



Green Room - Hybrid format

12 October 2022

13:30 – 14:45 CET

Strengthening legal frameworks for food security and nutrition:

The role of parliamentarians and their alliances

Objectives

- Sharing parliamentarians' experience on leveraging their law-making, budget allocation and oversight mandates for Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) with parliamentarians from other countries/regions and with other CFS stakeholders.
- Engaging parliamentarians and strengthen their political will to take legislative action for FSN.
- Strengthening the role and capacity of parliamentarians in adopting effective legislation and multi-stakeholder collaboration for FSN.

Agenda

Time	Speaker	Topic
13:30-13:45	Annick VanHoutte, Deputy Legal Counsel, FAO, moderator of the event Abebe Haile-Gabriel, RAF ADG Mario Lubetkin, RLC ADG Marcela Villarreal, Director, of Partnerships and UN Collaboration Division, FAO	Opening Welcome Keynote speech
13:45 – 13:55	Member of Parliament, Mr Armando Castaingdebat, Commission of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries of the Latin American and Caribbean Parliament (PARLATINO) and President of the Parliament Front Against Hunger of Uruguay.	Palatino's role in law-making in Latin America and the Caribbean.
13:55 – 14:05	Hon Didier Molisho Sadi, Chair, Committee on Rural Economy, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment, Pan-African Parliament	The work of PAPA-FSN and PAP's experience in model law making

14:05 – 14:15	Senator Elena Diego, Spanish Parliamentary Alliance for the Right to Food	The work of the Spanish Alliance and the support of the Spanish Cooperation
14:15 – 14:40	Attendants	Questions and Answers
14:40 – 14:45	Ms. Gerda Verburg, Coordinator of the Scaling Up Nutrition movement Moderator	Final reflections Closing

Background

In recent years, there has been increasing awareness about the importance of leveraging the law-making, budget-allocation, oversight and representational mandate of parliamentarians for food security and nutrition (FSN). Engaging with parliamentarians helps put FSN at the highest level of legislative, political and budgetary agenda.

Recognizing the cross-cutting nature of FSN, a number of parliamentary alliances that go beyond the traditional standing committees in charge of food security and/or nutrition have been established at the national, sub-regional and regional levels in different parts of the world. They have played a significant role in adopting legislation that define rights and responsibilities, and put in place coordination and accountability mechanisms.

The parliamentary alliances that are in place in the different regions and countries have made meeting the SDGs, particularly goal 2, and securing food security in times of crises part of their explicit agenda. They also seek to translate international commitments relating to FSN and the right to adequate food into national level actions. While the experience so far differs from one region to another, significant strides have been made in terms of engaging parliamentarians to advance the FSN agenda. This side event aims to bring focus on the actual and potential role of parliamentarians in legislating for FSN and supporting the implementation of the same through budgeting and oversight. It seeks to bring the work of parliamentarians into the multi-stakeholder platform provided by the CFS for collective actions to advance FSN.

Languages

This event will have live interpretation in English, Arabic, French and Spanish.

Registration

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