



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### 1. What is the Global Child Nutrition Forum?

The [Global Child Nutrition Forum](#) (Global Forum) is a multiday conference focused on school meal programs around the world, hosted by the [Global Child Nutrition Foundation](#). It provides governments and partners with the tools, knowledge, and global connections they need to ensure all children have access to high-quality school meals. The Global Forum fosters a worldwide network of dedicated professionals, complementing the School Meals Coalition's political momentum with hands-on technical expertise. See the report from the most recent Forum, held in Japan in 2024 [here](#).

### 2. When is the Global Child Nutrition Forum?

The Global Child Nutrition Forum will be held in November 2026. Exact dates to be announced.

### 3. Where is the Global Child Nutrition Forum going to be held?

The Global Child Nutrition Forum will be held in Lusaka, Zambia. Exact venue to be announced.

### 4. Who attends the Global Child Nutrition Forum?

The Forum is geared towards government representatives involved in managing school meal programs along with colleagues from private sector companies, international organizations, NGOs, development banks and academic institutions, among others. We expect approximately 250 participants from all over the world.

### 5. May I attend the Forum?

The Forum is open to everyone, however if space becomes limited, priority is given to government representatives. Space constraints may also result in limits in the number of representatives from each country or organization. [Stay tuned](#) for registration to open in late spring 2026.

### 6. How much will it cost to attend the Forum?

All participants (including speakers, moderators, panelists) are responsible for their own expenses.

Prepare your budget: Costs associated with the Forum include visa fees (if applicable), registration, flight/transportation, hotel, and extra meals.

Registration fees are yet to be announced. There will be early registration discounts, starting this spring.

#### **7. Can GCNF cover my expenses?**

No, all participants (including speakers, moderators, panelists) are responsible for their own travel, lodging and registration costs, as well as for some meals.

#### **8. Does GCNF have any scholarships?**

No, all participants are responsible to cover their own registration fees and travel expenses. GCNF will match any available scholarship funds directly with a government participant. In the past, university students have successfully received scholarships from their academic institutions or professional associations.

#### **9. How do I register?**

Registration will open in late spring 2026. There will be discounts for early registrants. Ensure you are signed up for the [GCNF Newsletter](#) to ensure you receive notice of open registration.

#### **10. Can I be a speaker/panelist/moderator?**

Agenda planning will commence in late spring 2026. Check the website for continued updates.

#### **11. Can I be an exhibitor?**

Opportunities for exhibitors are available. Email [heidi@gcnf.org](mailto:heidi@gcnf.org) for details.

#### **12. Will there be a space for research posters?**

Opportunities for research poster participation will be made available in summer 2026.

#### **13. Will there be live translation into different languages at the Forum?**

The primary language of the Forum will be English, and translation may be available in Arabic, English, French, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish. Please note that not everything will be simultaneously translated.

**14. Can my organization help sponsor the Forum?**

Yes! Please contact [heidi@gcnf.org](mailto:heidi@gcnf.org) for sponsorship opportunities.