

# **ADVOCACY**

The Advocacy Workstream, co-led by Welthungerhilfe and Concern Worldwide, held its first meeting on 30 September, engaging OECD, EU, FAO, UNDP, IFRC, UNHCR, and USAID. Co-leads presented the vision, suggested way forward, and a draft mapping of relevant initiatives related to food and nutrition security, and peacebuilding, as well as potential coalition advocacy opportunities. Next steps include the development of a Theory of Change aimed at promoting policy, strategy and practice changes that minimise the impact of conflict on hunger and of hunger on conflict, broken down into practical deliverables. The workstream will also continue to support the coalition's engagement in upcoming advocacy opportunities.

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# **ADVOCACY- EVENTS**

The UN General Assembly high-level side-event "The Role of Humanitarian Diplomacy in Anticipating and Preventing Food Crises" was co-organized by the Czech Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the OECD and the Global Network Against Food Crises, in close collaboration with the Coalition. Opened by Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic Jan Lipavsky and moderated by the Coalition co-lead Habib Ur Rehman Mayar, Deputy General Secretary of the g7+, the event brought together high-level panellists to discuss underlying drivers of food insecurity and global fragility and discussed the role of humanitarian diplomacy in preventing food crises, including through facilitating informed anticipatory action. Full recording of the event can be found here.

The Coalition actively contributed to the IGAD Regional event for East Africa: Beyond Food Crises, Addressing food crises in East Africa from an HDP perspective, co-organized by IGAD and the Global Network against Food Crises, in collaboration with the Coalition. Regional and country offices of Coalition members were mobilized to contribute to the dialogue, together with IGAD member states (including national convenors and relevant ministries), and donor countries. The conclusions of the Technical Dialogue were endorsed at the

from IGAD Member States of the necessity of a HDP approach to address current food crises in the region and prevent future famine or food insecurity. The Coalition would like to give a special thanks to Coalition members who provided their support and expertise, including the g7+, Concern Worldwide, Interpeace, Action Against Hunger, CARE, UNDRR, Welthungerhilfe, Mercy Corps, IOM, IFRC, DCO, and Wageningen university.

The Coalition is co-organizing with the Climate-Resilient Food Systems Alliance and Switzerland a high-level official side event at the COP27: "Climate-resilient Food Systems and Peace: Exploring the Interconnections". The event will take place Friday 11 November from 13:15 to 14:45, in the Blue Zone (Sharm El Sheikh International Convention Centre, Room 8 - Thutmose).





The panel will build on CGIAR-presented evidence of the linkages between food security, conflict and climate, with Ukraine and Pakistan as key examples, to offer a solution-orientated discussion for ensuring climate resilient food systems and raising global awareness on the interlinkages between climate, food security, and peace.

For more information, contact the Coalition's Secretariat.

# **CLIMATE, SECURITY AND FOOD SYSTEMS**

CGIAR launched the Coalition's Climate Security and Food Systems Workstream in September, with initial meetings offering presentations by CGIAR on their Climate Security Observatory and Wageningen University on insights into climate, security and food systems nexus in the Sahel. The attendance of more than 20 actors from across the Coalition shows the strong interest around the thematic, with several participants volunteering to present in future workstream meetings. The workstream's workplan includes the production of regional and national level briefs collating qualitative and quantitative evidence on the dynamic pathways through which climate impacts on food and nutrition security affect the prospects for peace.

For more information, contact workstream lead Grazia Pacillio <u>G.Pacillo@cgiar.org</u>.



# RESEARCH

To identify opportunities to leverage the Coalition's research expertise, the research workstream is initiating a series of opportunities for global groups and actors to present their objectives, findings and research gaps. The first meeting saw David Nabarro, colead of the Food Workstream of the Global Crisis Response Group on Food, Energy and Finance. In addition to explaining the work of the Group, David raised several key research gaps to help guide and direct the work of workstream members. SIPRI, lead of the workstream, is also supporting the development of the Global Food Security Dashboard, which includes forward-looking research and analysis on food policy and foresight, developed by the Global Alliance for Food Security (GAFS).

For more information or to include research material in the GAFS dashboard, contact workstream lead Sepideh Soltaninia sepideh.soltaninia@sipri.org.



## **MEMBER UPDATES**

#### Yemen

In September 2022, Yemen launched a project on "Enhanced Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus Mechanisms: Towards Sustainable Food Security and Livelihood Interventions in Yemen". The project aims to operationalise the HDP Nexus in Yemen and to support the establishment of a national HDP Nexus task-force team, co-chaired by the Government of Yemen represented by the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, and UN-Resident Coordinator's Office. The ultimate goal of the project is to ensure sufficient safe space for HDP actors involved in food, nutrition and livelihoods assistance to link up at the subnational level, building a common understanding within a collective outcomes framework, and strengthening inclusion and accountability to results. This project is in collaboration with FAO Yemen and funded by the EU.

For more information, kindly contact Ms. Karima Al-Hada'a a (karima.mopic@gmail.com).



### Wageningen University and FAO

Wageningen University & Research and FAO organised their first Food and Nutrition Security Resilience Programme (FNS-REPRO) strategic expert consultation and learning event in Wageningen, the Netherlands from 19 to 23 September. This week-long event brought together over 50 people representing South Sudan, Sudan, Somaliland, Kenya, Ethiopia, Italy and Netherlands-based partners, from UN, NGOs, government, knowledge institutes and the private sector. Participants reflected on experiences and lessons learned, explored a range of key topic areas relevant for food systems transformation for building more resilient food systems (in protracted crises) and set the agenda for the final implementation cycle of the programme at large.



### Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

In September, SIPRI published a three-part series on WFP's contributions to improving the prospects for peace in Nigeria. The Nigeria case study focused on three thematic areas: stabilization, cash-based transfers and measurement. SIPRI also launched a new video series on perceptions on food security in South Sudan and efforts to improve prospects for peace. The interviews were conducted as part of the wider knowledge partnership between SIPRI and WFP, which is aimed to strengthen WFP's contribution to improving prospects for peace in the countries where it works. The series features a wide range of distinct voices: policymakers, practitioners in humanitarian organizations present in South Sudan, the local population living in internally displaced people camps and traditional authority representatives in Jonglei State.

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## **MEMBER UPDATES**

### UNDP

Through the DAC-UN Dialogue, UNDP has co-led the development of an <u>HDP Nexus Online Course</u> designed to develop a common understanding of Nexus approaches across the humanitarian, development and peace pillars.

For more information, please contact <u>mac.shaw@undp.org</u> and <u>roberto.paganini@undp.org</u>.

### **Global Network against Food Crises**

On 12 September, the Global Network Against Food Crisis and the High-Level Taskforce on Famine Prevention organized the virtual roundtable The Road to UNGA: Preventing Famine and Fighting Food Insecurity. In the leadup to the General Assembly, the event was an important opportunity to highlight unprecedented levels of global acute food insecurity and promote actions urgently needed by the global community to avert famine and stop the reoccurring cycle of food crises. Speakers representing civil society, member states, international financial institutions and UN organizations presented concrete recommendations for the General Assembly to take forward and made compelling calls for action. During the event, the Global Network also launched the Mid-year Update of the 2022 Global Report on Food Crises. For more information, please contact Maria Aarsland (maria.aarsland@wfp.org).

The Global Network has also released the <u>Hunger Hotspots</u> report covering October 2022 to January 2023 outlook. Drawing on the findings of the Hunger Hotspots outlook, FAO and WFP warn that acute food insecurity is likely to deteriorate further in 19 countries or situations – called hunger hotspots – during the outlook period from October 2022 to January 2023.

### **CARE**

Through its comprehensive strategic campaign to the global food and nutrition crisis, CARE advocates for a holistic global response that focuses on the human face of the crisis and bridges both immediate humanitarian response and urgent support to sustainable agriculture. Early results of the campaign include i) a series of case studies and data outlining impacts on farmers and how that will shape the next year, ii) intense advocacy work across a range of forums, including national governments, bi-lateral and multilateral donors, and global forums like AGRF 2022, and iii) rapid adaptations to programs to better support farmers.



### **Social Protection Podcast**



The Coalition would like to bring your attention to the <u>"Mind the nutrition gap" episode of its Social Protection Podcast</u>, with food security-related documents accessible in the podcast page. Social Protection is seen as key to operationalizing the triple nexus by both the EU and UNSDG and, as underlined by this episode, has potential synergy with food security.