Hunger</li> </ul>
8:15 - 9:15	Plenary Room (1001-1003): School Meals Around the World: Global Survey of School Meal Programs	<p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Purnima Menon, Senior Director for Food and Nutrition, IFPRI</li> </ul> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Ganga Dilhani, Director of Education, Ministry of Education, Sri Lanka</li> <li>Ms. Khalida Alsaleh, Head of School Health and Nutrition Unit, Ministry of Education, Jordan</li> <li>Mr. Charles Wilson Mahera, Deputy Permanent Secretary Education, Ministry of Education Science and Technology, Tanzania</li> <li>Ms. Lindsay Carter, Director, USDA McGovern Dole</li> </ul>
9:15 – 9:45	Plenary Room (1001-1003): School Meals on the Global Agenda	<p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <p>TBD</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Saulo Ceolin, General Coordinator for Food Security and Nutrition, Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (15 minutes)</li> <li>Ms. Afshan Khan, UN Assistant Secretary-General, Coordinator of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement (10 minutes)</li> <li>Hon. Briec Pont, French Special Envoy for the Nutrition for Growth Summit (5 minute video)</li> </ul>
9:45 – 10:00	Plenary Room (1001-1003): Lightning Round	<p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Arlene Mitchell, Executive Director, GCNF</li> </ul> <p><u>Speakers (four-minute presentations):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Bernard Ndi, Chief of Party, Catholic Relief Services</li> <li>Ms. Laurence Rycken, Science and Standards Programme Manager, International Dairy Federation</li> <li>TBD</li> </ul>

10:00 - 10:30	12th floor foyer & conference hall: Break	
10:30 - 12:30	<p>Plenary Room (1001-1003): <b>(English, French, Japanese Portuguese, Spanish):</b> Japan's School Meal Program - History and Nutrition Education (Shokuiku)</p> <p>Room 2 (1009) <b>(Arabic, English, Russian):</b> Creating demand for climate-smart, nutritious foods through home-grown school meal programs</p> <p>Room 3 (1004-1005) <b>(English only):</b> Fortified Whole Grains: A Catalyst for Food Systems Transformation</p> <p>Room 4 (1006-1007) <b>(English only):</b> Ensuring the nutritional quality of school meals: Why does measurement at different points in the school meals chain matter?</p>	<p><u>Room 1 Facilitators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Fujihara Tatsushi, Kyoto University</li> <li>• Dr. Takimoto Hidemi, Director of National Institute of Health and Nutrition</li> <li>• Prof. Murayama Nobuko, University of Niigata Prefecture</li> <li>• Prof. Murayama Nobuko, University of Niigata Prefecture</li> <li>• Prof. Eto Kumi, Kagawa Nutrition University</li> <li>• Prof. Yamamoto Kana, Osaka Education University Elementary School</li> </ul> <p><u>Room 2 Facilitators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Francis Mwanza, GCNF Senior Advisor</li> <li>• Mr. Danny Hunter, Principal Scientist, Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT</li> <li>• Representative from the Office of the U.S. Special Envoy for Global Food Security</li> </ul> <p><u>Room 3 Facilitators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. David Kamau, Managing Director, Fortified Whole Grain Alliance</li> <li>• Ms. Betty Kibaara, Director, Food Initiative, Rockefeller Foundation</li> </ul> <p><u>Room 4 Facilitators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Winnie Bell, Senior Technical Advisor, INTAKE</li> <li>• Ms. Melissa Vargas, Nutritionist, FAO</li> <li>• Ms. Fatima Hachem, Senior Nutrition Officer, FAO</li> <li>• Ms. Gloria Folson, University of Ghana</li> </ul>
12:30 - 14:00	12th Floor Foyer & Conference Hall: Lunch	
14:00 - 15:00	Plenary Room (1001-1003): Regional School Meal Program Updates	<p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Anne Sellers, Technical Director for Education, Catholic Relief Services</li> </ul> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Najla Veloso, Coordinator of the Regional Agenda for Sustainable School Feeding in Latin America and the Caribbean, RAES</li> <li>• Hon. Dogdurkul Sh. Kendirbaeva, Minister of Education, Kyrgyz Republic</li> <li>• Mr. Peter Defranceschi, Head of Brussels Office, School Food for Change (ICLEI)</li> <li>• Ms. Bibi Giyose, Senior Advisor Nutrition, NEPAD</li> </ul>
15:00 – 15:15	Plenary Room (1001-1003): Lightning Round (3 four-minute presentations)	TBC
15:15 - 15:30	10th floor foyer: Break	
15:30 – 17:30	<p>Plenary Room (1001-1003): <b>(English, French, Portuguese, Spanish)</b>: McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program w/US Department of Agriculture</p> <p>Room 2 (1009) <b>(Arabic, English, Japanese, Russian)</b>: Japan’s School Meal Program - History and Nutrition Education (Shokuiku)</p> <p>Room 3 (1004-1005) <b>(English only)</b>: Kitchens: Centralized and school-based</p> <p>Room 4 (1006-1007) <b>(English only)</b>: How school meal programs impact women’s labor</p>	<p><u>Room 1 Facilitator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Lindsay Carter, Director McGovern Dole, U.S. Department of Agriculture</li> </ul> <p><u>Room 2 Facilitators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Fujihara Tatsushi, Kyoto University</li> <li>• Dr. Takimoto Hidemi, Director of National Institute of Health and Nutrition</li> <li>• Prof. Murayama Nobuko, University of Niigata Prefecture</li> <li>• Prof. Murayama Nobuko, University of Niigata Prefecture</li> <li>• Prof. Eto Kumi, Kagawa Nutrition University</li> <li>• Prof. Yamamoto Kana, Osaka Education University Elementary School</li> </ul> <p><u>Room 3 Facilitators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Shalom Ndiku, Head of Policy &amp; Partnerships, Food 4 Education</li> <li>• Ms. Nicola Okero, External Relations Officer, Food 4 Education</li> </ul> <p><u>Room 4 Facilitators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Adriane Seibert, Senior Technical Advisor for Nutrition, CRS</li> <li>• Ms. Liliane Bigayimpunzi, Survey Coordinator for Africa, GCNF</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Yvonne Ng'ang'a, Manager, Child Health &amp; Development, Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF)</li> </ul>
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	Plenary Room (1001-1003): Announcements & Communique	<p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Heidi Kessler, Deputy Director, GCNF</li> </ul> <p><u>Speaker:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Eric Mitchell, President, Alliance to End Hunger</li> </ul>
08:15 - 09:15	Plenary Room (1001-1003): Domestic Financing— What we are learning	<p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Marie Evane Tamagnan, Haiti and Dominican Republic International Education Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)</li> </ul> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Soo-Youn Kim, Team leader, Korea Educational Environments Protection Agency</li> <li>Ms. Betty Kibaara, Director, Food Initiative, Rockefeller Foundation</li> <li>Mrs. Dara Phakonekham, Director General of Department of Finance, Ministry of Education and Sports, Lao Republic</li> <li>Representative of Children's Investment Fund Foundation</li> <li>Ms. Fernanda Pacobahyba, President of National Fund for Education Development (FNDE)</li> <li>Mr. Kevin Watkins, SMC Sustainable Financing Initiative (video)</li> </ul>



09:15 - 10:00	Plenary Room (1001-1003): Sustaining Programs into the Future	<p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Theresa Becchi, Associate Director, Food Security Programs, Counterpart International</li> </ul> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Santiago Marques, Derre District Administrator, Government of Mozambique</li> <li>Mr. Sidaty Ine Bouye, Director of School Nutrition and Health Department, Ministry of National Education, Mauritania</li> <li>Mr. Karma Wangchuk, Chief Program Officer, Ministry of Education and Skills Development, Bhutan</li> <li>Mr. João de Matos Viegas, Director, Empresa Carrinho, Angola</li> </ul>
10:00 - 10:30	12th floor foyer & conference hall: Break	
10:30 - 12:30	<p>Plenary Room (1001-1003) (English, French, Portuguese, Spanish): Using data/your survey results</p> <p>Room 2 (1009) (Arabic, English, Japanese, Russian): McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program w/US Department of Agriculture</p> <p>Room 3 (1004-1005) (English only): Fortification: Large-scale</p> <p>Room 4 (1006-1007) (English only): Local-Regional Procurement (LRP)</p>	<p><u>Room 1 Facilitators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Shivani Gcharge, Research Coordinator, GCNF</li> <li>Ms. Liliane Bigayimpunzi, Survey Coordinator: Africa</li> <li>Mr. Moses Collins Ekwueme, Survey Associate: Africa, GCNF</li> </ul> <p><u>Room 2 Facilitator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Lindsay Carter, Director McGovern Dole, U.S. Department of Agriculture</li> </ul> <p><u>Room 3 Facilitators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Arvind Betigeri, WFP, Regional Food Fortification Advisor, Regional Bureau for Asia and Pacific</li> <li>Ms. Kai Lin Ek, Head of Science Translation and Advocacy APAC, DSM</li> <li>Ms. Judy Boucek, Nutrition Improvement Segment Lead, APAC, DCM</li> </ul> <p><u>Room 4 Facilitators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Caitlin Welte, Local and Regional Procurement Advisor, CRS</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Richard Ndou, Chief of Party, World Vision</li> <li>• Mr. Mangani Band, Food Assistance Manager, World Vision</li> <li>• Mr. Precious Mubana, Senior Technical Advisor, World Vision</li> </ul>
12:30 - 14:00	12th floor foyer & conference hall: Lunch	
14:00 - 15:00	Plenary Room (1001-1003): Initiatives Making a Difference	<p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Beatrice Wamey, President, Nascent Solutions</li> </ul> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Wawira Njiru, Founder, Food for Education</li> <li>• Ms. Miriam Schindler, Programme Lead, Children and Young People, GAIN</li> <li>• Representative of the Ethiopian Government</li> <li>• Mr. Adeeb Qasem, Director, Economic Development Initiatives, HAS</li> <li>• Representative from the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo</li> </ul>
15:00 - 15:30	Plenary Room (1001-1003): Communique review	<p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Heidi Kessler, Deputy Director, GCNF</li> </ul> <p><u>Speaker:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Eric Mitchell, President, Alliance to End Hunger</li> </ul>
15:30 - 16:00	12th floor foyer & conference hall: Break	
16:00–18:00	<p>Plenary Room (1001-1003) (<b>English, French, Portuguese, Spanish</b>): Private Sector Engagement</p> <p>Room 2 (1009) (<b>Arabic, English, Japanese, Russian</b>): Using your Global Survey results</p>	<p><u>Room 1 Facilitators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Taylor Quinn, Executive Director, Tailored Food</li> <li>• Mr. Benjamin Uchitelle-Pierce, Manager, CGIAR HarvestPlus Solution</li> </ul> <p><u>Room 2 Facilitators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Shivani Gharge, Research Coordinator, GCNF</li> </ul>

	<p>Room 3 (1004-1005) (<b>English only</b>): Workshop: Fortification: Small-scale</p> <p>Room 4 (1006-1007) (<b>English only</b>): TBC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Liliane Bigayimpunzi, Survey Coordinator: Africa</li> <li>Mr. Moses Collins Ekwueme, Survey Associate: Africa, GCNF</li> </ul> <p><u>Room 3 Facilitators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Miriam Schindler, Programme Lead, Children and Young People, GAIN</li> <li>Representative of Sanku</li> </ul> <p><u>Room 4 Facilitators:</u></p> <p>TBC</p>
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 Room (1001-1003): Japan's School Meals: present (includes site visit orientation)	<p><u>Part 1: Current school meals in Japan (20 minutes):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Kei Kuriwaki, Representative Director, ICNJ</li> <li>Prof. Murayama, University of Niigata Prefecture</li> </ul> <p><u>Part 2: Site Visit Orientation (25 minutes):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Tetsuhiko Yoshikawa, ICNJ</li> <li>Dr. Kazuko, Senior Manager, Ajinomoto</li> <li>Ms. Liliane Bigayimpunzi, GCNF Survey Coordinator</li> <li>Ms. Ludmilla de Gois, GCNF Survey Associate</li> <li>Ms. Shivani Gharge, GCNF Research Coordinator</li> </ul>

9:30 - 13:45	Site Visits: Spend a half day seeing local Japanese school meal activities in action (participants will be divided into groups to visit specific schools)	
13:45 - 14:00	10th floor foyer: Bento box & tea break	
14:00 - 15:00	Plenary Room (1001-1003): Site Visit Debrief: Exchange learnings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Arlene Mitchell, GCNF Executive Director</li> </ul>
15:00 - 15:20	Plenary Room (1001-1003): Ratification of the Communique	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Eric Mitchell, President, Alliance to End Hunger (15 minutes)</li> <li>Ms. Lindsay Carter, Director McGovern Dole (5 minutes)</li> </ul>
15:20- 16:00	Plenary Room (1001-1003): Official Closing Ceremony of the 2024 Global Child Nutrition Forum	<p><u>Moderator:</u> TBC</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Daniel Balaban, Director, United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) Centre of Excellence against Hunger (5 minutes)</li> <li>Voice of youth Forum participants (6 minutes)</li> <li>Representative of Japanese MOFA (5 minutes)</li> <li>Hon. Dr. Inoguchi Kuniko, Member of the House of Councillors (5 minutes)</li> <li>Representative from Children's Investment Fund Foundation (5 minutes)</li> <li>Dr. Ronald Kleinman, GCNF Board President (5 minutes)</li> </ul>

16:00- 18:00	Hotel time to refresh and prepare for gala dinner	
18:00-18:30	Bus transportation from Righa Hotel to Westin Osaka	
18:30–	The Westin Osaka: Gala Dinner and Celebration at (including Japanese traditional music and Ninja performance)	

**DEPARTURES SHOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 13**