

## Rome Nutrition Week 2025 – Concept Note

*“Coherent Policy and Action for Better Nutrition”*

26-30 May 2025, FAO, IFAD and WFP HQs, Rome



### **Context:**

Healthy diets are out of reach for about 2.8bn people and the world is substantially off track to achieve global nutrition targets. Globally, in 2022, among children under five years old, around 149 million were stunted (22.3 per cent), 45 million were wasted (6.8 per cent) and 37 million were overweight or living with obesity (5.6 per cent). Moreover, over half the global population consumes inadequate levels of key micronutrients essential to health. Conflict, climate change and economic shocks continue to drive malnutrition, while the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic continue to be felt, especially in the Global South.

Alongside the wider international system, the Rome-Based Agencies [RBAs] have a significant role to play in promoting lasting solutions to malnutrition as part of a wider transformation to sustainable and resilient food systems, including through support to local actors. Better nutrition is one of the pillars of FAO's Strategic Framework (2022-2031); IFAD is committed to raising ambition on mainstreaming nutrition through its Action Plan (2019-2025); and nutrition is a cross-cutting priority across all outcomes of the WFP Strategic Plan (2022-2025).

However, key to driving nutrition outcomes for all is better collaboration. While numerous governments, multilateral organisations (the RBAs and beyond), foundations, civil society organisations, universities and research organisations, and the private sector are already working on tackling malnutrition through interventions in different sectors, a comprehensive and coherent approach to nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitivity is still lacking. To have impact across and between sectors, more is needed to bring stakeholders together.

For these reasons, in 2024, a coalition of member states, working closely with the RBAs and other nutrition stakeholders, came together to organise the inaugural Rome Nutrition Week. The week consisted of a series of events, meetings and discussions, which increased the spotlight on nutrition and reaffirmed the importance of collective action and accountability to address challenges.

This year, Rome Nutrition Week 2025 will take place 26-30 May, under the overarching theme of **‘Coherent Policy and Action for Better Nutrition.’**

Following closely on from the Nutrition for Growth Summit and the World Health Assembly, looking ahead to the UN Food Systems Summit +4 Stocktake, UNFCCC COP30 and other relevant moments, and in the context of the recent extension of

the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition and the global nutrition targets, Rome Nutrition Week 2025 will provide a platform for collaborative events, convening and conversation, with the aim of putting nutrition at the heart of everything we do.

Rome Nutrition Week 2025 will be a timely opportunity for in-depth conversations, including on working better together, finding efficiencies, and adopting more coherent policy approaches. It is evermore critical that we come together to strengthen cooperation and build on comparative advantages.

### **Objectives:**

- i. Raise the visibility of nutrition issues for stakeholders in Rome
- ii. Ensure that agrifood issues are central to the approaches and thinking of a wide variety of nutrition stakeholders, and vice versa
- iii. Highlight the need for coordination and coherence to ensure successful nutrition integration at global, regional and country levels
- iv. Continue momentum from N4G 2025 towards other high-level moments

### **Format:**

Rome Nutrition Week 2025 will consist of a series of events, hosted across Rome, including panel discussions, roundtables and other meetings. Around 3 events each day will take place, hosted at the RBAs, showcasing different aspects of nutrition, relevant to the theme of '*Coherent Policy and Action for Better Nutrition.*'

### **Call for Event Proposals**

A call for proposals for events will be circulated in early April 2025 with a deadline of 24 April. Applicants will be notified about success or otherwise in late April.

### **Participants**

- Rome-based member states of the UN
- The UN Nutrition Architecture
- Wider Nutrition Stakeholders
- CSOs, Social Movements, Private Sector, IFIs/DFIs

### **Budget:**

Event organisers will be responsible for covering the costs of their events (including interpretation, if chosen, and audiovisual support, amongst other costs).

Participants will be responsible for covering the costs of their participation.

Please register for participation using the QR code below



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