



6 APRIL 2022

## HIGH-LEVEL MEETING

### FOOD AND NUTRITION CRISES IN THE SAHEL AND LAKE CHAD REGIONS: TIME TO ACT NOW AND BETTER MOBILISE IN WEST AFRICA FOR THE FUTURE

#### AGENDA

9:00 – 11:45 (EST)  
13:00 – 15:45 (GMT)  
15:00 – 18:30 (UTC + 1)

Hybrid format: held virtually and at the OECD Conference Centre, Paris

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Co-organised by  
the Sahel and West Africa Club,  
the European Union  
and the Global Network  
Against Food Crises.

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For the third consecutive year, the countries of the Sahel and West Africa are facing a food and nutrition crisis of exceptional proportions. Hunger and malnutrition could affect 38.3 million people by June if appropriate measures are not taken. Countries in central Sahel and the Lake Chad basin are by far the most affected. This situation is a result of long-term structural issues including poverty, a lack of availability and access to basic social services and chronic insecurity. Recent socio-economic shocks, extreme weather events, the impacts of Covid-19 and the war in Ukraine are all exacerbating the food and nutrition situation.

In order to respond effectively to the current emergency and in the search for sustainable responses to these multifaceted, recurrent food and nutrition crises, the Sahel and West Africa Club, the European Union and the Global Network Against Food Crises are co-organising a high-level consultation with the region's partners from the international community.

This event has two objectives:

→ **Mobilise emergency food and nutrition assistance** for the most affected populations in the Sahel and Lake Chad Basin countries (Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria and Chad), which account for 92% of the people affected by the food and nutrition crisis.

→ **Renew strong political commitment** to implement policies addressing the underlying causes of the food and nutrition crises, integrating humanitarian, development and peace dimensions. This will include rethinking and reinvigorating efforts to build the resilience and recovery capacities of those most vulnerable to shocks affecting their food security.

An immediate response commensurate with the scale of the crisis is crucial. States and partners are urged to respond to this ambition by making (i) substantial pledges of financial commitments to manage the food and nutrition emergency and (ii) long-term political commitments.

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## 15:00-15:25 Session 1 : **OPENING**

Welcome remarks by Master of Ceremonies:

→ DR. IBRAHIM ASSANE MAYAKI, SWAC Honorary President

Opening remarks:

→ H.E. MR. MOHAMED BAZOUM, President of the Republic of Niger (by video-conference)

→ H.E. MR. MATHIAS CORMANN, OECD Secretary-General

→ H.E. MR. JANEZ LENARČIČ, European Commissioner for Crises Management

→ H.E. MRS. JUTTA URPILAINEN, European Commissioner for International Partnerships

→ H.E. MR. DAVID BEASLEY, Executive Director, WFP

## 15:25-15:50 Session 2 : **SITUATION ANALYSIS**

Food and nutrition situation in the Sahel and Lake Chad regions:

→ H.E. MR. ABDOULAYE MOHAMADOU, Executive Secretary of CILSS

Towards a new roadmap: operationalising the Humanitarian, Development and Peace (HDP) nexus to address food and nutrition crises in West Africa:

→ MR. CHRIS NIKOI, Regional Director, WFP, on behalf of Global Network Against Food Crises

## 15:50-18:00 Session 3 : **ANNOUNCEMENT AND STATEMENTS**

Messages from representatives of regional institutions :

→ H.E. MRS. JOSEFA LEONEL CORREIA SACKO, Commissioner, African Union

→ H.E. MR. JEAN-CLAUDE BROU, President of the Commission, ECOWAS

→ H.E. MR. ABDOULAYE DIOP, President of the Commission, UEMOA

→ H.E. MRS. ADAM KAMOUGUÉ née DÉNÉ-ASSOUM, Minister Coordinator, CILSS

Announcements and Statements by UN Member States and partners:

→ Financial commitments for the Sahel and Lake Chad countries, and

→ Political commitments to a roadmap for operationalising the HDP nexus on food and nutrition crises in West Africa.

Keynote remarks by partners and stakeholders:

→ UNICEF, Coalition for the Sahel, ICRC, Food Security and Nutrition Working Group, People's Coalition for the Sahel, ROPPA, RBM

## 18:00-18:30 Session 4 : **CLOSING SESSION**

→ H.E. MR. JOSEP BORRELL FONTELLES, EU High Representative, Vice-President of the Commission

→ H.E. MR. JANEZ LENARČIČ, European Commissioner for Crises Management

→ DR. ALAMBEDJI ABBA ISSA, Minister of Agriculture, Niger