



*HLPE / Columbia University – special exchange seminar:*

**“Food security and Nutrition  
in the perspective of Agenda 2030:  
Interlinkages and the key issues for the  
implementation of the SDGs”**

*Thursday 5 May 2016  
12:45 – 18:00*

*Bard Hall Ballroom 60 Haven Ave., lower level at 169th St, New York City*

On May 5th 2016, the High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) of the Committee of World Food Security (CFS) and the Institute of Human Nutrition (Columbia University, New York, USA) organized an International Seminar on “*Food Security and Nutrition in the perspective of Agenda 2030: Interlinkages and the key issues for the implementation of the SDGs*”.

The event was introduced by Richard Deckelbaum, director of the Institute of Human Nutrition at Columbia University who highlighted the need of intersectoral analysis to implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and praised the diversity of scientific disciplines covered by the experts present in the room.

Patrick Caron, HLPE Chair, presented the unique role of CFS as the foremost inclusive and evidence-based international and intergovernmental platform on food security and nutrition. He presented the HLPE as the science-policy interface of the CFS, with three main characteristics (independent, interdisciplinary and demand driven) and three main roles (assess the state of world food security and nutrition, provide specific scientific analysis and advice, and identify emerging issues and priority).

In the first session, Martin Gallagher, from the Office of the Special representative for food security and nutrition of the UN Secretary General, recalled the achievements of 2015 in multilateral discussions with notably the approval of Agenda 2030, the Agreement in Paris COP21, and the Addis Ababa Agenda for Action. Agenda 2030 sets a new global social contract between government and citizens for the next 15 years. This Agenda provides a comprehensive set of 17 SDGs that must not be looked separately. Food security and Nutrition is a critical entry point in this overall Agenda and, therefore, the contribution of CFS and HLPE will be of paramount importance in this process. Everybody has to contribute to this transformative Agenda in order to “*leave no one behind*”. During the discussion the participants agreed on the need for a revolution in our current food systems, involving all the stakeholders if we want to achieve the SDGs.

During the second session, Carol Kalafatic, HLPE Vice-Chair, presented the work of the HLPE to identify Critical and Emerging Issues (C&EI) for food security and nutrition. She emphasized the practical value of including inputs from diverse actors’ analytic traditions and knowledge, in addition to those based in academia/conventional research institutions, as a means for the C&EI process to build a robust base of evidence and to foster effective action on identified C&EI. This exercise, regularly updated by the HLPE, will inform future political discussions within CFS and will be crucial for the implementation of SDGs. Then Jessica Fanzo, team leader for the future HLPE report on “*Nutrition and food system*”, highlighted the importance to address malnutrition in all its forms in order to achieve the SDGs. Followed a very rich discussion on the emerging issues and the main challenges for the next decades, and on the need to foster coherence between sectoral policies (nutrition, health, education, agriculture...) if we want to address those challenges.

The last session was devoted to the presentation of the preliminary findings of the forthcoming HLPE report on Sustainable Agricultural Development: what roles for Livestock?" by Wilfrid Legg, HLPE team leader for this report. This report leads to the conclusion that "business as usual" is not an option. It offers policy-makers and other stakeholders a framework to design and implement feasible sustainable agricultural development strategies, to contribute to sustainable food systems and to food security and nutrition for all, now and in the future. During the discussion questions were raised on the real impacts of those HLPE reports. Michel Pimbert, HLPE Steering Committee member took this opportunity to remind that the HLPE reports are not only useful as a starting point for political discussions at a global level within CFS and within the overall UN System, but have also real impacts on the ground and are widely used as reference documents by academic communities, by policy-makers and other stakeholders at international, regional and national level.

When concluding this event, Patrick Caron emphasized the interest of the inclusive and evidence-based CFS and HLPE model that enables very different stakeholders to discuss and address at a global level critical issues for our future and produce recommendations that can foster transformational changes. Richard Deckelbaum praised the transdisciplinarity of the HLPE and the significance of this intersectoral event that will allow to break the silos and build bridges between scientific disciplines and between scientists, policy-makers and other stakeholders. He thanked all the participants for the high quality of the discussions and highlighted the need to translate now the HLPE reports into action.



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**Scope :** Food security and nutrition (FSN) are influenced by a range of issues, with a wide range of stakeholders concerned and require an integrated approach, from local to global levels. This international seminar co-organized by Columbia University and the High Level of Experts on Food Security (HLPE) of the United Nations Committee on World Food Security (CFS) will discuss, in three sessions: the main findings of the HLPE report on *Sustainable Agriculture Development for FSN, including the role of Livestock*; the role of HLPE in identifying *Critical and emerging issues for FSN* in the overall perspective of the Agenda 2030; and an initial discussion on the implementation of SDGs by different stakeholders at different levels.

<p><b>Introduction</b> 13:00 – 13:30</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opening address from Columbia University –Dr. Richard Deckelbaum</li> <li>- Opening address from Patrick Caron, HLPE Chair</li> </ul>
<p><b>Session 1.</b> 13:30 – 15:10</p>	<p><b>Acting towards SDGs: Stakeholders roles and enabling environment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Implementation of Agenda 2030: HLPF and the global UN architecture; the possible contribution of academic community and the HLPE (Martin Gallagher, Office of the UN Special representative for Food Security and Nutrition)</li> <li>- Discussants: Eileen Kennedy (HLPE), Dr. Shauna Downs, Dr. Eleanor Sterling and Dr. Sharon Akabas from Columbia University</li> </ul>
<p><b>Session 2.</b> 15:10 -16:40</p>	<p><b>Critical and emerging issues for Food Security and Nutrition towards reaching the SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- HLPE’s role and work to identify critical and emerging issues for Food Security and Nutrition (Carol Kalafatic)</li> <li>- Discussants – Dr. Jessica Fanzo, Johns Hopkins University; Dr. Cheryl Palm, Columbia University</li> </ul>
<p><b>Session 3.</b> 16:40 -17:40</p>	<p><b>Sustainable Agriculture Development for Food Security and Nutrition, including the role of Livestock: main findings of HLPE report #10 in the perspective of implementing SDG 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation by HLPE (Sophia Murphy / Wilfrid Legg)</li> <li>- Discussants – Dr. Glenn Denning, Columbia University</li> </ul>
<p>17:-40 - 18:00</p>	<p><b>Concluding session:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Concluding remarks by Patrick Caron, HLPE Chair</li> <li>- Concluding remarks by Dr. Richard Deckelbaum, Columbia University</li> </ul>