INTRODUCTION

Our globalized world is one where our economies, cultures, and populations are becoming increasingly interconnected. Some of us are vulnerable because of who we are or where we live, but the reality is that we are all fragile. 2022 has been a year of shocks. Floods, drought, heatwaves, fire, and famine. Add to this, the spectre of the Covid 19 pandemic and the Russian-Ukraine conflagration that has had a massive knock-on effect on the world economy.

Although we have made progress towards building a better world, too many people have been left behind. People who are unable to benefit from human development, innovation, or economic growth. In fact, millions of people around the world cannot afford a healthy diet, putting them at high risk of food insecurity and malnutrition. But ending hunger isn’t only about supply. Enough food is produced today to feed everyone on the planet. The problem is access and availability of nutritious food, which is increasingly impeded by multiple challenges including the COVID-19 pandemic, conflict, climate change, inequality, rising prices and international tensions.

Approximately 11% (6.5 million) of South Africa’s population is hungry and food insecure. Furthermore, South Africa faces a triple burden of malnutrition. This includes underweight (caused by diets of inadequate quantities), malnourishment (arising from diets of inadequate quality) and overweight. When someone is left behind, a chain is broken. This impacts not only the life of that person, but also ours.

In the face of global crises, global solutions are needed more than ever. By aiming for better production, better nutrition, a better environment, and a better life, we can transform agrifood systems and build forward better by implementing sustainable and holistic solutions that consider development in the long term, inclusive economic growth, and greater resilience. A sustainable world is one where everyone counts. Food security is imperative for human survival with dignity.

WORLD FOOD DAY 2022

Collective action across 150 countries worldwide is what makes World Food Day one of the most celebrated UN days of the UN calendar. World Food Day is commemorated annually around the world on 16 October in remembrance of founding the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations in 1945 as an organisation that deals with global food and agricultural issues.
The focus of establishing the FAO was to deal with the global physical availability of food and agricultural development after World War 2. In 1979 World Food Day was proclaimed by the Conference of the FAO.

#WorldFoodDay2022 is being marked in a year with multiple global challenges including the ongoing pandemic, conflict, climate change, rising prices and international tensions. All of this is affecting global food security. How do we all adapt and thrive?

How do we ensure:
- universal access to safe and nutritious food
- sustainable patterns of consumption
- increased nature-positive production
- equitable livelihoods
- greater resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks and stress

OBJECTIVES OF WORLD FOOD DAY EVENT

It’s time we candidly looked at investments in R&D for innovation; governance of resources; healthier diets and more sustainable production; stronger value chains; inclusion and social protection; and climate-smart finance. How do we bring all these together to ensure the transformation to a world free of hunger, a South Africa free of hunger? It’s time to work together and create a better, more sustainable future for all.

We seek to:
- To highlight the problem of hunger and malnutrition in South Africa
- To strengthen national solidarity in the struggle against hunger, malnutrition and poverty
- To promote food production and stimulate national, bilateral, transnational and non-governmental initiatives.
- To encourage research and technology development for the development of symbiotic ecological food production systems to ensure sustainable food production.
- To enhance the participation of rural people, particularly women and the underprivileged in decisions and events impacting their living conditions.
- To heighten public awareness of the government programmes aimed at halving hunger in South Africa.
- To encourage attention to agricultural food production and promote the new technology and bio-fortified seed for improved nutrition.
Our conference will offer a platform for constructive, solutions-orientated dialogue and action for those who suffer from hunger and for the need to ensure healthy diets for all, leaving no one behind! Make #WorldFoodDay YOUR day.

PROGRAMME

TIME ACTIVITY
10:00 Welcome and Opening
10:10 Video
10:30 Keynote Presentation
10:50 Poll
11:00 Panel Discussion
12:00 Question and Answers
12:30 Closing

ORGANISERS

- United Nations Food, Agriculture Organisation (FAO)
- Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN)
- South Africa Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) Education
- Vikela Earth

Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN)
FANRPAN was established in 1997 in response by ministers of agriculture and environment from Southern and Eastern Africa for an independent network to promote the dissemination of policy research results across Africa, and to act as a platform for policy engagement of all food, agriculture, and natural resources (FANR) stakeholders. It is an Africa-wide network of country-based policy nodes that are groups of existing policy institutions with technical expertise and FANR stakeholders collaborating to generate evidence for use in addressing policy bottlenecks. The national nodes are an inter-sectoral platform of different stakeholder groups, including farmers’ organizations, agriculture and policy research institutions, government departments, the private sector, civil society, donors, women, youth, and the media.

For more information, please visit: www.fanrpan.org
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South Africa Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) Education
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