



ACCELERATING THE END OF HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION

— A GLOBAL EVENT —

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DEAR CONFERENCE PARTICIPANT:

Welcome to the Global Event on “Accelerating the End of Hunger and Malnutrition.” Your participation will make a valuable contribution to this groundbreaking initiative to advance human well-being.

Hunger and the multiple burdens of malnutrition cause human suffering and hold back economic potential. Achieving food and nutrition security is fundamental to reaching all the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). However, in recent years, progress towards eradicating hunger has slowed and even reversed globally. To end hunger and malnutrition by 2030, the world urgently needs to correct its course and pick up the pace.

IFPRI and FAO have joined forces to accelerate progress on eliminating hunger and all forms of malnutrition before 2030 and pave the way for achieving the SDGs. This event will explore how acceleration can best be achieved and what lessons can be drawn from past successes and failures. We will discuss new evidence, data, and successful program and country cases on how food systems can deliver healthy and sustainable diets for a growing population while leaving no one behind. We will go in-depth on cutting-edge ways to accelerate progress in urban areas and among conflict-afflicted peoples. Furthermore, we will examine novel approaches to enhance returns on investment in nutrition, collect and share data to track progress, and strengthen public-private partnerships.

With your support, we hope to advance our knowledge of strategies, actions, and innovations to employ in different countries and contexts to achieve accelerated progress and further realize our commitment for effective and efficient implementation.

We appreciate the support of our event partners and the advice of the Advisory Council in undertaking this important event.



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IF NOT NOW, THEN WHEN?

WE ARE NOT ON TRACK TO END HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION BY 2030— THE TARGET YEAR FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs).

The number of people in the world affected by undernourishment, or chronic food deprivation, has increased from an estimated 804 million in 2016 to nearly 821 million in 2017, thus returning to levels from a decade ago, while overweight, obesity, and noncommunicable diseases are growing at alarming rates. Reversing these trends is critical, made more important by the close links between food security and nutrition and many other SDGs. A significant push to fast-track efforts at all levels is needed for the world to achieve the SDG target of hunger eradication by 2030.

The program of this global event is anchored around the twin themes of accelerators and acceleration to end hunger and malnutrition. Although there are roadblocks to progress, experiences and ongoing innovations point to an array of proven and potential accelerators whose context, scale, and depth can be augmented to reverse the decline and speed up the rate of progress.

WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR

In our **inauguration**, we will take a stark look at the latest global trends in the magnitude of hunger and malnutrition. Country leaders will highlight the potential challenges and opportunities for acceleration. Policy makers and country-level experts will appraise the varying levels of progress made in reducing malnutrition across countries and draw lessons from **country experiences (High-Level Panel I)** that have accelerated (or hampered) progress. Ending hunger also requires smart policies translated into on-the-ground impact. Participants with a variety of experiences from policy, research, and civil society will focus on moving from policy to impact by **facing challenges and defining needs (High-Level Panel II)** to ensure sustainable reductions in hunger and malnutrition.

Identifying the key accelerators that have enabled countries and communities to rapidly reduce hunger provides valuable lessons for other campaigns. An **overview of accelerators in food systems (Plenary Session 1)** will be followed by sharing of country experiences, including policy, fiscal, and legal frameworks that create enabling

WHAT IS AN ACCELERATOR?

In the context of ending hunger and malnutrition, an accelerator is a policy, intervention, or innovation—or combination of these—that bypasses, reduces, or eliminates barriers to advance the end of hunger and malnutrition, amplifying impact through synergies, integration, and partnerships between and among sectors.

environments and foster inclusive coordination. Key questions around the context of progress, customization, and flexibility, as well as how different policies and actions can work together to enhance impact, will be discussed. Multisectoral coordination (including agriculture, forestry and fisheries, trade, health, finance, and education among many others) and multistakeholder collaboration, involving consumers, civil society, and the private sector, will be essential. The need for context-specific customization and flexibility in the accelerator concept will be deliberated.

CENTRAL VISION FOR ACCELERATING PROGRESS

To achieve food security and nutrition, efforts to accelerate progress must be inclusive, environmentally sustainable, and based on multisectoral partnerships. Poverty and malnutrition are intrinsically linked and, without action on poverty, the poor and most vulnerable risk being overlooked. Innovations for **inclusive acceleration to leave no one behind (Parallel Session A)**, such as supporting local collective action to empower vulnerable communities, will be discussed. Women form a major part of the labor force but challenges to their inclusion in decision-making processes and access to important rights such as land tenure persist. Understanding of the roles of gender, race, and ethnicity, as well as the policy and institutional environments, will be crucial for reducing poverty and inequalities.

Producing sufficient calories while ignoring environmental trade-offs is no longer acceptable—the world must deliver **sustainable and healthy diets in a time of climate change (Parallel Session B)**. Reconciling the competing demands of food systems in the face of growing economies, international trade, globalization, and urbanization will not be simple. Researchers and practitioners will explore the complicated nexus between consumption, sustainable production, and ensuring environmental benefits that promote good health and well-being. Which type of diet is good for both human and environmental health? Recommendations can be double-edged and will need to be optimized based on science and evidence, especially in countries that are already struggling with multiple burdens of malnutrition.

Public-private partnerships (Parallel Session C) offer a number of potential benefits for addressing food insecurity and malnutrition, deriving from the combination of the operational and economic efficiency typical of the private sector with the public sector's role as the creator of an enabling environment and socioeconomic regulator. Leaders in the public and private sectors and civil society will evaluate what is required for successful collaboration—particularly accelerators in the enabling environment, including policies, legislation, and regulations. At the same time, food, agriculture, and other linked sectors present innovators with limitless opportunities to catalyze change. Experts and researchers will present **promising new technologies, start-ups, and policies (Plenary Session 2)** and discuss how we can create environments and partnerships that foster innovation.

ADDRESSING EMERGING CHALLENGES

Accelerating progress will require addressing major emerging challenges to food security and nutrition. Recent decades have seen shifts in dietary patterns worldwide that have created easy access to abundant, cheap, and nutrient-poor foods and beverages. Solutions to **leverage the food system to tackle obesity and overweight (Plenary Session 3)** lie in both top-down and bottom-up approaches. Leaders in nutrition and health will highlight novel approaches to reducing the rapid rise in overnutrition, including leveraging agricultural policy and collaborating with the private sector and investment communities. Accelerators in this sector will have to perform both double- and triple-duty actions as nutrition imbalances will have to be corrected now and for the future.

The world is rapidly urbanizing, especially in Asia and Africa, and its growing cities face multiple malnutrition burdens. We cannot end hunger and malnutrition without **nourishing cities to speed progress (Plenary Session 4)**. Well-planned cities and towns will not only alleviate issues of food insecurity and malnutrition in urban areas but will also become drivers of sustainable rural transformation. Recent work on fostering nutrition-sensitive food systems in urban territories, leveraging good governance, improving the urban food environment, and exchanging knowledge between cities will be shared. This session will look forward on fostering nutrition-sensitive food systems in urban territories, leveraging good governance, and exploring ways to improve the urban food environment by means such as reducing food waste and loss.

Persistent conflicts worldwide are also threatening progress in the fight against hunger and malnutrition. Researchers and representatives from the humanitarian sector will focus on preparedness and strategic investments for **strengthening resilience to accelerate progress (Parallel Session D)** in crisis contexts. Promising approaches include more proactive preventive and anticipatory risk-management, as well as integrating agriculture-food-nutrition, emergency relief, recovery, and peace building and risk-sensitive development interventions. These will be key elements for not leaving anyone, especially women and vulnerable communities, behind in times of conflict and calamity.

MAKING ACCELERATION HAPPEN

Accelerating progress requires a strong commitment to data and evidence, good governance, and effective investment. First, **tracking progress with new tools and data (Parallel Session E)** is a vital component of accelerating the end of hunger and malnutrition and achieving the SDGs. Quality micro-level data is urgently needed to study the patterns of association between various determinants of malnutrition. This evidence, combined with assessments that focus on macro phenomena—such as extreme poverty, food supplies, and undernourishment—can inform nutrition-driven strategies, policies, and programs.

Second, effective and efficient policy development and service provision depend on **good governance from the local to the global level (Parallel Session F)**. Given the many and diverse actors in the food system, responsibility for food security and nutrition must be shared across all levels. For this, well-designed governance mechanisms that can facilitate coordination across policy, program, and implementation levels are needed. A compartmentalized approach will not be effective—good governance requires that all levels work together in improving access to healthy foods and creating enabling environments for progress.

Third, we need to boost the impact of our spending for nutrition. Despite the high economic and health costs of malnutrition, governments spend more on sectors that impact nutrition outcomes indirectly—like social protection, education, climate change, and water and sanitation—than they do on nutrition-specific interventions. We must develop priorities and strategies for investments that can deliver more positive nutrition outcomes and **enhance the return on investment (Plenary Session 5)**. International leaders in economics and nutrition will discuss the economic benefits of ending hunger and malnutrition, and explore innovative financing mechanisms and investment flows. Donors, the private sector, governments, and civil society must prod food systems toward delivering positive nutrition outcomes alongside economic growth. Doing so is critical to change the longstanding narrative of a nutrition transition whereby diets become calorie-rich and nutrient-poor as countries become richer.

Progress toward ending hunger and malnutrition can be kick-started and amplified by increasing the scale, depth, and adaptation of these accelerators. Force multipliers will need to be identified—they could be technologies, people, or institutions; they could be sector specific or cross-sectoral. Experts and practitioners who have gathered at this conference have enabled the convergence of various disciplines and are contributing to accelerating progress. Their knowledge and expertise will need to be fully engaged to achieve the SDGs. This conference provides a unique opportunity to examine and highlight what we know about accelerating progress on hunger and malnutrition, the policies and tools that can be put to work, and the governance and financial support that will all be essential for meeting our 2030 goal of ending hunger and malnutrition.



DAY 1

WEDNESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER

INTERCONTINENTAL BANGKOK

08:30 - 11:45	SIDE EVENTS ACCELERATION FAIR	
12:00 - 13:30	SIDE EVENTS ACCELERATION FAIR	Lunch
14:00 - 14:45	Welcome and Keynote Addresses	
14:45 - 15:30	HIGH-LEVEL PANEL I: Accelerating the End of Hunger and Malnutrition: Country Experiences	
15:35 - 16:20	HIGH-LEVEL PANEL II: Accelerating the End of Hunger and Malnutrition: Facing Challenges, Defining Needs	
16:30 - 18:00	SIDE EVENTS ACCELERATION FAIR	
18:00 - 21:00	Conference Dinner	

OVERVIEW

DAY 2

THURSDAY, 29 NOVEMBER

CENTARA GRAND at CENTRAL WORLD

07:30 – 08:30	SIDE EVENTS ACCELERATION FAIR	
08:45 – 09:00	Welcome and Setting the Scene	
09:00 – 10:30	PLENARY SESSION 1: Speeding Progress: Accelerators in Food Systems	
10:30 – 10:45	Launch of the <i>Global Nutrition Report 2018</i>	
10:45 – 11:15	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>	
11:15 – 12:45	PARALLEL SESSIONS: A. Leaving No One Behind: Inclusive Acceleration B. Healthy and Sustainable Diets in a Time of Climate Change C. Public-Private Partnerships to End Hunger and Malnutrition	
13:00 – 14:30	SIDE EVENTS ACCELERATION FAIR	Lunch
14:45 – 16:20	PLENARY SESSION 2: Innovation for Acceleration: New Technologies, Start-Ups, and Policies	
16:20 – 17:50	PLENARY SESSION 3: Leveraging the Food System to Tackle Overweight and Obesity	
18:00 – 19:30	SIDE EVENTS ACCELERATION FAIR	
19:30 – 21:00	<i>Reception and Networking</i>	

OVERVIEW

DAY 3

FRIDAY, 30 NOVEMBER

CENTARA GRAND at CENTRAL WORLD

07:30 – 08:30	SIDE EVENTS ACCELERATION FAIR	
08:45 – 09:00	Welcome and Recap	
09:00 – 10:15	PLENARY SESSION 4: Nourishing Cities to Speed Progress	
10:15 – 10:45	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>	
10:45 – 12:00	PARALLEL SESSIONS: D. Conflicts and Emergencies: Strengthening Resilience to Accelerate Progress E. SDG2: Tracking Progress with New Tools and Data F. Good Governance Accelerates Progress: From Local to Global	
12:15 – 13:45	SIDE EVENTS ACCELERATION FAIR	<i>Lunch</i>
13:55 – 15:15	PLENARY SESSION 5: Accelerators: Enhancing the Return on Investment	
15:15 – 15:45	Looking Forward with a New Mindset	
15:45 – 16:00	Closing Session: Moving Forward	

DAY 1

WEDNESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER

INTERCONTINENTAL BANGKOK

07:30 – 17:00 *Registration*

08:30 – 10:00 **SIDE EVENTS: Session 1 | ACCELERATION FAIR**

10:15 – 11:45 **SIDE EVENTS: Session 2 | ACCELERATION FAIR**

12:00 – 13:30 **SIDE EVENTS: Session 3 | ACCELERATION FAIR | Lunch**

13:30 – 13:45 *Gallery Walk* | **FUTURE SMART FOOD FAIR | ACCELERATION FAIR**

14:00 – 14:45 **WELCOME AND KEYNOTE ADDRESSES**

GRAND BALLROOM 1 & 2

IFPRI and FAO will open this global conference designed to accelerate progress in ending hunger and all forms of malnutrition. This goal is a precursor to achieving the SDGs and will require innovative partnerships, ideas, and investment approaches. Following opening remarks, distinguished keynote speakers will address potential challenges and opportunities in acceleration.

Welcome Remarks

- **José Graziano da Silva**, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Italy
- **Shenggen Fan**, Director General, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), USA
- **Grisada Boonrach**, Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand

Keynote Addresses

- **Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury**, Speaker, Parliament, Bangladesh
- **Édouard Ngirente**, Prime Minister, Rwanda
- **Zinash Tayachew**, First Lady, Ethiopia
- **Inonge Wina**, Vice President, Zambia

14:45 – 15:30 **ACCELERATING THE END OF HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION: Country Experiences**

GRAND BALLROOM 1 & 2

How have some countries rapidly reduced hunger and why have others struggled to move the needle? Policymakers and country-level experts will discuss current progress on reducing malnutrition and reflect on policies that have accelerated (or hampered) progress across the developing world.

Chair • **Kundhavi Kadiresan**, Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific, FAO, Thailand

Panel • **Newai Gebre-Ab**, former Chief Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister, Ethiopia
 • **Gerardine Mukeshimana**, Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources, Rwanda
 • **Guido Girardi**, Senator and President of the Commission of Health and Commission of Future Challenges, Chile
 • **Phouang Parisak**, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Lao PDR

15:35 – 16:20 **ACCELERATING THE END OF HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION: Facing Challenges, Defining Needs**

GRAND BALLROOM 1 & 2

Ending hunger requires smart policies translated into on-the-ground impact. Experts from policy, research, and civil society will discuss the global and local barriers and prerequisites for ensuring sustainable reductions in hunger and malnutrition.

Chair • **Mario Arvelo**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to FAO, IFAD and WFP, Chair of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), Italy

Panel • **Sir Fazle Hasan Abed**, Founder and Chairperson, BRAC, Bangladesh
 • **Djimé Adoum**, Executive Secretary, Permanent Interstates Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS), Burkina Faso
 • **Marco Ferroni**, Chair, System Management Board, CGIAR, Switzerland
 • **Josefa Sacko**, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union, Ethiopia
 • **Jimmy Smith**, Director General, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), Kenya
 • **Gerda Verburg**, UN ASG and Coordinator, Scaling Up of Nutrition (SUN) Movement, Switzerland

16:30 – 18:00 **SIDE EVENTS: Session 4 | ACCELERATION FAIR**

18:00 – 21:00 *Conference Dinner*

GRAND BALLROOM 1 & 2

DAY 2

THURSDAY, 29 NOVEMBER

CENTARA GRAND at CENTRAL WORLD

07:30 – 08:30 **SIDE EVENTS: Session 5 | ACCELERATION FAIR**

08:45 – 09:00 **WELCOME AND SETTING THE SCENE**

WORLD BALLROOM B

*Discussion
Facilitator*

- **Thin Lei Win**, Food Security Correspondent, Thomson Reuters Foundation

*Setting the
Scene*

- **Shenggen Fan**, Director General, IFPRI, USA
- **Kundhavi Kadiresan**, Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific, FAO

09:00 – 10:30 **PLENARY SESSION 1: Speeding Progress:
Accelerators in Food Systems**

WORLD BALLROOM B

Identifying the key “accelerators” that have enabled countries and communities to rapidly reduce hunger provides valuable lessons for other campaigns. This session highlights promising interventions and approaches from countries that could be scaled to other countries and initiatives.

Session Chair

- **Ertharin Cousin**, Distinguished Fellow, Global Food and Agriculture, Chicago Council on Global Affairs, USA

*Keynote
Presentation*

What is an accelerator?

- **Prabhu Pingali**, Professor and Director, Tata-Cornell Institute for Agriculture and Nutrition (TCI), Cornell University, USA

*Panel on
Country Level
Experiences*

- **Bangladesh: Akhter Ahmed**, Country Representative, IFPRI, Bangladesh
- **Thailand: Emorn Udomkesmalee**, Senior Advisor, Institute of Nutrition, Mahidol University, Thailand
- **Ethiopia: Ferew Lemma**, Senior Advisor, Office of the First Lady & Ministry of Health, Ethiopia
- **Peru: Maximo Torero**, former Executive Director for Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay, World Bank, USA

Open Discussion

Panel on Scaling Up

- **Martin Bloem**, Director and Professor, Center for a Livable Future, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, USA
- **Fred Grant**, Regional Director for Programs in Asia Pacific, Helen Keller International (HKI), Cambodia
- **Purvi Mehta**, Head—Asia, Agriculture Development, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), India
- **Purnima Menon**, Senior Research Fellow, Poverty, Health, and Nutrition Division, IFPRI, India
- **Meike van Ginneken**, Chief Executive Officer, SNV Dutch Development Organization, Netherlands

Open Discussion

10:30 – 10:45

LAUNCH OF THE GLOBAL NUTRITION REPORT 2018

WORLD BALLROOM B

- **Corinna Hawkes**, Professor of Food Policy, Director, Centre for Food Policy, City University of London, UK

10:45 – 11:15

Coffee/Tea Break

11:15 – 12:45

PARALLEL SESSIONS

SESSION

Leaving No One Behind: Inclusive Acceleration

WORLD BALLROOM A

A

Global progress on reducing hunger and malnutrition has historically been uneven, yet the population groups typically left behind are often those most affected. This session will highlight the challenges faced by vulnerable groups such as women, urban poor, minorities, and low caste groups; explore the causes of regional variations in countries that have made progress overall; learn from successful initiatives that have used social protection initiatives to accelerate progress while reversing inequality; and discuss innovative ideas to make food systems more inclusive.

Session Chair

- **Nabeeha Kazi**, Executive Director, No Wasted Lives, USA

Keynote Presentations

Identifying and reaching vulnerable groups

- **Maya Takagi**, Deputy Strategic Programme Leader for Rural Poverty Reduction, FAO, Italy

Gender equality to accelerate the achievement of SDG2

- **Hazel Malapit**, Senior Research Coordinator, Poverty, Health, and Nutrition Division, IFPRI, USA

Panel

- **Enkhmaa Deleg**, Senior Officer, Food Security, National Security Council, Mongolia
- **Khady Fall Tall**, President, West African Women Association (AFAO-WAWA), Senegal
- **Rose Ngugi**, Executive Director, Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA), Kenya
- **Elan Satriawan**, Chief of Policy Working Group, National Team for Acceleration of Poverty Reduction, Office of Vice President, Indonesia
- **Saiqa Siraj**, Program Head, Program Head, Health Nutrition and Population Programme, BRAC, Bangladesh

Open Discussion

SESSION

B

Sustainable and Healthy Diets in a Time of Climate Change

WORLD BALLROOM B

Producing enough food to satisfy dietary energy requirements while ignoring environmental trade-offs is no longer acceptable. Yet it is possible to develop healthy, sustainable, climate-smart food systems that positively contribute to planetary health and help mitigate climate change. This panel of researchers and development practitioners will present the latest findings on making food systems healthier and more sustainable and discuss feasible diet changes to benefit people and the planet.

Session Chair

- **Greg S. Garrett**, Director, Food Policy & Financing, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), Switzerland

*Keynote Presentations**Preliminary insights from the EAT-Lancet Commission Report*

- **Michael Clark**, Lead Author of EAT-Lancet Commission Report, University of Oxford, UK

Food systems and healthy diets in 2017

- **Jessica Fanzo**, Senior Nutrition and Food Systems Officer, FAO, USA

How fish could play a stronger role to achieve globally set goals

- **Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted**, Research Program Leader, Value Chains and Nutrition, WorldFish, Cambodia

Panel

- **Channing Arndt**, Director, Environment and Production Technology Division, IFPRI, USA
- **S. Mahendra Dev**, Director and Vice Chancellor, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGDR), India
- **Joyce Kinabo**, former President of the Federation of African Nutrition Societies, and Professor, Sokoine University of Agriculture, Tanzania
- **Iain Wright**, Deputy Director General, International Livestock Research Institute, Kenya

Open Discussion

SESSION

C

Public-Private Partnerships to End Hunger and Malnutrition

WORLD BALLROOM C

Innovative partnerships can act as catalysts to accelerate progress. This session brings together leaders in the public and private sectors and civil society to discuss the role of public-private partnerships and the potential for North-South collaborations to generate mutual benefits and sustainable global impacts.

Session Chair

- **Hossain Zillur Rahman**, Executive Chairman, Power & Participation Research Centre (PPRC), Bangladesh

*Keynote Presentations**North-South partnerships*

- **Atze Schaap**, Corporate Director Dairy Development, Royal FrieslandCampina, Netherlands

Working with agri-business to achieve multiple SDGs

- **Suhas P. Wani**, former Director, Research Program Asia and Director ICRISAT Development Centre, ICRISAT, India

- Panel*
- **Tin Htut**, Former Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Myanmar
 - **Chance Kabaghe**, Executive Director, Indaba Agricultural Policy Research Institute (IAPRI), Zambia
 - **Bian Li**, Co-founder and CEO, The Hungry Lab, USA
 - **Tushar Pandey**, Independent Consultant, PPP, Agriculture and Social Equity, India
 - **Indrani Thuraisingham**, Regional Networker—Asia Pacific, Consumers International, Malaysia

Open Discussion

12:45 – 13:00 *Move to Side Event Rooms* (Lunch provided outside meeting rooms)

13:00 – 14:30 **SIDE EVENTS: Session 6 | ACCELERATION FAIR | Lunch**

14:40 – 14:45 *Move to Plenary*

14:45 – 14:50 **SPECIAL EVENT**

WORLD BALLROOM B

14:50 – 16:30 **PLENARY SESSION 2:
Innovation for Acceleration:
New Technologies, Start-Ups, and Policies**

WORLD BALLROOM B

Promising innovations in technology and policy to sustainably reduce hunger and malnutrition are already being tested around the world. New approaches are needed to ensure acceleration inclusive of women and vulnerable groups. Experts and researchers in innovation and start-ups will use this session to present new ideas, highlight the entrepreneurs making inclusive acceleration a reality, and discuss how we can create environments that foster innovation.

- Session Chair*
- **Lindsay Falvey**, Chair, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) Board of Trustees, Australia

Keynote Presentation ***Unlocking the potential of agricultural innovations to achieve the SDGs***

- **Ren Wang**, Special Advisor to the Chairman, Beijing Genomics Institute (BGI), People's Republic of China

Panel on Innovations in Technologies and Start-ups

- **Eleni Gabre-Madhin**, Founder and CEO, blueMoon Incubator, Ethiopia
- **Rhoda Mofya-Mukuka**, Senior Research Fellow, Indaba Agricultural Policy Research Institute (IAPRI), Zambia
- **Divine Ntiokam**, Founder and Managing Director of Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network (CSAYN), Cameroon
- **Bal Krishna Joshi**, Senior Scientist, Nepal Agricultural Research Council, Nepal

Open Discussion

Keynote Presentation **Scaling up agricultural innovations to address hunger and malnutrition**

- **Howarth Bouis**, Founder & Interim CEO, HarvestPlus, USA

Panel on Policies for Innovation

- **Mengshan Chen**, Former Secretary of the Leading Party Group, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS), People's Republic of China
- **Ismahane Elouafi**, Director General, International Center for Biosaline Agriculture (ICBA), United Arab Emirates
- **Azim Nazarov**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Innovation Development of the Republic of Uzbekistan
- **Kei Otsuka**, Professor, Kobe University, Japan
- **Paul P.S. Teng**, Managing Director & Dean, National Institute of Education (NIE) International, and Adjunct Senior Fellow, RSIS Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Open Discussion

16:30 – 17:50 PLENARY SESSION 3: Leveraging the Food System to Tackle Overweight and Obesity

WORLD BALLROOM B

Obesity and related noncommunicable diseases are fast becoming more prevalent than undernutrition. These problems affect all countries, developed and developing, yet few have a strategy to tackle overweight and obesity. Experts in nutrition and health will highlight novel approaches for improving diet quality and diversity as a strategy to accelerate the reduction of overnutrition, including opportunities to leverage agricultural policy and nutrition linkages.

- Session Chair*
- **Boitshepo Giyose**, Nutrition Advisor to the NEPAD CEO, South Africa

Keynote Presentations **The overweight and obesity problem**

- **Anna Larrey**, Director of Nutrition and Food Systems Division, FAO, Italy

How Asia gets its sugar

- **Rina Agustina**, Chair of Human Nutrition Research Cluster, Faculty of Medicine, Universitas Indonesia, Indonesia

- Panel*
- **Paul Amuna**, Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine and Associate Professor, University of Greenwich, UK
 - **Francesco Branca**, Director, World Health Organization (WHO), Switzerland
 - **Visith Chavasit**, Professor, Mahidol University, Thailand
 - **Youfa Wang**, Professor, John and Janice Fisher Endowed Chair of Wellness, Associate Director of Fisher Institute of Health and Well-Being, Ball State University, USA
 - **Yuexin Yang**, President, Chinese Nutrition Society, People's Republic of China

Open Discussion

18:00 – 19:30 SIDE EVENTS: Session 7 | ACCELERATION FAIR

19:30 – 21:00 Reception and Networking

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DAY 3

FRIDAY, 30 NOVEMBER

CENTARA GRAND at CENTRAL WORLD

07:30 – 08:30 **SIDE EVENTS: Session 8 | ACCELERATION FAIR**

08:45 – 09:00 **WELCOME**

WORLD BALLROOM B

*Discussion
Facilitator*

- **Thin Lei Win**, Food Security Correspondent, Thomson Reuters Foundation

*Special
Event*

An Athlete's View

- **Min Gao**, Chairwoman, StarPower Charity Foundation, People's Republic of China

09:00 – 10:15 **PLENARY SESSION 4:
Nourishing Cities to Speed Progress**

WORLD BALLROOM B

Asia and Africa are rapidly urbanizing, and their growing cities face multiple malnutrition burdens. We cannot end hunger and malnutrition without addressing the needs of the urban poor. This multidisciplinary panel will discuss how urban food environments can support improved nutrition, identifying differences in urban nutrition problems and environments across regions and gender, and how novel, multistakeholder partnerships and urban governance strategies can reduce hunger and malnutrition.

Session Chair

- **Brave Ndisale**, Strategic Programme Leader, Food Security and Nutrition, FAO, Italy

*Keynote
Presentations*

Nutrition in an urbanized world

- **Marie Ruel**, Director, Poverty, Health, and Nutrition Division, IFPRI, USA

Why acceleration without a food systems approach will fail

- **Samina Raja**, Principal Investigator of the Food Systems Planning and Healthy Communities Lab, University of Buffalo, USA

Future food systems

- **David Dawe**, Senior Economist/Regional Strategy and Policy Advisor, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Thailand

- Panel*
- **Mushtaque Chowdhury**, Vice Chairperson, BRAC, Bangladesh
 - **Abigail Perry**, Senior Nutrition Advisor, DFID, UK
 - **Ruud Ruben**, Professor, Impact Assessment for Food Systems, Wageningen University and Research, Netherlands
 - **Min San Thein**, Ministry of Agriculture, Myanmar
 - **Palikone Thalongsengchanh**, Senior Researcher, National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute (NAFRI), Lao PDR

Open Discussion

10:15 – 10:45 *Coffee/Tea Break*

10:45 – 12:00 **PARALLEL SESSIONS**

SESSION

D

**Conflicts and Emergencies:
Strengthening Resilience to Accelerate Progress**

WORLD BALLROOM A

Persistent conflicts worldwide, exacerbated by climate change, are threatening progress in the fight against hunger and malnutrition, pushing millions of refugees into food insecure environments and creating challenges for host communities. Researchers and representatives from the humanitarian sector will present perspectives on how new approaches, technologies, and financial tools can improve the food security of refugees and local populations, and how refugees themselves can play a pivotal role in accelerating reductions in hunger and malnutrition. Additional focus will be given to local displacement of populations (internally displaced people – IDPs) and conflict-afflicted populations who are not displaced.

- Session Chair*
- **Parvathy Ramaswami**, Deputy Regional Director, Asia and the Pacific Region, WFP, Thailand

Keynote Presentations

***Accelerating food and nutrition security
in protracted refugee situations***

- **Daniel Gilligan**, Deputy Director, Poverty, Health, and Nutrition Division, IFPRI, USA

Food chain crises and response

- **Luca Russo**, Senior Strategic Advisor on Resilience, FAO, Italy

Achieving food security and nutrition for displaced peoples

- **Maria Moita**, Regional Specialist on Emergencies and Post Crisis for Asia and Pacific, International Organization for Migration (IOM), Thailand

- Panel*
- **Tahrat Shahid**, Challenge Leader, Food Systems Portfolio at Global Challenges Research Fund, UK
 - **Ad Spijkers**, Former FAO Representative and Former FAO Senior Advisor to FAO Director General, Viet Nam
 - **Mesfin Teklu Tessema**, Senior Director of Health, International Rescue Committee, USA
 - **Sarah Walker**, Senior Lecturer, University of New South Wales, Australia

Open Discussion

SESSION

SDG2: Tracking Progress with
New Tools and Data

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Tracking progress, managing data, and evaluating impact are vital components of accelerating the end of hunger and malnutrition and achieving the SDGs. Experts on this panel will explore cutting-edge, potentially transformative new tools for collecting data, sharing knowledge, and improving accountability.

Session Chair

- **Karin Hulshof**, Regional Director, East Asia and the Pacific, UNICEF, Thailand

*Keynote
Presentations**The state of global data: Challenges and opportunities*

- **Carlo Cafiero**, Senior Statistician and Economist, FAO, Italy

Measuring dietary outcomes with the MDDW indicator

- **Estefania Custodio**, Scientific Officer, Directorate-General for Joint Research Centre of the European Commission, Spain

Panel

- **Ousmane Badiane**, Director for Africa, IFPRI, USA
- **Andre Laperriere**, Executive Director, Global Open Data Initiative for Agriculture and Nutrition (GODAN), UK
- **David Pelletier**, Professor of Nutrition Policy, Cornell University, and President, Society for Implementation Science in Nutrition, USA
- **Sok Silo**, Deputy Secretary General, Council for Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD), Office of the Council of Ministers, Cambodia

Open Discussion

SESSION

Good Governance Accelerates Progress:
From Local to Global

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Effective and efficient policy development and service provision depends on good governance, from the local to the global level. This panel will discuss the role of each level of governance in improving access to healthy foods, and how good governance can be used to create enabling environments for reducing hunger and malnutrition.

Session Chair

- **Stineke Oenema**, Coordinator, United Nations System Standing Committee on Nutrition (UNSCN), Italy

*Keynote
Presentations**Local governance to improve access to healthy food*

- **Danielle Resnick**, Senior Research Fellow, Development Strategy and Governance Division, IFPRI, USA

National governance to achieve the SDGs

- **B. Rajender**, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, India

*Global governance architecture to enhance
food security and nutrition*

- **Regina Birner**, Chair of Social and Institutional Change in Agricultural Development, University of Hohenheim, Germany

- Panel*
- **Anita Asimwe**, Coordinator, National Early Childhood Development Program, Rwanda
 - **Azucena M. Dayanghirang**, Deputy Executive Director, National Nutrition Council, Department of Health, Philippines
 - **Sheryl Hendriks**, Director, Institute for Food, Nutrition, and Well Being, University of Pretoria, South Africa
 - **Vijay Sardana**, Vice President & Head, Food Security and Agribusiness, UPL Limited, India
 - **Xiangjun Yao**, Director, FAO Liaison Office, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Thailand

Open Discussion

12:00 – 12:15 *Move to Side Event Rooms (Lunch provided outside meeting rooms)*

12:15 – 13:45 **SIDE EVENTS: Session 9 | ACCELERATION FAIR | Lunch**

13:45 – 13:55 *Move to Plenary*

13:55 – 14:00 **SPECIAL EVENT**

WORLD BALLROOM B

14:00 – 15:15 **PLENARY SESSION 5: Accelerators: Enhancing the Return on Investment**

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Addressing malnutrition can result in substantial economic gains, yet current funding levels are insufficient to eliminate hunger by 2030 and spending on overnutrition is low and not well documented. In this session, international experts on economics and nutrition will discuss the economic rationale for ending hunger and malnutrition, and will explore innovative financing mechanisms that donors, the private sector, governments, and civil society can use to accelerate progress in the field.

Session Chair

- **Kees Rade**, Ambassador of the Netherlands, Thailand

Keynote Presentations

The economic benefits of addressing malnutrition

- **Harold Alderman**, Senior Research Fellow, Poverty, Health, and Nutrition Division, IFPRI, USA

How the food industry is making a difference

- **Matt Kovac**, Executive Director, Food Industry Asia (FIA), Singapore

- Panel*
- **Rob Bertram**, Chief Scientist, USAID, USA
 - **Marcos Jank**, CEO, Asia-Brazil Agro Alliance, Singapore
 - **Joyce Njoro**, Lead Technical Specialist, IFAD, Italy
 - **Meera Shekar**, Global Lead, Health, Nutrition and Population, World Bank, USA
 - **Jaidev Shroff**, Global CEO, UPL Limited, India
 - **Maria Lourdes A. Vega**, Chief, Nutrition Policy and Planning Division, National Nutrition Council, Philippines
 - **Hideya Yamada**, Vice President for Food, Agriculture and Nutrition, Japan International Cooperation Agency, Japan

*Open Discussion*15:15 – 15:45 **LOOKING FORWARD WITH A NEW MINDSET**

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Moderator • **David Nabarro**, Curator, Food System Dialogues, UK

- Panel*
- **Ramesh Chand**, Member, NITI Aayog, India
 - **Maria Bernardita T. Flores**, Assistant Secretary of Health, National Nutrition Council, Philippines
 - **Uma Lele**, Development Analyst, USA
 - **Per Pinstrup-Andersen**, Professor Emeritus, Cornell University, USA

15:45 – 16:00 **CLOSING SESSION: Moving Forward**

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- **Shenggen Fan**, Director General, IFPRI, USA
- **Kundhavi Kadiresan**, Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific, FAO, Thailand



DAY 1

WEDNESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER

INTERCONTINENTAL BANGKOK

08:30 - 10:00
SESSION

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| 1a. Enabling the Business Environment for Healthy and Sustainable Food <i>(Invitation Only)</i> | PRESIDENT ROOM 1 & 2
IFPRI/FIPP and GAIN |
| 2. Future Food Systems: How Might They Be Healthier and More Sustainable? | PINNACLE 1-3
A4NH, CSIRO, and Wageningen University and Research |
| 3. Linking Policy, Institutions and Mutual Accountability to Accelerate Sustainable Growth and Development to Reduce Hunger and Malnutrition | PINNACLE 4-6
Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Food Security Policy/IFPRI and the University of Pretoria |
| 4. Third Progress Report on the Commission's Action Plan on Nutrition | GRAND BALLROOM 2
European Commission |

10:15 - 11:45
SESSION

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| 1b. Enabling the Business Environment for Healthy and Sustainable Food <i>(Invitation Only)</i> | PRESIDENT ROOM 1 & 2
IFPRI/FIPP and GAIN |
| 5. Scaling Up Solutions on Food & Nutrition Security at Sub-National Level through Evidence Based Advocacy | PINNACLE 1-3
SNV Netherlands Development Organisation and IFPRI |
| 6. Strengthening Nutrition Data Systems in South Asia: Finding the Right Fit for Decision-Making | PINNACLE 4-6
IFPRI and UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia |
| 7. The Impacts of Social Safety Net and Integrated Nutrition Programs | GRAND BALLROOM 2
ReSAKSS-Asia |



12:00 – 13:30

SESSION

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8. National Information Platforms for Nutrition (NIPN): Strategic Opportunities and Institutional Challenges

PINNACLE 1-3
European Union and Agropolis

9. Assessing Food Systems for Better Nutrition: Towards the Preparation of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines

PINNACLE 4-6
UNSCN and CFS

10. Hunger Is on the Rise Again: The Role of Information

PRESIDENT ROOM 1 & 2
IFPRI with FSIN and FSP

16:30 – 18:00

SESSION

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11. Towards Nutrition-Sensitive Strategies: Lessons Learned from Multi-Sectoral Collaboration and Partnerships in Bangladesh

PINNACLE 1-3
Government of Bangladesh

12. Accelerating Progress through Implementation Science: The Knowledge for Implementation and Impact Initiative (KI3)

PINNACLE 5 & 6
SUN Movement Secretariat, IFPRI, The Society for Implementation Science in Nutrition

13. Engaging Food System Actors for Nutrition at the Country Level: A New Approach in Rwanda

PINNACLE 4
World Vision International and Sight and Life

14. Optima Nutrition: A New Tool for Optimizing Investments in Nutrition

PRESIDENT ROOM 1 & 2
World Bank, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Burnett Institute

DAY 2

THURSDAY, 29 NOVEMBER

CENTARA GRAND at CENTRAL WORLD

07:30 – 08:30

SESSION

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15. Improving Approaches to Humanitarian Assistance to Improve Food Security in Fragile Settings

WORLD BALLROOM A
IFPRI and World Vision

16. Japan-Vietnam Joint Program for Nutrition System Establishment Project

M1 & 2
The Ajinomoto Foundation (TAF) and National Institute of Nutrition (NIN) Vietnam

17. Building Partnerships to Promote a Healthy Asia

M4
Asia Roundtable on Food Innovation for Improved Nutrition (ARoFIIN)

18. Launch of the report “All Hands on Deck: Reducing Stunting through Multisectoral Efforts in Sub-Saharan Africa”

WORLD BALLROOM C
The World Bank

13:00 – 14:30

SESSION

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19. Shining a Light on Transformative Action: Regional Perspectives

WORLD BALLROOM C
Development Initiatives Poverty Research Ltd

20. The Role of Biofortification in the Fight Against Malnutrition

M4
HarvestPlus

21. Scaling Up Nutrition Together in 2017-2018 – For Impact on People, Societies & Countries

WORLD BALLROOM A
The Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement

18:00 - 19:30

SESSION

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22. A Decade of Action to End All Forms of Malnutrition

WORLD BALLROOM A
FAO and WHO

23. Global Access to Nutrition Index 2018: Monitoring the Efforts Made by the World's Largest Food and Beverage Manufacturers to Tackle Undernutrition

M4
Access to Nutrition Foundation

24. FIRST: An EU-FAO Policy-Investment Initiative in Support of SDG2

WORLD BALLROOM C
FAO and EU DEVCO

25. Facilitating the Transformation of Food Systems: The Food Systems Dialogues (FSDs)

M1 & 2
FSDs were initiated in 2018 by EAT Foundation, Food and Land Use Coalition, World Business Council for Sustainable Development and World Economic Forum

26. Tracking Aid for the WHA Nutrition Targets: Trends in ODA Disbursements and Next Steps for the Community *(Invitation Only)*

LOTUS SUITE 13
Results for Development Institute with support from BMGF



DAY 3

FRIDAY, 30 NOVEMBER

CENTARA GRAND at CENTRAL WORLD

07:30 - 8:30

SESSION

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27. Leveraging New Technologies for Agricultural Statistics

M4
IFPRI

28. From Seed to Scale: Showcasing Progress in Scaling Up Iron-Fortified Lentils through Multi-Sector Collaboration

M1 & 2
Nutrition International and University of Saskatchewan

29. Accelerating Progress Towards SDG2 to Build Africa's Grey Matter Infrastructure

WORLD BALLROOM A
African Development Bank Group

30. How to Build Urban Food Systems for Better Diets, Nutrition, and Health in Low and Middle-Income Countries

WORLD BALLROOM C
IFPRI

31. A4NH Equity Consultation *(Invitation Only)*

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A4NH

12:15 - 13:45

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32. Future Smart Food: Rediscovering Hidden Treasures of Neglected and Underutilized Species for Zero Hunger

WORLD BALLROOM A
FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

33. Using National Zero Hunger Strategic Reviews to Accelerate Progress towards SDG2

M1 & 2
WFP and IFPRI

34. Data Visualization Tools for Nutrition: Empowering Decision-Makers to Accelerate Progress

M4
Results for Development Institute with support from BMGF

35. Accelerating Ending Hunger through Implementation of Malabo Compliant National Agriculture Investment Plans and Biennial Review Mechanism

WORLD BALLROOM C
African Union Commission, Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture



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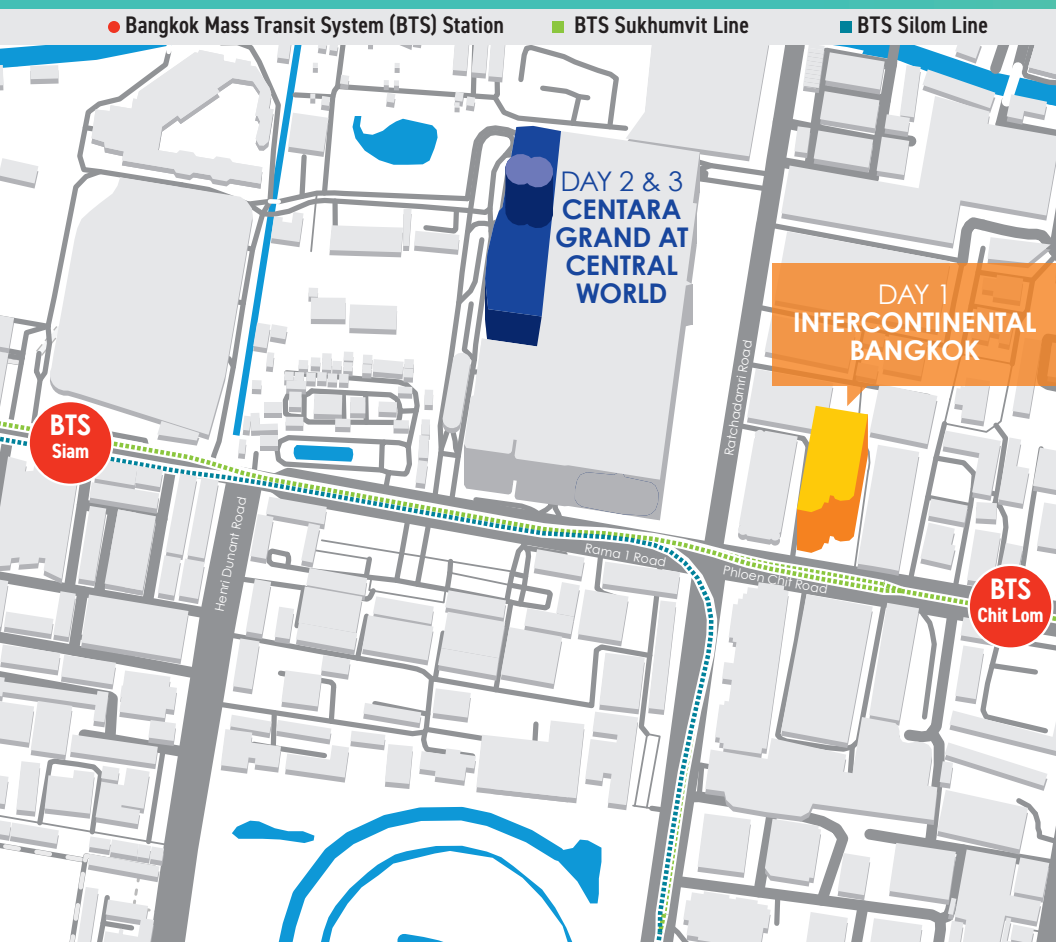
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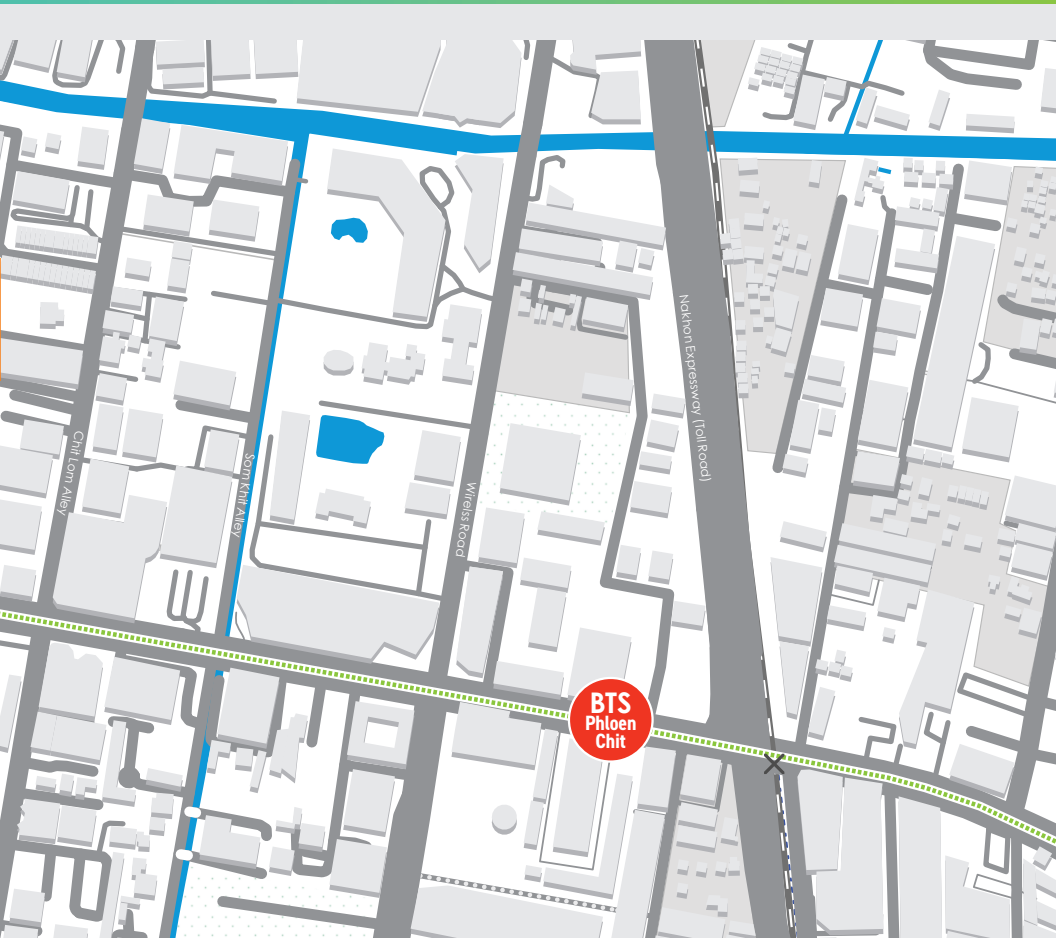
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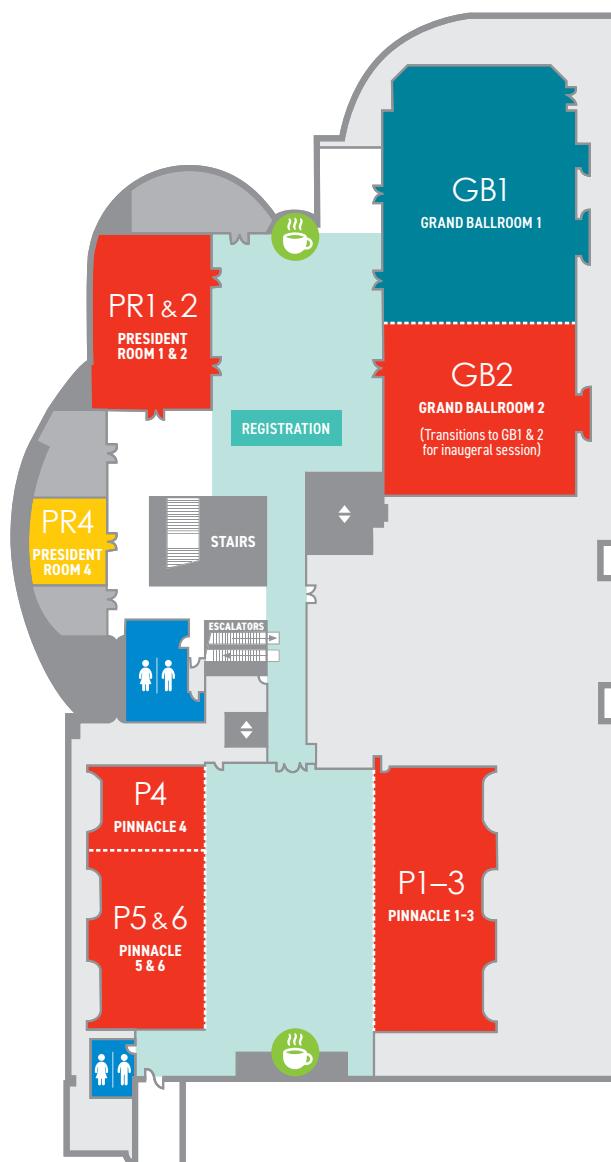
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- Side event rooms
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- ♿ Restrooms
- ⬆ Elevators

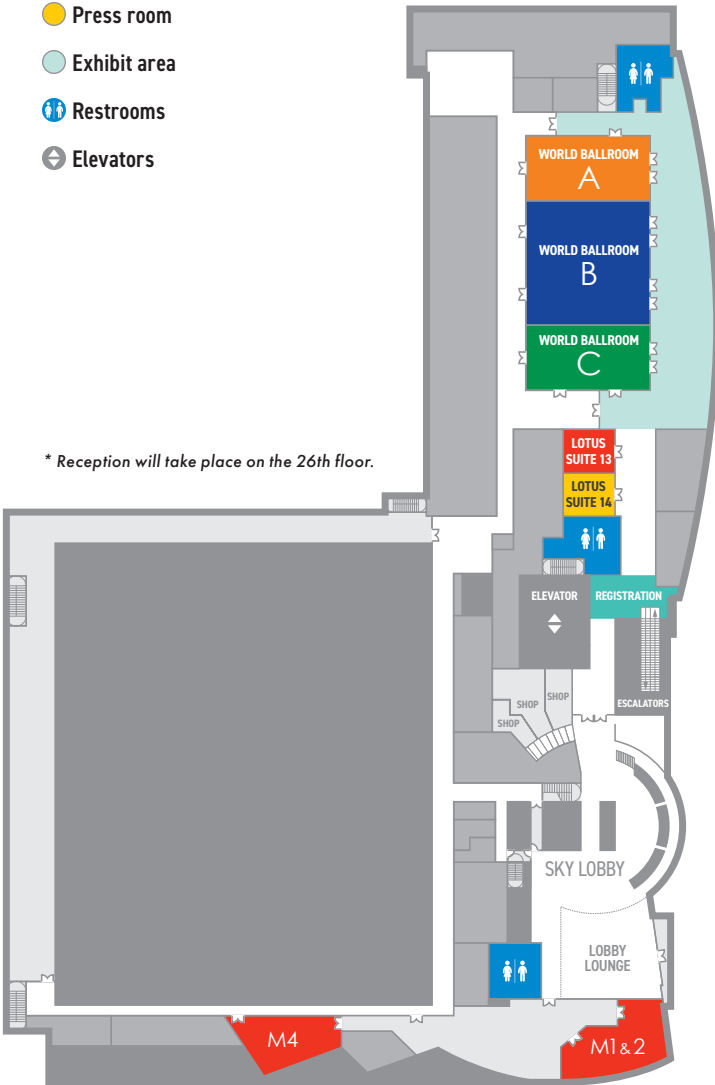


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