

2024 Global Child Nutrition Forum Agenda



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 (MOFA); the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT); the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF); the School Meals Coalition; and International Child Nutrition Japan.

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**Agenda in Arabic, French, Japanese,
Portuguese, Russian & Spanish:**



Participant List:



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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"> Ms. Arlene Mitchell, Executive Director, Global Child Nutrition Foundation (GCNF) <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Okubo Nobuaki, Director of Education Promotion Office, Osaka Prefectural Board of Education (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) Hon. Umemura Mizuho, Member of the House of Councillors, JIP (10 minutes) Dr. Nomura Marika, Senior Advisor, Japan International Cooperation Agency (10 minutes) Dr. Nakamura Teiji, President of Japan Dietetic Association (10 minutes) Ms. Morishima Chika, Executive Officer & Vice President in charge of Sustainability & Communications, Ajinomoto Co., Inc. (5 minutes) Ms. Betty Kibaara, Director, Food Initiative, The Rockefeller Foundation (5 minutes)

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ronald Kleinman, Board President, GCNF (5 minutes)
11:00 – 11:45	Plenary Room (1001-1003): Announcement of government delegations and partners; Forum orientation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Asma Lateef, Chief, Policy and Advocacy Impact, SDG2 Advocacy Hub <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)	<p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Arlene Mitchell, Executive Director, GCNF <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<p><u>Workshop 1</u> Plenary Room (1001-1003) (English, French, Portuguese, Spanish): Integrating climate-smart strategies for nutritious and sustainable food systems</p> <p><u>Workshop 2</u> Room (1009) (Arabic, English, Russian): Linking school meals with holistic food education: cultivating healthier and more sustainable food practices in children and school communities</p> <p><u>Workshop 3</u> Room (1004-1005) (English only): School Meals in Island States – Examples, Opportunities, and Advocacy</p> <p><u>Workshop 4</u> Room (1006-1007) (English only): Life Skills and Food Literacy Program in India</p>	Please refer to the workshop summaries at the end of this agenda for more details!

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17:30- 19:00	12th Floor Foyer & Conference Hall: Welcome reception featuring exhibitors and research posters.	
19:00 -	Open evening	

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TUESDAY DECEMBER 10

Time	Activity	
Pre-8:00	Breakfast at hotels and arrival at Osaka International Convention Center	
8:00 - 08:15	Plenary Room (1001-1003): Announcements and Communiqué	<p><u>Announcements:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Heidi Kessler, Deputy Director, GCNF <p><u>Speaker:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Purnima Menon, Senior Director for Food and Nutrition, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Arlene Mitchell, Executive Director, GCNF <p><u>Speakers:</u></p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. Briec 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)	<p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Arlene Mitchell, Executive Director, GCNF <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Abdusamatzoda Zulfiya, Deputy Minister of Health and Social Protection of the Population of the Republic of Tajikistan • Ms. Laurence Rycken, Director General, International Dairy Federation • Mr. Bernard Ndi, Chief of Party Madagascar, Catholic Relief Services
10:00 - 10:30	12th floor foyer & conference hall: Break	
10:30 - 12:30	<p><u>Workshop 5</u> Plenary Room (1001-1003): (English, French, Japanese Portuguese, Spanish): Japanese School Meal Program: The History and Shokuiku (Food and Nutrition Education)</p> <p><u>Workshop 6</u> Room (1009) (Arabic, English, Russian): Creating Demand for Climate-Smart, Nutritious Foods through Home-Grown School Feeding</p>	Please refer to the workshop summaries at the end of this agenda for more details!

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	<p><u>Workshop 7</u> Room (1004-1005) (English only): Fortified Whole Grains: A Catalyst for Food Systems Transformation</p> <p><u>Workshop 8</u> Room (1006-1007) (English only): Students as agents of change: Engaging Students in your School Food and Nutrition Programmes</p>	
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"> Ms. Anne Sellers, Technical Director for Education, Catholic Relief Services <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Najla Veloso, Coordinator of the Regional Agenda for Sustainable School Feeding in Latin America and the Caribbean, RAES Hon. Dogdurkul Kendirbaeva, Minister of Education, Kyrgyz Republic Mr. Peter Defranceschi, Head of Brussels Office, School Food for Change (ICLEI) Ms. Bibi Giyose, Senior Advisor on Nutrition and Food Systems, New Partnership for Africa's Development (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):	<p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Arlene Mitchell, Executive Director, GCNF

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	Lightning Round (3 four-minute presentations)	<u>Speakers:</u> • TBC
15:15 - 15:30	10th floor foyer: Break	
15:30 – 17:30	<p><u>Workshop 9</u> 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</p> <p><u>Workshop 10</u> Room (1009) (Arabic, English, Japanese, Russian): Japanese School Meal Program: The History and Shokuiku (Food and Nutrition Education)</p> <p><u>Workshop 11</u> Room (1004-1005) (English only): Kitchens - Centralized vs Decentralized: Adapting School Feeding Operations for Efficiency</p> <p><u>Workshop 12</u> Room (1006-1007) (English only): Incorporating a Gender Lens in School Feeding Programmes</p>	Please refer to the workshop summaries at the end of this agenda for more details!
17:30 –	Free evening	

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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 & Communiqué	<p><u>Announcements:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Heidi Kessler, Deputy Director, GCNF <p><u>Speaker:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Eric Mitchell, President, Alliance to End Hunger
8:15 - 09:15	Plenary Room (1001-1003): Domestic Financing— What we are learning	<p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Marie Evane Tamagnan, Senior Operations Advisor, Education Division, Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Soo-Youn Kim, Team leader, Korea Educational Environments Protection Agency Ms. Betty Kibaara, Director, Food Initiative, Rockefeller Foundation Mrs. Dara Phakonekham, Director General of Department of Finance, Ministry of Education and Sports, Lao Republic Mr. Tarik Taye, Manager, Child Health & Development, Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF) Dr. Fernanda Pacobahyba, President, National Fund for Educational Development (FNDE), Ministry of Education, Brazil
9:15 - 10:00	Plenary Room (1001-1003): Sustaining Programs into the Future	<p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Theresa Becchi, Associate Director of Resilient Food Systems, Counterpart International

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		<p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Arlinda Chaquise, 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	<p><u>Workshop 13</u> Plenary Room (1001-1003) (English, French, Portuguese, Spanish): Using your Global Survey results</p> <p><u>Workshop 14</u> Room (1009) (Arabic, English, Japanese, Russian): McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program (U.S. Department of Agriculture): Support for School Meals</p> <p><u>Workshop 15</u> Room (1004-1005) (English only): The journey of large-scale food fortification, solutions to enable access.</p>	Please refer to the workshop summaries at the end of this agenda for more details!

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	<p>Workshop 16 Room (1006-1007) (English only): Local Ingredients, Global Impact: The Future of School Meals through Local and Regional Procurement</p>	
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"> Ms. Beatrice Wamey, President, Nascent Solutions <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Raissa Malu Dinanga, Minister of Education, Democratic Republic of the Congo Ms. Wawira Njiru, Founder and CEO, Food 4 Education Ms. Meti Tamrat, Director of Public & International Relations, Office of the Mayor, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Mr. Adeeb Qasem, Director, Economic Development Initiatives, HSA Group, Yemen Ms. Miriam Schindler, Programme Lead, Children and Young People, GAIN S.E. Pr Mariatou Koné, Minister of Education, Côte D'Ivoire
15:00 - 15:30	12th floor foyer & conference hall: Break	

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15:30-17:30	<p><u>Workshop 17</u> Plenary Room (1001-1003) (English, French, Portuguese, Spanish): Leveraging School Feeding Programs to Build Local Economies and Nutritious Food Systems</p> <p><u>Workshop 18</u> Room (1009) (Arabic, English, Japanese, Russian): Using your Global Survey results</p> <p><u>Workshop 19</u> Room (1004-1005) (English only): Power Lunch: ‘Fueling School Meals with Fortification – Innovating for a Healthier Future’</p> <p><u>Workshop 20</u> Room (1006-1007) (English only): Does Your School Meal Quality Measure Up? Why Checking Nutritional Quality Along the School Meal Value Chain Matters</p>	Please refer to the workshop summaries at the end of this agenda for more details!
17:30-18:00	Plenary Room (1001-1003): Communiqué review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Eric Mitchell, President, Alliance to End Hunger
18:00 -	Free evening	

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THURSDAY DECEMBER 12

Time	Activity	
8:15 - 9:30	Plenary Room (1001-1003): Japan's School Meals: Present (includes Site Visit Orientation)	<p>Part 1: Current school meals in Japan (20 minutes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Kei Kuriwaki, Representative Director, ICNJ Prof. Murayama, University of Niigata Prefecture <p>Part 2: Site Visit Orientation (25 minutes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Tetsuhiko Yoshikawa, ICNJ Dr. Kazuko, General Manager of Global Communication Department, 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 have been divided into groups to visit specific schools or participate in a virtual school visit).
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"> Ms. Arlene Mitchell, Executive Director, GCNF
15:00 - 15:20	Plenary Room (1001-1003): Ratification of the Communiqué	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Eric Mitchell, President, Alliance to End Hunger (15 minutes) Ms. Lindsay Carter, Director, USDA McGovern Dole (5 minutes)
15:20- 16:00	Plenary Room	Moderator:

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	(1001-1003): Official Closing Ceremony of the 2024 Global Child Nutrition Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Arlene Mitchell, Executive Director, GCNF <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Daniel Balaban, Director, United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) Centre of Excellence against Hunger (5 minutes) Dr. Radha Karnad, Director, Child Health & Development, Africa, Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF) (5 minutes) Youth Perspectives (6 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Runchi Baraka, Kenya Ms. Diana Farzaliyeva, Kazakhstan Ms. Gabrielle Mitchell, United States Mr. Sakata Susumu, Councillor (Deputy Director-General, Food Safety and Consumer Affairs Bureau), Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) (5 minutes) Mr. Himeno Tsutomu, Representative of the Government of Japan / Ambassador for the Kansai region, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (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, including Japanese traditional music and Ninja performance.

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WORKSHOP SUMMARIES:

Workshop 1, 15:30-17:30 Monday 9 December: Integrating climate-smart strategies for nutritious and sustainable food systems

Location: Plenary Room (1001-1003)

Languages offered: English, French, Portuguese, Spanish

Join workshop organizing team:

- Mr. Vinicius Limongi, Head of Program, WFP Centre of Excellence Against Hunger (Brazil)
- Ms. Ana Clara Cathalat, Program Officer, WFP Centre of Excellence Against Hunger (Brazil)
- Ms. Mariana Carvalho, Program Assistant, WFP Centre of Excellence Against Hunger (Brazil)
- Ms. Vera Meyer, Regional School Feeding Adviser, WFP Regional Bureau (Bangkok)

To: Understand Home-Grown School Feeding (HGSF) models from various contexts, with a focus on intersectoral collaboration; build critical analysis skills and insight into diverse strategies for implementing HGSF; and participate in intersectoral discussions and cross-country knowledge exchange on HGSF practices.

Workshop 2, 15:30-17:30 Monday 9 December: Linking school meals with holistic food education: cultivating healthier and more sustainable food practices in children and school communities

Location: Room 2 (1009)

Languages offered: Arabic, English, Russian

Join workshop organizing team:

- Dr. Fatima Hachem, Senior Nutrition Officer, FAO
- Ms. Melissa Vargas, Technical Advisor for Nutrition Guidelines and Standards, FAO
- Ms. Nora Hobbs, Regional Nutrition Advisor Asia-Pacific, WFP
- Mr. Sinksar Moges, Nutrition Specialist, UNICEF
- Ms. Munkhjargal Luvsanjamba, Nutrition Officer, UNICEF Mongolia
- Mr. Yemisrach Ahmed Hussen, Nutrition Officer, UNICEF

To: Probe interactions between the school food environment (with a focus on school meals) and school-based food education; identify (pedagogic, social and material) issues and good practices for the promotion of healthier and more sustainable food practices in school-going children and adolescents; and learn evidence-based and practice-informed recommendations for the promotion of healthier and more sustainable food practices in school-going children and adolescents.

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Workshop 3, 15:30-17:30 Monday 9 December: School Meals in Island States – Examples, Opportunities, and Advocacy

Location: Room 3 (1004-1005)

Languages offered: English

Join workshop organizing team and participants from island nations, including

- Dr. Sarah Burkhart, Pacific School Food Network Chair, University of the Sunshine Coast, Research Lead – Nutrition, Health and Food Systems Australian Centre for Pacific Islands Research
- Dr. Danny Hunter, Principal Scientist, Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT
- Prof. Pragya Singh, Associate Professor, Nutrition and Dietetics, Fiji National University
- Ms. Elodie Casey, Research Associate, Australian Centre for Pacific Islands Research
- Prof. Jun Kobayashi, Ryukyus University / Chair of Japanese Consortium for Global School Health Research (JC-GSHR) and Chair of Japan Association for Global Health (JAGH)

To: Enhance understanding of the context of providing school meals in island states; examine examples of activities and pathways to support increasing awareness of the benefits of school meals programs in island states; and learn of activities and pathways for advocacy of school meals programs in island states.

Workshop 4, 15:30-17:30 Monday 9 December: Life Skills and Food Literacy Program in India

Location: Room 4 (1006-1007)

Languages offered: English

Join workshop organizers

- Ms. Aditi Mehrotra, Nutrition Advisor, Food Future Foundation, India
- Ms. Ritu Jawa, Vice Principal, Lotus Valley International School, India

To: Learn effective teaching strategies on Life-skills and Food literacy for children from diverse backgrounds; examine children's role in consumer -behavior and identify their habit-forming tools; hear about mindful eating and self-care practice for all age-groups; and learn about school children's knowledge and behavioural change through Interdisciplinary teaching and assessment.

Workshop 5, 10:30 - 12:30 Tuesday 10 December: Japanese School Meal Program: The History and Shokuiku (Food and Nutrition Education)

Location: Plenary Room (1001-1003)

Languages offered: English, French, Japanese Portuguese, Spanish

Join workshop organizers and presenters:

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- Mr. Kei Kuriwaki, Representative Director, International Child Nutrition Japan
- Prof. Murayama Nobuko, Univ. of Niigata Prefecture
- Dr. Kazuko, General Manager of Global Communication Department, Ajinomoto
- Dr. Takimoto Hidemi, Director General, National Institute of Health and Nutrition
- Prof. Fujihara Tatsushi, Kyoto University
- Prof. Eto Kumi, Kagawa Nutrition University
- Ms. Yamamoto Kana, Diet and Nutrition Teacher at Osaka Education Univ. Ikeda Elementary School

To: Learn how Japanese School Meal Program has evolved in the last 130 years: Purpose, Trigger, Finance, Movement, Law, etc.; learn why school lunch in Japan is considered a part of Education; and learn “shokuiku” (food and nutrition education): Policy, Structure, Methodology using school meals.

Workshop 6, 10:30 - 12:30 Tuesday 10 December: Creating Demand for Climate-Smart, Nutritious Foods through Home-Grown School Feeding

Location: Room 2 (1009)

Languages offered: Arabic, English, Russian

Join workshop organizers

- Mr. Francis Mwanza, GCNF Senior Advisor
- Mr. Ben Muskovitz, Senior Policy Advisor, U.S. Department of State, Office of Global Food Security
- Dr. Olga Cabello, Senior Nutrition Advisor, U.S. Department of State, Office of Global Food Security
- Dr. Danny Hunter, Principal Scientist, Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT

To: Gain increased understanding of climate-smart, nutritious foods and their importance; and explore practical strategies for integrating these foods into local school feeding programs.

Workshop 7, 10:30 - 12:30 Tuesday 10 December: Fortified Whole Grains: A Catalyst for Food Systems Transformation

Location: Room 3 (1004-1005)

Languages offered: English

Join workshop organizers

- Mr. David Kamau, Managing Director, Fortified Whole Grain Alliance
- Ms. Betty Kibaara, Director, Food Initiative, Rockefeller Foundation

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To: Learn about the Fortified Whole Grain Alliance (FWGA), its mission and the role it can play in supporting countries that would to begin using fortified whole grains; explore the significance of fortified whole grain foods; gain insight into FWGA's initiatives and impact across the African continent in collaboration with partners; and discuss next steps for incorporating fortified whole grains into institutional feeding programs, along with the types of support required to achieve the objectives.

Workshop 8, 10:30 - 12:30 Tuesday 10 December: Students as agents of change: Engaging Students in your School Food and Nutrition Programmes

Location: Room (1006-1007)

Languages Offered: English

Join workshop organizers from GAIN:

- Ms. Miriam Schindler, Programme Lead, Children and Young People, GAIN
- Ms. Eny Kurnia Sari, Project Coordinator, GAIN

To: Inspire and equip participants with tools and strategies to actively involve students in school food and nutrition initiatives. Participants will explore how to empower students as leaders and advocates for healthy eating and sustainable practices, fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility.

Workshop 9. 15:30 – 17:30 Tuesday 10 December: McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program (U.S. Department of Agriculture): Support for School Meals

Location: Plenary Room (1001-1003)

Languages Offered: English, French, Portuguese, Spanish

Join workshop organizers from the U.S. Department of Agriculture

- 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

To: Understand key information on the USDA McGovern-Dole program (especially regarding eligibility for both priority country consideration and application process); examine best practices and examples on ensuring strong coordination and building for sustainability under McGovern-Dole program; and consider best practices and examples regarding the contribution of Local and Regional Procurement and USDA donated commodities to sustainable food supply and management of school feeding programs.

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Workshop 10, 15:30 – 17:30 Tuesday 10 December: Japanese School Meal Program: The History and Shokuiku (Food and Nutrition Education)

[NOTE: This will be a repeat of Workshop #5, Please see description under Workshop 5, above.]

Location: Room 2 (1009)

Languages Offered: Arabic, English, Japanese, Russian

Workshop 11, 15:30 – 17:30 Tuesday 10 December: Kitchens - Centralized vs Decentralized: Adapting School Feeding Operations for Efficiency

Location: Room 3 (1004-1005)

Languages Offered: English

Join workshop organizers

- Mr. Shalom Ndiku, Head of Policy & Partnerships, Food 4 Education
- Ms. Nicola Okero, External Relations Officer, Food 4 Education

To: Understand how to sustainably design a school feeding kitchen: Centralized vs decentralized; examine the contextual elements of sustainable school feeding operations; and learn how to assess the cost-effectiveness of a kitchen model.

Workshop 12, 15:30 – 17:30 Tuesday 10 December: Incorporating a Gender Lens in School Feeding Programs

Location: Room 4 (1006-1007)

Languages Offered: English

Join workshop organizers

- Ms. Adriane Seibert, Senior Technical Advisor for Nutrition, CRS
- Ms. Liliane Bigayimpunzi, Survey Coordinator for Africa, GCNF
- (TBC) Ms. Yvonne Ng'ang'a, Manager, Child Health & Development, CIFF

To: Acquire knowledge on the importance of school feeding specifically for girls and women; examine alternatives to current strategies for community engagement that improve gender equity, empowerment of women and girls, and social protection; and develop awareness and build consensus on the importance of developing gender tool kits/ checklists that incorporate a gender lens in school feeding programs.

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Workshop 13, 10:30 – 12:30 Wednesday 11 December: Using your Global Survey results

Location: Plenary Room (1001-1003)

Languages Offered: English, French, Portuguese, Spanish

Join workshop organizers from GCNF

- Ms. Shivani Gharge, Research Coordinator
- Ms. Liliane Bigayimpunzi, Survey Coordinator: Africa
- Mr. Moses Collins Ekwueme, Survey Associate: Africa

To: Understand the structure and comprehensive aspects of the Global Survey questionnaire, including the importance of consistent data collection and reporting, and how this information was gathered from each country; gain awareness of a wide and creative set of options for how to use the survey results; and develop a realistic plan for how your offices or institutions will actively use the survey results.

Workshop 14, 10:30 – 12:30 Wednesday 11 December: McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program (U.S. Department of Agriculture): Support for School Meals

[NOTE: This will repeat Workshop #9. Please see description under Workshop 9, above.]

Location: Room 2 (1009)

Languages Offered: Arabic, English, Japanese, Russian

Workshop 15, 10:30 – 12:30 Wednesday 11 December: The journey of large-scale food fortification, solutions to enable access

Location: Room 3 (1004-1005)

Languages Offered: English

Join workshop organizers

- Mr. Arvind Betigeri, WFP, Regional Food Fortification Advisor, Regional Bureau for Asia and Pacific
- Ms. Nora Hobbs, WFP Regional Lead for Nutrition, WFP 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

To: Identify at least one fortification gap and one success in your country/program(s); identify actions to be applied to in your country/program(s); and develop peer connections for further meaningful dialogue post workshop & conference.

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Workshop 16, 10:30 – 12:30 Wednesday 11 December: Local Ingredients, Global Impact: The Future of School Meals through Local and Regional Procurement

Location: Room 4 (1006-1007)

Languages Offered: English

Join workshop organizers

- Ms. Caitlin Welte, Local and Regional Procurement Advisor, CRS
- Mr. Richard Ndou, Chief of Party, World Vision
- Mr. Mangani Banda, Commodities Manager, World Vision
- Mrs. Precious Mubanga, Senior Manager, Food Security & Livelihoods Sector, World Vision

To: Understand the benefits and barriers to locally and regionally procured foods for school feeding programming; explore making decisions for locally procuring foods with different budget amounts; examine the complexities of strategic local procurement to achieve high quality school feeding programs; learn what the flowchart for the locally procured foods looks like and the potential for value chain actors to engage; highlight the importance of food safety and quality control; and discuss some Lessons Learned and best practices in the use of locally procured foods for quality school feeding programs.

Workshop 17, 15:30-17:30 Wednesday 11 December: Leveraging School Feeding Programs to Build Local Economies and Nutritious Food Systems

Location: Plenary Room (1001-1003)

Languages Offered: English, French, Portuguese, Spanish

Join workshop organizers

- Mr. Taylor Quinn, Executive Director, Tailored Food
- Mr. Ravinder Grover, Global Business Manager, HarvestPlus Solutions
- Mr. Benjamin Uchitelle-Pierce, Manager, CGIAR HarvestPlus Solution

To: Explore how institutional demand, such as school feeding programs, can catalyze the adoption of climate-smart, nutritious agricultural technologies; learn to establish local procurement systems that link school meal programs with local farmers and food processing entrepreneurs, ensuring sustainable access to nutritious foods; and understand how to create school menus that encourage healthy eating while enabling food processing entrepreneurs to reach the scale they need to sell nutritious, affordable food products directly in local market.

Workshop 18, 15:30-17:30 Wednesday 11 December: Using your Global Survey results

[NOTE: This will be repeat Workshop #13, Please see description under Workshop 13, above.]

Location: Room 2 (1009)

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Languages Offered: Arabic, English, Japanese, Russian

Workshop 19, 15:30-17:30 Wednesday 11 December: Power Lunch: Fueling School Meals with Fortification – Innovating for a Healthier Future

Location: Room 3 (1004-1005)

Languages Offered: English

Join workshop organizers

- Ms. Miriam Schindler, Program Lead, Children and Young People, GAIN
- Ms. Rachel Temoi, Head of Development, Sanku;
- Mr. Nelson Mwangi, Communications and External Relations Manager, Sanku
- Ms. Sowrya Kilaru, Program Manager, GAIN

To: Participate in a high-energy, collaborative environment with peers; spark fresh ideas and partnerships for enhancing school feeding programs with fortified foods; and focus on practical, agile solutions, team-building, and fast-paced innovation for real-world impact.

Workshop 20, 15:30-17:30 Wednesday 11 December: Does your school meal quality measure up? Why checking nutritional quality along the school meal value chain matters

Location: Room 4 (1006-1007)

Languages Offered: English

Join workshop organizers

- Ms. Winnie Bell, Senior Technical Advisor, INTAKE
- Ms. Melissa Vargas, Nutritionist, FAO
- Dr. Fatima Hachem, Senior Nutrition Officer, FAO
- Ms. Gloria Folson, Senior Research Fellow, University of Ghana

To: Learn why setting nutritional standards is critical for reaching the nutritional objectives of school meal programs; Identify metrics and tools for measuring the nutritional quality of meals planned, prepared, and served; and explore experiences in other countries/contexts about how the meal/menu standards are set and the measurement of nutritional quality of meals/menus.