



# CFS 51

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## Side event 22 | Nourishing connections – multistakeholder synergies for scaling-up food security and nutrition through social protection systems

### Organized by:

- World Food Programme (WFP) Social Protection Unit
- g7+ Secretariat
- Government of East Timor
- Government of Pakistan
- Government of Tanzania

**Thursday, 26 October; 8.30 – 9.45 (UTC+2)**  
**Red Room & via Zoom**

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### Abstract

The proposed side event aims to facilitate an inter-governmental dialogue among high-level government representatives, sharing practical experiences in enhancing social protection programs, national systems, and inter-sectoral synergies to effectively address hunger and malnutrition. It focuses on lessons learned from implementing the CFS Recommendations on Social Protection for Food Security, fostering reflection, cross-fertilization, and sharing key insights, including evidence review and analysis of policy reforms. Discussions will be audio-visually documented for cross-country learning and a comprehensive understanding of CFS recommendations for policymakers and practitioners in developing countries, contributing to disseminating good practices and shaping future policies. The event showcases a systems approach, integrating programs like school meals, cash, and asset transfers to effectively tackle hunger and malnutrition. It aligns with the outcomes of the UN's Food Systems Summit, emphasizing the need for

comprehensive and inclusive social protection systems. A Policy in Focus Magazine issue will summarize evidence on interdisciplinarity, placing food security and nutrition at the center of social protection poverty reduction and broad socio-economic development objectives. The event fosters collaboration, exchange of good practices, and highlights the investment case for enhancing food security and nutrition outcomes at scale, contributing to several Sustainable Development Goals.

### Objectives

- Emphasize the importance of incorporating food security and nutrition with broader systems thinking;
- Demonstrate the importance of integrated social protection programs;
- Foster dialogue, knowledge-sharing, and the exchange of best practices between different stakeholders, underscoring the significance of universal social protection and the evidence-based value of adopting a systems approach;
- Facilitate a multi-stakeholder dialogue on implementing the CFS Recommendations on Social Protection for Food Security, allowing high-level representatives to share experiences in enhancing their national social protection systems;
- Capture and disseminate lessons learned through evidence review, beneficiary experiences, policy analysis, and program innovations to promote cross-country learning and provide comprehensive understanding of CFS recommendations for global policymakers, researchers, and practitioners.



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