

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)



## WHAT IS THE GLOBAL CHILD NUTRITION FORUM?

The [Global Child Nutrition Forum](#) (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 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](#).

## WHEN IS THE GLOBAL CHILD NUTRITION FORUM?

The Global Child Nutrition Forum will be held Monday, November 2 2026 through Thursday, November 5. Participants should plan to arrive on Sunday, November 1 and to depart on Friday, November 6.

## WHERE IS THE GLOBAL CHILD NUTRITION FORUM HELD?

The Forum is held in a different location each time. The 2026 Global Child Nutrition Forum will be held in Lusaka, Zambia.

## WHO ATTENDS THE GLOBAL CHILD NUTRITION FORUM? MAY I ATTEND?

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 250-300 participants from all over the world.

The Forum is open to everyone; 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 May 2026.

## HOW DO I REGISTER?

Registration will open in May 2026. There will be discounts for early registrants. Sign up for the [GCNF Newsletter](#) to receive notice of open registration. For the latest information, visit the [Forum webpage](#).

## HOW MUCH WILL IT COST TO ATTEND THE FORUM?

Registration fees are yet to be announced. There will be early registration discounts, starting in May 2026.

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.

## CAN GCNF COVER MY EXPENSES? DOES GCNF HAVE ANY SCHOLARSHIPS?

All participants (including speakers, moderators, panelists) are responsible for their own travel, lodging and registration costs, as well as for some meals.

Currently there are no scholarships. If scholarship funds become available, GCNF will match them directly with a government participant. In the past, university students have successfully received scholarships from their academic institutions or professional associations.

## CAN I BE A SPEAKER/PANELIST/MODERATOR?

Agenda planning will commence in late spring 2026. Sign up for the [GCNF Newsletter](#) for opportunities to suggest agenda content. Check the [website](#) for continued updates.

## CAN I BE AN EXHIBITOR? CAN MY ORGANIZATION HELP SPONSOR THE FORUM?

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

## WILL THERE BE A SPACE FOR RESEARCH POSTERS?

Opportunities for research poster participation will be made available in summer 2026. Sign up for the [GCNF Newsletter](#) to receive information about research poster opportunities.

## 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.

*Still have questions? Contact us at [info@gcnf.org](mailto:info@gcnf.org)*