

The Inter-Agency
Standing Committee
(IASC) with its Task
Force on Climate
Change is pleased
to invite you
to a [Side Event](#)

Climate change and its impact on food insecurity and hunger

Climate change will dramatically increase the risk of hunger and malnutrition worldwide and especially among the poorest countries. Child malnutrition is projected to increase by 20 percent globally in comparison with a no-climate change scenario by 2050. Decreased availability of land and water, worsening health and sanitation conditions, diminishing production and more frequent extreme weather events, among others, will all be drivers of an increased situation of vulnerability and risk for hundred millions people.

WFP, OXFAM, IFRC, FAO and other humanitarian partners of the IASC engaged in the fight against world hunger, including WHO, World Vision, CARE, CARITAS and Save the Children have prepared a submission to the UNFCCC negotiators on the impacts of climate change on hunger and food insecurity, and the responses required (*available at humanitarianinfo.org/iasc**).

In this side event, leading scientists and negotiators, together with experts and journalists, will discuss the issue, suggested approaches and ways to integrate the theme in the climate change discourse.

When Monday, 02 November, 13:00 – 15:00

Where UNFCCC Climate Change Talks in Barcelona,
Room ALMEZ

* <http://humanitarianinfo.org/iasc/pageloader.aspx?page=content-news-newsdetails&newsid=134>



Chair Dr Saleemul Huq,
Senior Fellow in IIED's climate change group

Key notes Mr Lester R. Brown, President of the Earth Policy Institute:
"A grim outlook: climate change impacts on hunger and food security"
Ms Nora Ourabah Haddad, International Federation of Agricultural Producers:
"Enhancing food production – how to meet the needs of the poor and food insecure?"
Mr Quamrul Chowdhury, Bangladesh,
Lead Negotiator of LDCs and G 77 on adaptation and finance:
"Managing disaster risks to prevent food insecurity"
Mr David Lesolle, Botswana,
Ministry of Environmental Wildlife and Tourism (tbc):
"Social Protection for the food insecure – the missing link in adaptation"
HE Ms Angelica Navarro LLanos,
Bolivia, Permanent mission of Bolivia to the UN Office at Geneva (tbc):
"Replacing vulnerability with resilience – community-based development processes as the foundation for adaptation"

Discussion

FOOD AND DRINKS ARE SERVED AT THE SIDE EVENT

WFP, OXFAM, IFRC, FAO and IASC partners are concerned that the current negotiation text may not adequately address the risk of increasing food insecurity and hunger for the most vulnerable groups. They argue that in order to meet the challenge of global food security under climate change scenarios, the adaptation agenda must prioritize on two complementary objectives: Enhancing food production on the one hand, and enhancing access to adequate food and nutrition by the most vulnerable on the other hand. While promoting investments in technology and food production will be of critical importance to ensure increasing global food availability, it is only by strengthening the existing social protection frameworks, systems and safety nets that the poorest and most food insecure people and communities will be adequately safeguarded.

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The Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC)

The Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) is a unique inter-agency forum for coordination, policy development and decision-making involving the key UN, NGO and Red Cross Red Crescent humanitarian partners. Its Climate Change Taskforce has been active in developing coordinated inter-agency positions and responses to the humanitarian impacts of climate change.

The IASC agencies in close cooperation with the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) see disaster risk management and risk reduction as core components of adaptation action. They emphasize the need to take account of, and manage, the humanitarian consequences of climate change, and protect human security, through the systematic reduction of disaster risks.

IASC agencies and the UNISDR stand ready to provide technical support to Member States in the current UNFCCC negotiations.