## Objectives and Agenda 2024 Global Child Nutrition Forum

(As of 23 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 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):	Moderator:
	Opening Ceremony of the 2024 Global Child Nutrition Forum	Ms. Arlene Mitchell, GCNF Executive Director
		Speakers:
		Hon. Aigul Japarova, First lady of Kyrgyz Republic (15 minutes)
		Hon. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, President of Brazil (5-minute video)
		Head of Board of Education of Osaka Prefecture (5 minutes)
		Mr. Kashihara Tetsuya, Planning Officer, Health Education and Food Education Division, Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) (5 minutes)
		Ms. Nomura Marika, Senior Advisor, Japan International Cooperation Agency (10 minutes)
		Dr. Nakamura Teiji, Chairman, Japan Dietetic Association (10 minutes)
		Ms. Chika Morishima, Director Ajinomoto Co., Inc. (5 minutes)
		Hon. Suzuki Takako, Member of Parliament, LDP (10 minutes)

11:00 - 11:45	Plenary Room (1001-1003): Announcement of government delegations and partners; Forum orientation	Ms. Betty Kibaara, Director, Food Initiative, The Rockefeller Foundation (5 minutes)  Hon. Angeline Ndayishimiye, First Lady of Burundi (5-minute video)  Dr. Ronald Kleinman, Board President, GCNF (5 minutes)  Mr. Kei Kuriwaki, Representative Director, International Child Nutrition Japan (ICNJ)  Ms. Heidi Kessler, Deputy Director, GCNF
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	Moderator: Ms. Asma Lateef, Chief, Policy and Advocacy Impact, SDG2 Advocacy Hub  Panelists: Hon. Douglas Syakalima, Minister of Education, Republic of Zambia  Ms. Mary Carmen Rojas Torres, National Director, Ministry of Education, Cuba  Mr. Ibrahim Sanon, Secretary General of the Ministry of Education, Burkina Faso  Hon. Madalitso Kambauwa Wirima, Minister of Education, Republic of Malawi
14:45 - 15:00	Plenary Room (1001-1003): Lightning Round (3 four-minute presentations)	Moderator: Ms. Arlene Mitchell, Executive Director, GCNF  Speakers: Prof. Qian Zhang, National Institute for Nutrition and Health, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention

		Ms. Lily Bliznashka, Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) Mr. Emmanuel Montoia Gonçalves Afonso, National School Feeding Program Coordinator, São Tomé e Príncipe
15:00- 15:30	10th floor foyer: Break	
15:30 - 17:30	Plenary Room (1001-1003) (English, French, Portuguese, Spanish): Creating demand for climate- smart, nutritious foods through HGSF/Local purchase  Room 2 (1009) (Arabic, English, Russian): Linking school meals with holistic food education: cultivating healthier and more sustainable food practices in children and school communities  Room 3 (1004-1005) (English only): School Meals in Island States – Examples, Opportunities, and Advocacy  Room 4 (1006-1007) (English only): Life Skills and Food Literacy Program in India	Mr. Vinicius Limongi, Head of Programme, WFP Centre of Excellence Against Hunger in Brazil  Ms. Ana Clara Cathalat, Programme Officer, WFP Centre of Excellence Against Hunger in Brazil  Ms. Vera Meyer, Regional School Feeding Adviser, WFP Regional Bureau Bangkok  Room 2 Facilitators:  Ms. Fatima Hachem, Senior Nutrition Officer, FAO  Ms. Melissa Vargas, Technical Advisor, FAO  Ms. Nora Hobbs, Regional Nutrition Advisor Asia-Pacific, WFP  Mr. Sinksar Moges, Nutrition Specialist, UNICEF  Munkhjargal Luvsanjamba, Nutrition Officer, UNICEF Mongolia  Yemisrach Ahmed Hussen, Nutrition Officer, UNICEF  Room 3 Facilitators:  Dr. Sarah Burkhart, Chair, Pacific School Feeding Network  Dr. Danny Hunter, Principal Scientist, Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT

		Prof. Pragya Singh, Associate Professor, Nutrition and Dietetics, Fiji National University  Ms. Jessica Raneri, Strategic Advisor (Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture) to DFAT  Ms. Elodie Casey, Research Associate, Australian Centre for Pacific Islands Research  Room 4 Facilitators;  Ms. Aditi Mehrotra, Nutrition Advisor, Food Future Foundation, India  Ms. Ritu Jawa, Vice Principal, Lotus Valley International School
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	Moderator:  Ms. Heidi Kessler, Deputy Director, GCNF  Speaker:  Mr. Eric Mitchell, President, Alliance to End Hunger
8:15 - 9:15	Plenary Room (1001-1003): School Meals Around the World: Global Survey of School Meal Programs	Moderator: Dr. Purnima Menon, Senior Director for Food and Nutrition, IFPRI  Panelists: Dr. Ganga Dilhani, Director of Education, Ministry of Education, Sri Lanka

		Mr. Charles Wilson Mahera, Deputy Permanent Secretary Education, Ministry of Education Science and Technology, Tanzania
		Ms. Lindsay Carter, Director, USDA McGovern Dole
		Ms. Khalida Alsaleh, Head of School Health and Nutrition Unit, Ministry of Education, Jordan
		Dr. Claudia Yadira Garcia, Advisor to the Ministerial Office, Ministry of Education, Guatemala
9:15 – 9:45	Plenary Room (1001-1003): School Meals on the Global Agenda	Moderator: Ms. Arlene Mitchell, Executive Director, GCNF
		Speakers: Mr. Saulo Ceolin, Coordinator-General for Food Security and Nutrition Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Brazil (15 minutes)
		Ms. Afshan Khan, UN Assistant Secretary-General, Coordinator of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement (10 minutes)
		Hon. Brieuc Pont, French Special Envoy for the Nutrition for Growth Summit (5-minute video)
9:45 - 10:00	Plenary Room (1001-1003): Lightning Round (3 four-minute presentations)	Moderator:  Ms. Arlene Mitchell, Executive Director, GCNF  Speakers:  Mr. Safarzoda Dilshod, Deputy Minister of Education and Science, Republic of Tajikistan
		Ms. Laurence Rycken, Director General, International Dairy Federation
		Mr. Bernard Ndi, Chief of Party, Catholic Relief Services
10:00 - 10:30	12th floor foyer & conference hall: Break	

10:30 - 12:30

Plenary Room (1001-1003): (English, French, Japanese Portuguese, Spanish): Japanese School Meal Program: The History and Shokuiku (Food and Nutrition Education)

# Room 2 (1009) (Arabic, English, Russian):

Creating Demand for Climate-Smart, Nutritious Foods through Home-Grown School Feeding

Room 3 (1004-1005) (**English only**): Fortified Whole Grains: A Catalyst for Food Systems Transformation

Room 4 (1006-1007) (**English only**): Does your school meal quality measure up? Why checking nutritional quality along the school meal value chain matters

#### Room 1 Facilitators:

Dr. Takimoto Hidemi, Director General, National Institute of Health and Nutrition

Prof. Fujihara Tatsushi, Kyoto University

Prof. Murayama Nobuko, Univ. of Niigata Prefecture

Prof. Murayama Nobuko, Univ. of Niigata Prefecture

Prof. Eto Kumi, Kagawa Nutrition University

Yamamoto Kana, Diet and Nutrition Teacher, Osaka Education Univ. Ikeda Elementary School

#### Room 2 Facilitators:

Mr. Francis Mwanza, GCNF Senior Advisor

Mr. Ben Muskovitz, Senior Policy Advisor, U.S. Department of State, Office of Global Food Security

Ms. Olga Cabello, Senior Nutrition Advisor, U.S. Department of State, Office of Global Food Security

Mr. Danny Hunter, Principal Scientist, Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT

#### Room 3 Facilitators:

Mr. David Kamau, Managing Director, Fortified Whole Grain Alliance

Ms. Betty Kibaara, Director, Food Initiative, Rockefeller Foundation

#### **Room 4 Facilitators:**

Ms. Winnie Bell, Senior Technical Advisor, INTAKE

Ms. Melissa Vargas, Nutritionist, FAO

Ms. Fatima Hachem, Senior Nutrition Officer, FAO

Ms. Gloria Folson, Senior Research Fellow, University of Ghana

12:30 - 14:00	12th Floor Foyer & Conference Hall: Lunch	
14:00 - 15:00	Plenary Room (1001-1003): Regional School Meal Program Updates	Ms. Anne Sellers, Technical Director for Education, Catholic Relief Services  Panelists:  Ms. Najla Veloso, Coordinator of the Regional Agenda for Sustainable School Feeding in Latin America and the Caribbean, RAES  Hon. Dogdurkul Sh. Kendirbaeva, Minister of Education, Kyrgyz Republic  Mr. Peter Defranceschi, Head of Brussels Office, School Food for Change (ICLEI)  Ms. Bibi Giyose, Senior Advisor Nutrition, NEPAD  Mr. Sophornreaksmey Sreng, Director of Policy Department, General Secretariat for the National Social Protection Council, Cambodia
15:00 - 15:15	Plenary Room (1001-1003): Lightning Round (3 four-minute presentations)	Moderator: Ms. Arlene Mitchell, Executive Director, GCNF  Speakers: Mr. Santiago Marques, Milange District Administrator, Mozambique
15:15 - 15:30	10th floor foyer: Break	
15:30 - 17:30	Plenary Room (1001-1003): (English, French, Portuguese, Spanish): McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program (U.S. Department of Agriculture): Support for School Meals Room 2 (1009) (Arabic, English, Japanese, Russian): Japanese	Room 1 Facilitators:  Ms. Stephanie Hofmann, McGovern-Dole Program Specialist  Ms. Helen Aufderheide, McGovern-Dole Program Specialist  Ms. Lindsay Carter, McGovern-Dole Director  Ms. Diane DeBernardo, Nutrition Advisor, USDA/FAS
	School Meal Program: The	Room 2 Facilitators:

	History and Shokuiku (Food and Nutrition Education)  Room 3 (1004-1005) (English only): Kitchens - Centralized vs Decentralized: Adapting School Feeding Operations for Efficiency  Room 4 (1006-1007) (English only): Incorporating a Gender Lens in School Feeding Programmes	Dr. Takimoto Hidemi, Director General, National Institute of Health and Nutrition  Prof. Fujihara Tatsushi, Kyoto University  Prof. Murayama Nobuko, Univ. of Niigata Prefecture  Prof. Murayama Nobuko, Univ. of Niigata Prefecture  Prof. Eto Kumi, Kagawa Nutrition University  Yamamoto Kana, Diet and Nutrition Teacher, Osaka Education Univ. Ikeda Elementary School  Room 3 Facilitators:  Mr. Shalom Ndiku, Head of Policy & Partnerships, Food 4 Education  Ms. Nicola Okero, External Relations Officer, Food 4 Education  Room 4 Facilitators:  Ms. Adriane Seibert, Senior Technical Advisor for Nutrition, CRS;  Ms. Liliane Bigayimpunzi, Survey Coordinator for Africa, GCNF  Representative from Children's Investment Fund Foundation
17:30 -	Free evening.	

## **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	Moderator:  Ms. Heidi Kessler, Deputy Director, GCNF (English)

		Speaker: Mr. Eric Mitchell, President, Alliance to End Hunger (English)
08:15 - 09:15	Plenary Room (1001-1003): Domestic Financing — What we are learning	Moderator:  Ms. Marie Evane Tamagnan, Haiti and Dominican Republic International Education Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)  Panelists: Dr. Soo-Youn Kim, Team leader, Korea Educational Environments Protection Agency  Mrs. Dara Phakonekham, Director General of Department of Finance, Ministry of Education and Sports, Lao Republic  Ms. Betty Kibaara, Director, Food Initiative, Rockefeller Foundation  Representative of Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF)  Dr. Fernanda Pacobahyba, President, National Fund for Educational Development (FNDE), Ministry of Education, Brazil
09:15 - 10:00	Plenary Room (1001-1003): Sustaining Programs into the Future	Moderator: Ms. Theresa Becchi, Associate Director of Resilient Food Systems, Counterpart International  Panelists:  Ms. Arlinda Chaquisse, National Director of Nutrition and School Health, Ministry of Education and Human Development, Mozambique  Mr. Sidaty Ine Bouye, Director of School Nutrition and Health Department, Ministry of National Education, Mauritania

		Mr. Karma Wangchuk, Chief, Career Education and Counseling Division, Ministry of Education and Skills Development, Bhutan Mr. João de Matos Viegas, Director, Empresa Carrinho, Angola
10:00 - 10:30	12th floor foyer & conference hall: Break	
10:30 - 12:30	Plenary Room (1001-1003) (English, French, Portuguese, Spanish): Using your Global Survey results  Room 2 (1009) (Arabic, English, Japanese, Russian): McGovern- Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program (U.S. Department of Agriculture): Support for School Meals  Room 3 (1004-1005) (English only): Fortification — Large-and Small-Scale w/WFP, DSM  Room 4 (1006-1007) (English only): Local Ingredients, Global Impact: The Future of School Meals through Local and Regional Procurement	Room 1 Facilitators:  Ms. Shivani Gharge, Research Coordinator, GCNF  Ms. Liliane Bigayimpunzi, Survey Coordinator: Africa  Mr. Moses Collins Ekwueme, Survey Associate: Africa, GCNF  Room 2 Facilitators:  Ms. Stephanie Hofmann, McGovern-Dole Program Specialist  Ms. Helen Aufderheide, McGovern-Dole Program Specialist  Ms. Lindsay Carter, McGovern-Dole Director  Ms. Diane DeBernardo, Nutrition Advisor, USDA/FAS  Room 3 Facilitators:  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  Room 4 Facilitators:  Ms. Caitlin Welte, Local and Regional Procurement Advisor, CRS  Mr. Richard Ndou, Chief of Party, World Vision

12:30 - 14:00 14:00 - 15:00	12th floor foyer & conference hall: Lunch  Plenary Room (1001-1003): Initiatives Making a Difference	Mr. Mangani Banda, Commodities Manager, World Vision  Mrs. Precious Mubanga, Senior Manager, Food Security & Livelihoods Sector, World Vision  Moderator: Ms. Beatrice Wamey, President, Nascent Solutions  Panelists:  Hon. Raissa Malu Dinanga, Minister of Education, Democratic Republic of the Congo  S.E. Pr Mariatou Koné, Minister of Education, Côte D'Ivoire  Ms. Wawira Njiru, Founder and CEO, Food4Education  Mr. Dawit Azene, School Feeding Program Coordinator, Ministry of Education, Government of Ethiopia  Mr. Adeeb Qasem, Director, Economic Development Initiatives, HSA Group, Yemen  Ms. Miriam Schindler, Programme Lead, Children and Young People, GAIN
15:00 - 15:30	12th floor foyer & conference hall: Break	
15:30-17:30	Plenary Room (1001-1003) (English, French, Portuguese, Spanish): Leveraging School Feeding Programs to Build Local Economies and Nutritious Food Systems  Room 2 (1009) (Arabic, English, Japanese, Russian): Using your Global Survey results	Room 1 Facilitators:  Mr. Taylor Quinn, Executive Director, Tailored Food  Mr. Ravinder Grover, Global Business Manager, HarvestPlus Solutions  Mr. Benjamin Uchitelle-Pierce, Manager, CGIAR HarvestPlus Solution  Room 2 Facilitators: Ms. Shivani Gharge, Research Coordinator, GCNF

	Room 3 (1004-1005) (English only): Power Lunch: 'Fueling School Meals with Fortification – Innovating for a Healthier Future'  Room 4 (1006-1007) (English only): TBC	Ms. Liliane Bigayimpunzi, Survey Coordinator: Africa Mr. Moses Collins Ekwueme, Survey Associate: Africa, GCNF  Room 3 Facilitators: Ms. Miriam Schindler, Programme Lead, Children and Young People, GAIN  Ms. Rachel Temoi, Head of Development, Sanku  Mr. Nelson Mwangi, Communications and External Relations Manager, Sanku
17:30-18:00	Plenary Room (1001-1003): Communique review	Mr. Eric Mitchell, President, Alliance to End Hunger (English)
18:00 -	Free evening.	

## **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)	Part 1: Current school meals in Japan (20 minutes):  Mr. Kei Kuriwaki, Representative Director, ICNJ  Prof. Murayama, University of Niigata Prefecture  Part 2: Site Visit Orientation (25 minutes):  Mr. Tetsuhiko Yoshikawa, ICNJ  Dr. Kazuko, Senior Manager, Ajinomoto  Ms. Liliane Bigayimpunzi, GCNF Survey Coordinator  Ms. Ludmilla de Gois, GCNF Survey Associate  Ms. Shivani Gharge, GCNF Research Coordinator

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)	0
13:45 - 14:00	10th floor foyer: Bento box & tea break	
14:00 - 15:00	Plenary Room (1001-1003): Site Visit Debrief: Exchange learnings	Ms. Arlene Mitchell, GCNF Executive Director
15:00 - 15:20	Plenary Room (1001-1003): Ratification of the Communique	Mr. Eric Mitchell, President, Alliance to End Hunger  Ms. Lindsay Carter, Director, USDA McGovern Dole
15:20- 16:00	Plenary Room (1001-1003): Official Closing Ceremony of the 2024 Global Child Nutrition Forum	Moderator: Ms. Arlene Mitchell, GCNF Executive Director  Speakers: Mr. Daniel Balaban, Director, United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) Centre of Excellence against Hunger (5 minutes)  Representative from Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF) (5 minutes)  Voice of the youth (6 minutes)  Mr. Master Runchi Baraka Kibaara  Ms. Diana Farzaliyeva  Ms. Gabrielle Mitchell  Mr. Sakata Susumu, Councillor in charge of Shokuiku, consumer issues, and food safety, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) (5 minutes)  Hon. Dr. Inoguchi Kuniko, Member of the House of Councilors (5 minutes)

		Representative of MOFA (5 minutes)  Dr. Ronald Kleinman, GCNF Board President (5 minutes)
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**