

Copenhagen Symposium

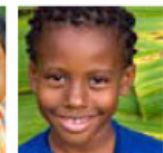
Global Food Situation: Challenges for Humanitarian Assistance

Venue: The 1001 Hall, Islands Brygge 89, Copenhagen S

Programme – 11 November 2008

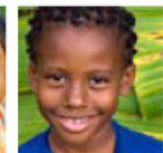
08:00	Arrival and registration - coffee/tea & morning snack Lunch sandwich tickets á DKK 100,- for sale
08:45	Seating of participants
09:00	Official opening Mr. Ib Petersen , State Secretary for Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
09:10	Introductory remark Mr. Henrik Stubkjær , Secretary General, DanChurchAid, Denmark
GLOBAL CHALLENGES	
09:20	<p>The global food crisis: Our global challenge</p> <p>Key note speaker:</p> <p>Mr. John M. Powell, Deputy Executive Director of External Affairs and Resource Development Department, United Nations World Food Programme (WFP)</p> <p><i>In 2008, the world witnessed a dramatic food crisis sweep across the planet, driven by high food and fuel prices as well as a number of droughts and other natural disasters. Faced with high commodity prices, WFP launched an extraordinary appeal in March 2008 to meet the increased cost of food and fuel and continued to advocate for the needs of a growing number of people slipping deeper into hunger and poverty. The world reacted with unprecedented generosity, and the additional support of nearly 1 billion dollars has enabled a robust WFP response to the crisis. The need for increased food assistance remains critical, and WFP will strive to feed 93.3 million people in the coming year, compared to an original plan of 70 million in 2008.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. John M. Powell draws from almost twenty years of senior level experience with WFP – the largest humanitarian organisation and the most important provider of food assistance in the world. He has witnessed the changing trends in global hunger and participated in shaping the humanitarian response to them. In his speech, Mr. Powell will address the challenges facing the world's poor, exposed to both food prices that remain elevated and a severe financial crisis further reducing their resilience and security. In addition, he will present WFP's approach to these challenges, including reaching the additional hungry populations as well as using new modalities and partnerships for assistance.</i></p>





10:00	<p>Space2Debate: Humanitarian challenges and response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the humanitarian challenges of the global food crisis and what are the implications of the financial crisis? • How do we optimize our response in order to meet the needs? <p>Debaters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. John M. Powell, Deputy Executive Director, World Food Programme • Mr. Hermann Spitz, Deputy Head of Unit, ECHO • Mr. Chris Leather, Head of Emergency Food Security and Livelihoods Team, Oxfam <p>Interviewers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Thomas Ravn-Pedersen, Editor, Danish Broadcasting Corporation • Mr. Peter Tygesen, Journalist and Author <p><i>The Space2Debate creates a space for accurate, professional and to the point dialogue and debate. The Space2debate is designed to extract core messages from the debaters and elaborate on key issues. The debate is facilitated by two experienced media persons.</i></p>
10:30	Questions from the floor
10:45	<i>Break</i>
IN-DEPTH REFLECTION IN WORKSHOPS	
11:15-13:00	<p>In-depth workshops: 6 parallel workshops</p> <p>See additional description of workshop themes on www.humanitarian-space.dk</p> <hr/> <p>Workshop 1:</p> <p>New victims of the food crisis</p> <p>Chair: Ms. Valerie Guarnieri, WFP Co-chair: Ms. Susanne Jaspers, ODI</p> <p><i>Rising food prices are threatening to push more than a hundred million people into food insecurity. Who are these people and are our current response mechanisms suitable to address their needs?</i></p> <hr/> <p>Workshop 2:</p> <p>Linking humanitarian access and actors</p> <p>Chair: Ms. Christina Bennett, OCHA Co-chair: Mr. Nils Carstensen, DCA</p> <p><i>Humanitarian action has become more politicised and violent, which has led to constrained access for humanitarian organisations thereby hampering delivery of essential services based on need. How do we ensure humanitarian space and access? Who can and should we collaborate with on delivery of services without jeopardising humanitarian principles?</i></p>





Workshop 3:

Humanitarian assistance and chronic hunger situations

Chair: Mr. **Chris Leather**, OXFAM
Co-chair: Ms. **Anne-Birgitte Albrechtsen**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark

More than 24,000 people die of hunger related causes every day. That is almost 9 million people per year. The global food price crisis has increased the number of chronically hungry people dramatically. There is a need to invest in and deliver long term programmes to boost smallholder agricultural production, disaster risk reduction and social protection.

But what is the role of international humanitarian agencies in relation to these instruments? How do we ensure complementarity between international humanitarian and development assistance? How do humanitarian actors support national government, private sector and civil society capacities?

Workshop 4:

The impact of the food crisis on chronic refugee and IDP situations

Chair: Ms. **Sara Pantuliano**, ODI
Co-chairs: Mr. **Håkan Falkell**, WFP
Ms. **Sally Thompson**, TBBC

Refugees and IDPs are amongst the most food insecure. But how can implementing agencies and donors cope with the skyrocketing cost of feeding refugees and IDPs? How can agencies react responsibly according to basic SPHERE standards when the cost of food suddenly doubles relative to its budget? How can a donor respond when the cost of feeding chronic IDPs and refugees compromises its ability to fund other lifesaving sectors such as shelter, watsan, and health?

Workshop 5:

New approaches to food aid: are the current approaches sufficient to deal with the effects of the food crisis?

Chair: Mr. **Hermann Spitz**, ECHO
Co-chairs: Ms. **Erika Jørgensen**, WFP
Mr. **Erik Johnson**, DCA

Over the years many new instruments have been added to the food crisis response toolbox. In some food crises, food may not necessarily be the answer. Cash is making a (re-)entry in the crisis response thinking. WFP is taking local purchases to a new level. What are the advantages and disadvantages of these new instruments and are they sufficient to deal with the current crisis?

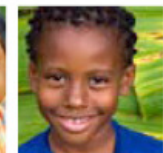
Workshop 6:

Rights-based approach to food aid

Chair: Mr. **Michael Windfuhr**, Diakonie Katastrophenhilfen
Co-chair: Ms. **Nanna Skau**, Food Policy Expert

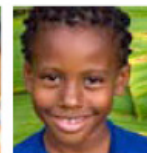
The right to food is a human right and is a binding obligation well-established under international law. States have recognised the right to food in the World Food Summit Declarations and more than 150 states are parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR). Yet, there seems to remain much to be done in promoting and protecting the right to adequate food. Is the rights-based approach effective when applied to food crisis situations? Can an increasing promotion of the rights-based approach help to ensure that everyone has access to adequate food as a matter of right?





13:00	<p>Lunch: Restaurants Against Hunger</p> <p><i>Lunch will be provided under the concept Restaurants Against Hunger (Restauranter mod Sult), a new campaign from DanChurchAid. The price of lunch is DKK 100, and the profit goes to DanChurchAid's work for a world without hunger.</i></p> <p><i>So – remember to bring cash. It is also possible to pay in Euro – and to some extent with Danish credit cards. Read more about the campaign here: www.restaurantermodsult.dk.</i></p>
INQUIRING AND DEBATING	
14:00	<p>Introduction to Space2Debate:</p> <p>Are our current instruments sufficient to address the new faces of hunger?</p> <p>Ms. Anne-Birgitte Albrechtsen Head of Humanitarian Assistance and NGO Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark</p> <p><i>With an increasing number of people struggling to meet daily food needs, the humanitarian tools we use must continue to be adequate, timely and appropriate.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Is the international community ready to face the new challenges and perhaps new types of beneficiaries?</i> • <i>And if not, what is it that needs to be done?</i>
14:10	<p>Space2Debate</p> <p>Debaters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Valerie Guarnieri, World Food Programme – Chair of workshop 1 • Mr. Chris Leather, OXFAM – Chair of workshop 3 • Mr. Erik Johnson, DCA – Co-Chair of workshop 5 <p>Interviewers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Thomas Ravn-Pedersen, Editor, Danish Broadcasting Corporation • Mr. Peter Tygesen, Journalist and Author <p><i>This session is based around the workshop themes no. 1, 3 and 5. The Space2Debate creates a space for accurate, professional and to the point dialogue and debate. The Space2debate is designed to extract core messages from the debaters and elaborate on key issues. The debate is facilitated by two experienced media persons.</i></p>
14:40	<p>Questions from the floor</p>
SHARING – DISPERSING	
15:00	<p>Gallery and coffee break Workshop gallery during break</p>





INQUIRING AND DEBATING	
15:30	<p>Introduction to Space2Debate:</p> <p>Can rhetoric match reality: How do we guarantee the right to food?</p> <p>Ms. Lisa Henry Relief Director, DanChurchAid</p> <p><i>The combined effects of soaring commodity prices, credit crisis and other current global challenges should not jeopardize our obligations to meet everyone's basic rights, including the right to food. More than ever, the most vulnerable are first in line to feel the effects of the storm. We must ensure that in all the global challenges facing us today, we continue to assist and reach those who need our support most.</i></p>
15:40	<p>Space2Debate:</p> <p>Debaters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. John M. Powell, Deputy Executive Director of External Affairs and Resource Development Department, United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) • Ms. Christina Bennett, OCHA – Chair of workshop 2 • Ms. Sara Pantuliano, ODI – Chair of workshop 4 • Mr. Michael Windfuhr, Diakonie Katastrofehilfen – Chair of workshop 6 <p>Interviewers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Thomas Ravn-Pedersen, Editor, Danish Broadcasting Corporation • Mr. Peter Tygesen, Journalist and Author <p><i>This session is based around the workshop themes no. 2, 4 and 6. This programme element will create a space for accurate, professional and to the point dialogue and debate between practitioners and senior officials. The Space2debate is designed to extract core messages from the presenters and debaters and elaborate on key issues. The debate is facilitated by two experienced media persons.</i></p>
16:10	<p>Questions from the floor</p>
16:30	<p>Concluding remarks</p> <p>Ms. Anne-Birgitte Albrechtsen Head of Humanitarian Assistance and NGO Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark</p> <p>Ms. Lisa Henry Relief Director, DanChurchAid</p>
16:45	<p><i>Close</i></p>

