

Second International Conference on Nutrition

19-21 November 2014, Rome, Italy



Communicating to Inspire Change: Dialogues on Nutrition

Background

No matter how it is defined, nutrition is basically what we eat, the products of the food and agriculture sector.

We can improve our diets, our health and protect our natural resources by working on the food systems – on how we produce, collect, store, transport, transform and distribute foods. The consumer not only needs to have access to sufficient and good quality food, but also to be educated on what constitutes a healthy diet and motivated to make sound food choices.

The Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2), the first intergovernmental conference in the 21st century to address the world's nutrition issues, will be held at FAO headquarters in Rome, Italy on 19 - 21 November 2014. Jointly organized by FAO, the World Health Organization (WHO) and other partners, ICN2 will convene high-level government officials and stakeholders to agree on policies that more effectively address today's critical nutrition challenges. The goal of the conference is to propose a flexible policy framework that addresses major nutrition challenges and to identify priorities for enhanced international cooperation on nutrition.

“ICN2 will provide us with the opportunity to chart a better future in which all people are well nourished from food that is produced and consumed through sustainable systems.”

*José Graziano da Silva,
FAO Director-General*



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The ICN2 will:

- review progress made and the new challenges and opportunities that have arisen since ICN1 held in 1992, and identify policy options for improving nutrition
- bring food, agriculture, health and other sectors together to improve diets and raise levels of nutrition
- propose flexible policy options and institutional frameworks that can adequately address major nutrition challenges in the foreseeable future
- encourage greater political and policy coherence, alignment and coordination and cooperation among food, agriculture, health and other sectors



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Dialogues among nations

The ICN2 comes at a critical juncture where leading global development stakeholders have sharpened their focus on nutrition. In order to exponentially boost the impact of ICN2 and ensure its alignment with major international initiatives, a series of stakeholder Dialogues on Nutrition, “Communicating to Inspire Change”, is being held prior to ICN2.

These dialogues, led by the United States of America, BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) and the Group of 77 aim to stimulate debate around key nutrition issues, raise awareness and, ahead of ICN2, to explore links between key nutrition strategies. This is an essential aspect of building momentum toward ICN2, especially considering key policy frameworks and strategies that relate to ICN2.

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Dialogues on Nutrition

- **14 October:** *USUN Dialogue*, Sheikh Zayed Multimedia Centre, FAO, Rome
- **22 October:** *BRICS Dialogue*, Sheikh Zayed Multimedia Centre, FAO, Rome
- **30 October:** *G77 Dialogue*, Sheikh Zayed Multimedia Centre, FAO, Rome

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