



# CFS 51

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## Side event 34 | Nourishing progress – reflecting on a decade of social protection innovations and thinking for zero hunger

### Organized by:

- World Food Programme (WFP)
- Institute of Development Studies
- Columbia University
- International Food Policy Research Institute
- Cornell University
- Tufts University
- International Policy Centre for Inclusive Development

**Friday, 27 October; 13.30 – 14.45 (UTC+2)**  
**Red Room & via Zoom**

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### Abstract

The event aims to explore the evolving thinking and approaches regarding social protection's role in food security, nutrition, and food systems transformation. Through a panel discussion with global thought leaders, including original authors of the 2012 HLPE Report on Social Protection, the event will synthesize emerging evidence and ideas from the past decade. The primary objective is to deepen understanding of social protection's impact on food security and nutrition, identify research gaps, and propose policy recommendations to strengthen national social protection and its inter-sectoral linkages with food systems. The expected outcomes include an updated understanding of social protection's role in promoting human capital development and addressing intersecting inequalities through improved nutrition, identifying gaps in social protection responses to crises, and formulating research needs and policy recommendations. To ensure broader reach and influence, the findings and recommendations will be published in a journal commentary. By contributing to the ongoing dialogue on social protection and its crucial role in achieving food security and nutrition, the event aims to facilitate meaningful progress in the field. It seeks to inform policies and practices that can effectively address the complex challenges of the multiple burdens of malnutrition, ultimately improving the well-being of individuals and communities.

### Objectives

- Assess progress and chart the way forward in social protection policy and programming for food security, nutrition, and food systems transformation;
- Emphasize the importance of comprehensive, nationally owned social protection systems that extend beyond food security to address nutrition outcomes and foster inter-sectoral linkages with food systems;
- Generate knowledge and policy recommendations by identifying gaps, and exploring and emphasizing the connection between social protection, food security, and nutrition.



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