



**10<sup>th</sup> Regional Forum**

# School Meals

for Latin America and the Caribbean

The 10th Regional School Meals Forum for Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the Government of Mexico and the United Nations World Food Program (WFP), aims to highlight the importance of school feeding programmes for the countries of this region and their contribution in transforming food systems. This exchange of both knowledge and experiences also seeks to highlight the interest and commitment that governments and their key allies have to strength and sustain these programs through public policies based in evidence. Given the challenges and crises facing our region and the world, the need to combine efforts, resources and capacities to achieve common objectives that guarantee food security and nutrition for children, their families, and their communities through healthy foods in schools, is evident and contributes directly to the future of our countries.

**WHO**

Government representatives from Ministries of Education, Social Development, Health and Agriculture from more than 20 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, International Financial Institutions, United Nations Agencies, academia, civil society, and international experts.

**WHAT**

High level three-day event with an additional and optional day of visits, for which there will be limited spaces.

**WHERE**

Mexico City, Mexico – the Cultural Complex Los Pinos (Adolfo López Mateos Hall)

**WHEN**

August 27-29, 2024, with a day of additional, optional visits August 30, 2024.



School meals as an entry point for a better nutrition



Towards resilient and sustainable food systems through school meals



Building the school meals of the future

Monday August 26, 2024

11:00 - 18:00 Pre-registration at hotel Sheraton María Isabel

## Day 1 – Tuesday August 27, 2024

Time	Session/ Panelists	Details
8:15 - 8:30	Buses leave the Sheraton María Isabel Hotel towards the Los Pinos Cultural Complex. Buses will be outside the main lobby of the hotel and will leave continuously.	
9:00 - 9:30	Participant registration at Los Pinos Cultural Complex	Outside the Adolfo López Mateos Hall
9:30 - 10:00	Cultural activity	
10:00 - 10:05	Welcome and presentation of the agenda by Claudia Palacios	
10:05 - 11:15	<b>Session 1. Preamble: The regional context, current challenges for school meals in Latin America and the Caribbean</b>	Adolfo López Mateos Hall

Moderated by Carmen Burbano, Director of School Meals and Social Protection Unit, World Food Programme, WFP

### High level panel:

- Lola Castro, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, World Food Programme, WFP
- Daniela Trucco, Senior Social Affairs Officer, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, ECLAC
- Andrés Morales, Country Representative, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, UNESCO
- Laura Ripani, Mexico Representative, Inter-American Development Bank, Interamerican Development Bank, IDB
- Harold Alderman, Senior Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute, IFPRI
- Ruy López Ridaura, Undersecretary of Prevention and Health Promotion and National Convenor for Food Systems, Secretary of Health, Mexico

11:15 - 11:30 Coffee break

<b>11:30-12:30</b>	<b>Session 2. Official inauguration</b>	Adolfo López Mateos Hall
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Master of ceremonies Claudia Palacios:

- Jorge Carlos Alcocer Varela, Secretary of Health, Mexico
- Lola Castro, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, WFP
- Ruy López Ridaura, Undersecretary of Prevention and Health Promotion, National Convenor for the Transformation of Food Systems, Secretary of Health, Mexico
- Joel Hernández García, Assistant Secretary for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights, Mexico
- Peter Grohmann, United Nations Resident Coordinator, Mexico
- Gloria Sandoval Salas, Executive Director for the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation, AMEXCID, Mexico

Group photo

## THEME 1: SCHOOL MEALS AS AN ENTRY POINT FOR A BETTER NUTRITION

12:30 - 13:45

### Session 3. The role of public policy in achieving healthy food environments for school-age children in LAC

Moderated by Juan Rivera Dommarco, Researcher, National Institute of Public Health, INSP, Mexico

- Nelly Bustos Zapata, Research Lead, School food environments and nutritional education, Institute of Nutrition and Food Technology, INTA, Chile
- Graciela de Paz Fuentes, General Director of Food and Community Development, National DIF System, Mexico
- Alejandro Calvillo, Director, The Power of the Consumer (*El Poder del Consumidor*), Mexico
- Víctor Ramón Castro Izquierdo, Executive Director, National Institute of Student Welfare, INABIE, Dominican Republic
- Pedro Jonel Ripalda Ramírez, Executive Director of the National School Feeding Program *Qali Warma*, Ministry of Development and Social Inclusion, MIDIS, Peru

13:45 - 15:15

Lunch with and introduction by Chef Gabriela Cámara

Cencalli Kitchens

15:15 - 16:30

### Session 4. What do school-aged children eat? How can we promote healthy habits through school feeding?

Childrens' panel with Sesame Street (15 min), facilitated by Brenda Campos

Moderated by Claudia Palacios

- Mishelle Mitchelle, Regional Director of External Engagement and Communications for Latin America and the Caribbean, World Vision
- Rafael Monge-Rojas, Researcher, The Costa Rican Institute for Research and Education in Nutrition and Health, INCIENSA, Costa Rica
- Jacques Alcoba Barba, Municipal Secretary of Education and Social Development, The Autonomous Municipal Government of La Paz, Bolivia
- Brenda Campos, Senior Director of Social Impact for Latin America, Sesame Street

16:30 - 17:30

### Session 5. Healthy spaces in schools: innovative models and integrated packages

Moderated by Carla Mejía, Regional Nutrition Advisor, WFP

- José Leonardo Sánchez Hernández, Vice Minister of Regional Planning and Coordination Ministry of Public Education, Costa Rica
- Camila Rubio Araya, National Director, National Board of School Aid and Scholarships, JUNAEB, Chile
- Delia Elvira López Zamora, Executive Director of Early Childhood Education and Nutrition Centers, *DIF Ciudad de México*, Mexico
- Fiorella Espinosa, Nutrition Officer for Food Environments, UNICEF, Mexico

17:30

Transfer to Sheraton Maria Isabel Hotel

18:45 - 19:10

### Transfer to Chapultepec Castle

Buses will leave promptly from the lobby of the Sheraton María Isabel Hotel. There will be no private vehicle access to The Chapultepec Castle.

19:45 - 21:30

### Cultural event provided by the Government of Mexico

Chapultepec Castle  
Formal dress

21:30

Transfer to Sheraton Maria Isabel Hotel

## Day 2- Wednesday, August 28, 2024

Time	Session / Panelists	Details
9:00 - 9:15	<b>Session 6. The regional perspective and future commitments</b>	Adolfo López Mateos Hall
	<p>Master of ceremonies Claudia Palacios</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Henry Ori, Minister of Education, Science and Culture, Suriname</li> <li>Jose Carlos Cardona, Secretary of Social Development, SEDESOL, Honduras</li> </ul>	
<b>THEME 2: TOWARDS RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS THROUGH SCHOOL MEALS</b>		
9:15 - 10:45	<b>Session 7. School meals and food systems with a view to 2030</b>	
	<p>Moderated by Claudia Palacios</p> <p>Introductory video: Jessica Fanzo, Professor of Climate and Director of the Food for Humanity Initiative, Columbia Climate School, the Food Systems Countdown Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Don Bundy, Professor of Epidemiology and Development, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Director of the School Feeding Coalition Research Consortium</li> <li>Tania Eulalia Martínez-Cruz, Representative, The Indigenous Peoples' Food Systems Coalition</li> <li>Pedro Martel, Division Chief Environment, Rural Development, and Disaster Risk Management, IDB</li> <li>Pablo Bartol, Manager of Social and Human Development, Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean, CAF</li> </ul>	
10:45 - 11:15	Coffee break	
11:15 - 12:00	<b>Session 8. The regional analysis of local purchase and inclusion: what is needed for adequate implementation</b>	
	<p>Moderated by Víctor Suárez, Sub-Secretary of Food Self-Sufficiency, Mexico</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hugo Raúl Paulín Hernández, Sub-Secretary of Productive Inclusion and Rural Development, Mexico</li> <li>Osana Bonilla-Findji, Science Officer, Climate Smart Technologies and Practices, Alliance Bioversity &amp; CIAT</li> <li>Mina Namdar-Irani, Director, Agroqualitas, Chile</li> </ul>	
12:00 - 13:00	<b>Session 9. Implementation experiences: local public procurement (part 1)</b>	
	<p>Moderated by Giulia Baldi, Head of Social Protection Team, School Meals and Social Protection Service, WFP</p> <p>Local purchase in <b>Guatemala</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anabella María Giracca Méndez, Minister of Education, Guatemala</li> <li>Mynor Estuardo Estrada Rosales, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Food, Guatemala</li> </ul> <p>Meeting national targets through a culturally relevant approach in <b>Colombia</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Viviana Elena Sierra Moscote, Lead Coordinator, School Feeding Programme, Colombia</li> <li>Jorge Eliecer Garcia Pino, Association of Wayuu Authorities, Sabana Nakuiapa Talaulayu, Colombia</li> </ul>	
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch	

14:30 - 15:15	<p><b>Session 10. Implementation experiences: local public procurement (part 2)</b></p> <p>Moderated by Giulia Baldi, Head of Social Protection Team, School Meals and Social Protection Service, WFP</p> <p><b>Haiti's</b> commitments to local purchase:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Djina Guillet Delatour, National Coordinator of School Feeding, Haiti</li> </ul> <p>The <b>Brazilian</b> experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karine Santos, School Meals Coordinator, National Fund for Education Development, FNDE, Brazil</li> <li>• Marenilson Batista da Silva, Rural Extension Services Director, Ministry of Agrarian Development, MDA, Brazil</li> </ul>
15:15 - 15:45	Coffee break
15:45 - 16:30	<p><b>Session 11. School meals to prepare and respond to crisis</b></p> <p>Moderated by Giorgia Testolin, Country Director in Nicaragua, WFP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curtis King, Minister of Education and National Reconciliation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines</li> <li>• Augustin Antoine, Minister of National Education and Professional Formation, Haiti</li> <li>• Jessica Cecilia Niño de Guzmán Esaine, Vice Minister of Social Development and Inclusion, Ministry of Development and Social Inclusion, MIDIS, Peru</li> <li>• Juan Camilo Jiménez Garcés, Regional Community Outreach Manager for Latin America, World Central Kitchen</li> </ul>
16:30 - 17:45	<p><b>Session 12. How do we measure transformation? Experiences from the region</b></p> <p>Moderated by Carmen Burbano, Director of School Meals and Social Protection Unit, World Food Programme, WFP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mariel Mendiola, Leader of the Global Survey Team: Americas, The Global Child Nutrition Foundation</li> <li>• Don Bundy, Professor of Epidemiology and Development, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; Director of the School Feeding Coalition Research Consortium</li> <li>• Harold Alderman, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI</li> <li>• Daniela Godoy, Senior Policy Officer Food Security and Nutrition, FAO</li> <li>• José Nabor Cruz Marcelo, Executive Secretary of the National Council for the Evaluation of Social Development Policy, CONEVAL, Mexico</li> </ul>
17:45 - 18:00	<p><b>Summary and instructions for field visits</b></p> <p>Moderated by DIF Mexico City</p>
18:00	Transfer to Sheraton Maria Isabel Hotel

**Day 3 – Thursday, August 29, 2024**

Time	Session / Panelists	Details
6:45 - 7:00	Buses leave the Sheraton María Isabel Hotel towards the urban schools. The buses will be outside the main hotel lobby.	
7:00 - 11:00	<p><b>Session 13. Field visits: urban schools in Mexico City</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School 1: Maestros de México, Cuajimalpa de Morelos</li> <li>School 2: Villa Centro Americana y del Caribe, Tláhuac</li> <li>School 3: Nuevo Milenio, Tláhuac</li> <li>School 4: León Guzmán, Venustiano Carranza</li> <li>School 5: Jaime Torres Bodet, Gustavo A. Madero</li> </ul>	Duration: <b>4 hours</b> (1 hour transfer)
11:00 - 12:00	Light lunch	
12:00 - 14:00	<p><b>Session 14. Declaration and close of event</b></p> <p>Master of ceremonies Claudia Palacios</p> <p>Special announcements moderated by Lola Castro, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, WFP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fernando Carrera, Representative, UNICEF, Mexico</li> <li>Lina Pohl, Representative, FAO, Mexico</li> </ul> <p>Closing remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ruy López Ridauro, Undersecretary of Prevention and Health Promotion, National Convener for the Transformation of Food Systems, Mexico</li> </ul>	<i>Adolfo López Mateos Hall</i>
16:00 – 19:00	<b>School Meals Coalition meeting for member states</b>	<i>Ministry of Foreign Affairs</i>

**Day 4 – Friday, August 30, 2024 (limited participation)**

7:00	<b>Field visits organized by the Government of Mexico</b>	
	<p><b>Programme <i>Sembrando Vida</i>, Secretary of Wellbeing:</b> Farmer learning community, part of the <i>Sembrando Vida</i> programme</p> <p>Estimated visit duration: <b>8 hours</b> (3 hours transfer)</p> <p>Lunch to be offered</p>	Puebla State
	<p><b>Programme <i>Producción para el Bienestar</i>, Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development:</b> Farmer Field School El Mogote</p> <p>Estimated visit duration: <b>7 hours</b> (2 hours transfer)</p> <p>Lunch to be offered</p>	Mexico State
	<p><b>National Research and Advocacy Project on Health and Community Food, The National Council of Humanities, Science and Technology:</b> Alpuyeca</p> <p>Estimated visit duration: <b>7 hours</b> (2 hours transfer)</p> <p>Lunch to be offered</p>	Morelos State