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**Transitioning to a sustainable food system and delivering on the SDGs - The potential of school meals**

**Webinar : 21<sup>st</sup> March 2.00 – 5.00 pm**

In 2021, the first United Nations Summit on Food Systems (UNFSS) took place to address food security and food systems' sustainability and their contribution to achieve the SDG's. These issues are widely recognised to be among the most significant challenges humanity is facing today alongside associated issues such as climate change and biodiversity loss.

Many people lack access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food. Furthermore, food has enormous social, cultural and political significance influencing how policies are formulated and how pathways to a more just and sustainable food system are identified.

In preparation of and during the summit, actors at many levels, government representatives, civil society, the research community, and the private sector, engaged in discussions which resulted in several *coalitions* taking a systems approach to create networks, share knowledge, coordinate actions and achieve impact of policy schemes. Among them the "*School Meals Coalition: Nutrition, Health and Education for Every Child*" was established, and actively supported by most states. It is accompanied by an Global Research Consortium for School Health and Nutrition led by Professor Donald Bundy (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine).

This coalition approach is of great interest to develop best practices concerning transformational research and systematic evaluation of the impact of interventions to achieve transformation.

## **Programme**

**14:00 am: Introductory remarks**

**Bettina Heimann** (EURAGRI)

**Philippe Petithuguenin** (CIRAD)

**14:10 am: Introductory keynote**

**Donald Bundy** : Director of the Research Consortium for School Health and Nutrition (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, United Kingdom)

**14:30 am: 1<sup>st</sup> Round Table. School meals to improve the nutrition and health status as well as knowledge and skills related to food.**

Moderator: **Sylvie Avallone** (Institut Agro/Unesco Chair on World Food Systems, France)

**Heli Kuusipalo** (Finnish Institute for health and welfare, Finland)

**Bent Egberg Mikkelsen** (University of Copenhagen, Department of Geosciences and Natural Resource Management, Denmark)

Questions & Answers moderated by Sylvie Avallone

**15:30 am: 2<sup>ed</sup> Round Table. School meals as a lever to promote food systems' sustainability – the environmental and economic dimension, territorial development and socio-cultural education.**

Moderator: **Maurizio Mariani** (Risteco-Eating City, France)

**Nicolas Bricas** (CIRAD/Unesco Chair on World Food Systems, France)

**Manuel Franco** (University of Alcalá, Spain)

**Minna Kaljonen** (Finnish Environment Institute, Finland)

Questions & Answers moderated by Maurizio Mariani

**16:30 Closing remarks**

**Veronique Sauvat** (World Food Program)

The audience is invited to participate in the discussion through the chat and dedicated Q&A sessions.

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