

Online conference “Addressing food insecurity in Africa: strategies for ensuring child-sensitive social protection”

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Date 9 September, 8 am -11.30 am, EST (NY time)

Organizers: ICSW in cooperation with FAO, ILO, UNICEF, IASSW, UNED, KNCSW and African Platform for social protection

Recognized as a multifaceted challenge, food security is high on the political and socio-economic agendas of many countries. The conference seeks to explore a wealth of issues on child-sensitive social protection in the context of efforts aimed at fighting food insecurity in Africa and at highlighting different national perspectives and policy responses. The effective targeting of these responses to ensure that they meet the needs of all, especially the most vulnerable – and children in particular – remains a challenge. Child-sensitive social protection requires, among other actions, specific programme design and interventions, accessing links between poverty and malnutrition, emphasis on the gendered nature of poverty as well as on the size and frequency of cash transfers.

Food and nutrition security is one of the key issues among the development priorities of many African countries. The existing food insecurity in Africa is a huge and complex challenge that is closely linked to the risk of malnutrition, health care, education, political stability, poverty as well as overall national development priorities and directions. Gaining a better understanding of the multidimensional nature of the challenge of food insecurity especially its complex impact on children can facilitate concerted actions and better targeting of interventions by national governments, international bodies and civil society organizations.

Addressing a range of specific issues in the context of food security and child-sensitive social protection in Africa, the conference will provide perspective on areas of particular importance, including the role of key stakeholders and their interaction. There are roughly two major sets of issues to address. First, conceptual and general issues pertinent to food insecurity in Africa, analysis of vulnerabilities, measures aimed at promoting inclusive growth, efforts aimed at strengthening cooperation with various stakeholders and strategies to improve capacity development. Second, national case studies that may illustrate changing approaches to the above issues, various dimensions of the existing situation and national best practices.

The projected outcome could bring an improved understanding of the whole spectrum of policy issues and trade-offs in the context of food security and child –sensitive social protection in Africa and could be used by ICSW and partners in their advocacy and policy advice.

Lugar y fechas

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Programa

Preliminary programme

Welcome remarks: Dr Suh Sang-Mok, ICSW President

Dr Alejandro Grinspun, Chief of Social Protection Unit, FAO (TBC)

Session 1. Food insecurity in Africa and vulnerability of children: scope of the challenge

Key-note statement

Prof Michael Samson

Director of Research at Economic Policy Research Institute and Williams College, City of Cape Town, (South Africa)- (30 minutes)

Presenters:

Prof. Shirley Gatenio Gable, Fordham University and IASSW (United States).

“Reducing vulnerabilities, promoting resilience”, (15 min)

Dr Driss Guerraoui (Morocco)

"L'avenir de l'agriculture et de la sécurité alimentaire en Afrique. Réalités, défis et perspectives". (The future of agriculture and food security in Africa. Realities, challenges and perspectives) (15 min)

Q&A, interactive discussion

Moderator: Prof PK Shajahan, Tata Institute, India

Intermission 5 minutes

Session 2. Ways and means to address food insecurity and promote child-sensitive social protection in Africa

Presenters:

Dr Enrique Delamónica, (Argentina), Senior Adviser, Division of Data, Analytics, Planning & Monitoring, UNICEF -15 min

School feeding programs in Africa: lessons learned

Dr Julie Newton, (UK), Senior Researcher, The Royal Tropical Institute (KIT), the Netherlands- 15 min

The value of a gender lens to child and nutrition sensitive social protection: new opportunities through food system approaches

Dr Patience Stephens, Independent consultant on social policy, (Ghana) 15 min (TBC)

The nexus of food security and child-sensitive social protection in West Africa

Q&A, Interactive discussion

Moderator-- Prof Antonio López Peláez, ICSW Executive Director

Session 3. Moving forward on social protection front: strengthening integrated approach

Presenters:

Dr Christina Behrendt, Head of the Social Policy Unit, Social Protection Department, ILO (TBC)- 15 min

Dr Sergei Zelenev, ICSW Special Representative to the UN in New York- 15 min

Building partnerships for social protection: post-COVID and beyond

Dr Isabel Ortiz, (Spain), Director of the Center of Social Justice at Columbia University (TBC)- 15 min

The quest for universal social protection and social justice

Q&A, Interactive discussion

Moderator: Representative of African Platform for Social Protection (TBC)

Asistencia

Asistencia online en directo, sin necesidad de ir al centro.

Inscripción

To enroll in the conference, click on the "Online enrollment" button located below the price table (20EUR).

This conference is a free-fee conference for ICSW members and IASSW members.

Para matricularse en el curso, pinche sobre el botón "Matrícula online" situado debajo de la tabla de precios.

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The duration of this virtual event will be 210 minutes with a brief intermission. During the speakers' interventions, there will be an open chat to encourage participation. The main questions will be addressed during the interactive segment at the end of each session.

A detailed background note of the conference is attached.

Those registered and participating in the side event will receive the corresponding accreditation diploma from the Fundación UNED. The course will be taught entirely on-line, with the methodology and platforms of the National University of Distance Education through the UNED Foundation, and the support of the KCSW.

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