

EXPO Milano 2015 – IPC Global Event on

Chronic Food Insecurity and Nutrition Classifications – Learning from country application –

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The *IPC Global Steering Committee* including ACF, CARE, CILSS, FAO, FEWS NET, EC-JRC, Oxfam, Save the Children, SICA, and WFP is organizing the **3rd annual IPC Global Event in the framework of the EXPO Milano 2015**. The IPC Global Event will take place in May 20, 2015 and will be hosted by the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission (JRC) in Ispra, Italy.

Background

The overall theme of the EXPO Milano 2015 is ***"Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life"*** (<http://www.expo2015.org/it/cos-e/il-tema>). This theme runs through all the events organized both inside and outside the main Milan Exhibition Site. The EXPO 2015 will be an opportunity to reflect and discuss the various attempts to find solutions to the global food insecurity and malnutrition challenges which we face. In this context, IPC is globally recognized as ***"Best Practice" for Evidence and Standards for Better Food Security Decisions and Country Demand for IPC***. For this reason, the IPC Global Event in the framework of the EXPO Milano 2015 represents an important opportunity to showcase IPC and its contribution to the global challenges of feeding the planet.

There is a **clear call for actions and accountability to accelerate the world's progress on chronic food insecurity and malnutrition** – the silent crisis. The new Global Nutrition Report (2014) acknowledges that there is a lot of information on nutrition, but it also points out that it is too fragmented and there are critical gaps. The 2014 FAO State of Food Insecurity in the World Report, points out that an important lesson learned from examining experiences of countries, is that food insecurity and malnutrition are complex inter-related problems that cannot be resolved by a single stakeholder or sector. Moreover, hunger reduction requires an integrated approach to address immediate and underlying causes of food and nutrition insecurity, thus requiring actions across a range of sectors and actors.

IPC, a global, multi-partner innovative initiative to facilitate evidence based decision-making with improved food and nutrition security analysis, is keeping pace with the expanding information needs of decision makers and is well positioned to help countries meet the information challenge that this call for actions and accountability requires. Through the new IPC Global Strategic Programme (2014-2018)¹, more than 29 countries will be technically and institutionally capacitated to generate the evidence and information that decision makers need to design more effective integrated food and

¹ EC, DFID and USAID have joined together to support promote and co-fund the innovative initiative IPC Global Partnership initiative of the IPC Global Strategic Programme (2014-2018) for the next three years.

nutrition security programmes and policies. Through IPC, countries will be supported to accelerate achievement of country institutionalization and sustainability of the IPC, such that:

“IPC acute and/or chronic classification system tools and procedures are institutionalized within regional and national structures, frameworks and strategies; technical capacity in IPC is built and professionalized; and the IPC products are of high quality and used by decision makers.”²

New IPC Tools and Procedures

The **new IPC Chronic Food Insecurity Classification**, developed by a multi-partner technical working group and launched in July 2014, meets many countries’ demand for more information on and better measurement of persistent food insecurity situations. The IPC Chronic Food Insecurity analysis was implemented in eight countries since mid-2014 and there is a waiting list of countries which have already requested to adopt it in 2015. This new classification tool complements the well-established IPC Acute Food Insecurity Classification and makes IPC an integrated, complementary approach for informing crisis mitigation and prevention, as well as structural and developmental policies and programs.

An **IPC Nutrition Classification tool** is also being developed and the results of country pilots conducted in 2014 and early 2015 already indicate that this complementary tool to the IPC Food Security Classification is succeeding to integrate food and nutrition security analysis and will fill an important gap for decision makers. This new tool allows for an in-depth analysis of the nutrition situation in a country, and in addition to nutrition indicators, also accounts for non-food related factors such as inadequate care practices and diseases that affect nutritional status. Both the governments of Kenya and South Sudan - which have hosted the first two country pilots - have indicated they need this new tool and are ready to fully adopt and implement it once finalized.

Both these new IPC tools are laying the foundation for the consolidation of **a fully Integrated Food and Nutrition Security Phase Classification System**, which is prioritized to be fully developed and articulated with protocols within the next two years. Leading experts and agencies in nutrition are collaborating in the global IPC Nutrition Working Group, combining hands with IPC food security community to achieve a fully Integrated Food and Nutrition Phase Classification System.

IPC Global Event at EXPO Milano 2015 - Programme

The objective of the **IPC Global event** is to raise awareness of IPC *as a Best Practice in Evidence and Standards for Better Food Security Decisions*, showcase the new IPC tools with country implementation, and analyse potential use of these for improved integrated food and nutrition programming and policy. The IPC Global Event will take place at the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission (JRC), in ISPRA, Italy on May 20, 2015.

Participants will include representatives of global IPC stakeholder, partner and donor agencies, Regional Inter-government Bodies (ASEAN, CILSS, IGAD, SADC, SAARC and SICA), and relevant food security programming and policy organizations. IPC Regional Coordinators from Asia, Africa and Latin America will also participate, along with national government representatives that participated in the first phase roll out of the IPC Chronic Phase Classification and the piloting of the prototype IPC Nutrition Phase Classification.

The outcomes of the event will be reviewed in the Meeting of the IPC Global Steering Committee that will take place on May 21, 2015 with the aim of reflecting on achievements of the new IPC Global Strategic Programme (2014-2018) and discussing priority strategic direction and action plan on the way forward.

² IPC Global Strategic Programme: Vision and Action Plan, page 3: http://www.ipcinfo.org/fileadmin/templates/ipcinfo/Docs/IPC_Global_SP_2014-16_Brochure.pdf

IPC Global Event on “Chronic Food Insecurity and Nutrition Classifications – Learning from country application”

This year the IPC Global Event will focus on the **new chronic and nutrition classification tools** and the **learning from the first round of country implementation**. The IPC Global Event will start with the presentation of key cross country findings of the first round of IPC Chronic food insecurity analysis outcomes, looking at the different dimensions of chronic food insecurity (availability, access, utilization and stability) and some of the emerging key drivers and limiting factors identified to be driving chronic food insecurity. The morning session will also include presentations of experiences by Government representatives of the countries that participated in the first round of the IPC Chronic roll-out. Countries that have been invited are: Burundi, El Salvador, Nepal, Philippines and Uganda. They will also share their plans to utilize the outcomes of these new tools to contribute to decision making and inform policy and programming.

The afternoon session will focus on the presentation of the prototype IPC Nutrition Phase Classification and learning from first round of Country pilots. In particular, Government representatives have been invited from Bangladesh, Kenya and South Sudan to share the experience of applying these tools in their countries as well as future plans to use the findings in country programming and policy.

The day will conclude with a discussion around IPC Regional partners’ perspectives on the progress achieved in the framework of the IPC Global Strategic Programme (2014-2018) and plans for the next three years.

Draft Agenda of the IPC Global event is provided in the next page.

IPC Showcase – EC-JRC Visitors’ Center and EXPO Milano 2015

There will be an all-day IPC Showcase set up at the EC-JRC Visitors’ Center exhibit area dedicated to the EXPO Milano 2015 that will be open to the public and ongoing throughout the IPC Global Event and Special Partner Session. The IPC Showcase event will display IPC information including general publications, technical booklets, training materials, global briefs, examples of IPC Maps and Communication generated by countries and regions, as well as information on the IPC Global Governance Structure, IPC GSU and Regional/Country Partner Network. Furthermore, it is also expected to share space within the main EXPO Milano 2015 Exhibition Site.

The annual IPC Global Event is organized by the IPC Global Steering Committee Partners through the IPC Global Support Unit (GSU) which is hosted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of United Nations (FAO).

IPC Global Partners 2015



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IPC Global Event – EXPO Milano 2015 - Tentative Agenda

8:30 – 9:00	Registration	
9:00- 9:30	High level Opening and Remarks	<p>Chair: Felix Lee, FEWS NET, IPC Steering Committee Chair</p> <p>Opening Address: David Wilkinson, EU Commissioner General for Expo 2015, European Commission, JRC</p> <p>Keynote Speakers: European Commission (EUROPEAID) DFID, USAID Representatives</p>
9:30 – 10:00	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPC 10yrs Achievements • Purpose of the Consultation 	<p>Presenter: John McHarris, WFP, IPC Steering Committee Member</p>
10:00 – 10:30	<p>The new IPC Chronic Food Insecurity Classification and Key Cross-Country findings from the first round of IPC Chronic Food Security Analyses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Overview b. Country Results Presentations 	<p>Chair/Moderator: Thierry Negre, EC-JRC, IPC Steering Committee Member</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leila Oliveira, IPC Chair of IPC Chronic Global Working Group • Government Representatives from El Salvador, Nepal, Philippines and Uganda (TBC)
10:30 – 11:00	Tea & coffee break	
11:00 – 11:30	<p>The new IPC Chronic Food Insecurity Classification and Key Cross Country findings from the first round of IPC Chronic Food Security Analyses (continuation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Country Results Presentations (continued) b. Questions and Answers 	<p>Chair/Moderator: IPC Steering Committee Member (Save the Children/Oxfam TBD)</p> <p>Presenter: Leila Oliveira, IPC Food Security Officer, IPC Chair of IPC Chronic Global Working Group</p>
11:30-13:00	<p>Country Perspectives and Plans: Added Value of the IPC Chronic Food Insecurity Classification and Use in Country Planning, Programming and Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Panel Discussion b. Questions and Answers 	<p>Chair/Moderator: Luca Russo, FAO, IPC Steering Committee Member</p> <p>Panelists (TBC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burundi – Mr. Isaac Nzitunga, Conseiller au Cabinet du MINAGRIE en Charge du suivi de la Sécurité Alimentaire, Gouvernement du Burundi • El Salvador – Ms. Ana Daysi Cardoza de Marquez Director, Consejo Nacional de Seguridad Alimentaria y Nutricional (CONASAN), Government of El Salvador • Nepal - Mr. Shankar Prasad Sapkota, Senior Agriculture Economist, Ministry of Food and Agriculture Development, Government of Nepal • Philippines – Ms. Jigay Gawe, Chief, Nutrition Surveillance Division, National Nutrition Council, Government of Philippines • Uganda - Ms. Anna Hakuza, Senior Agricultural Economist, Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry & Fishing, Government of Uganda <p>Resource Speakers (TBC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bangladesh - Mr. Hajiul Islam, Research Director, FPMU, Ministry of Food, Government of Bangladesh • Kenya - Mr. James Odour, Chief Executive Officer National Drought Management Authority, Government of Kenya
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	

14:00 – 15:00	Overview of the prototype IPC Nutrition Phase Classification and learning from first round of Country pilots Questions and Answers	Chair: Silke Pietsch, ACF, IPC Steering Committee Member Special Moderator (TBD): Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Douglas Jayasekaran, IPC Nutrition Officer, IPC Chair of IPC Nutrition Working Group • Government Representatives from Bangladesh, Kenya and South Sudan
15:00 – 16:00	Country Perspectives and Plans: Added Value of the IPC Nutrition Classification and Use in Country Planning, Programming and Policy <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Panel Discussion Questions and Answers 	Chair/Moderator: Patricia Palma, <i>SICA, IPC Steering Committee Member</i> Panelists (TBC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bangladesh Ms. Nasreen Khan, Technical Support to Additional Secretary (Public Health & WHO) and Country Focal Person, SUN, Public Health and WHO Wing Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Bangladesh Mr. Md Hajiquel Islam, Research Director, FPMU, Ministry of Food, Government of Bangladesh • Kenya Mrs. Lucy Gathigi, Coordinator of the Nutrition Technical Forum, Ministry of Health, Government of Kenya Mr. James Odour, Chief Executive Officer National Drought Management Authority, Government of Kenya • South Sudan Ms. Victoria Eluzai Jabe, Director of Nutrition, Ministry of Health, Government of the Republic of South Sudan Mr. Phillip Dau Thiong, Director M&E and LAF Technical Advisor, National Bureau of Statistics, Government of the Republic of South Sudan
16:00-16:30	Tea & coffee break	
16:30 – 17:15	Regional Stakeholders Perspectives <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Panel Discussion Questions and Answers 	Chair/Moderator: Cyril Ferrand, <i>GFSC, IPC Steering Committee Member</i> Panelists (TBC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CILSS, IGAD, SAARC, SADC, SICA
17:15-17:30	Concluding remarks and closing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Steps • Closing of consultative workshop 	Felix Lee, <i>FEWS NET, IPC Steering Committee Chair</i>