

First Leaders' Meeting of the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty

November 3, 2025, 8h – 17h

Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC), Doha, Qatar

Concept Note and Programme – updated: September 23

Background

The Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty was launched in November 2024, at the G20 Summit in Rio. While originated by the G20, the Global Alliance is open to every country through the submission of a Statement of Commitment. It currently has nearly 200 members, including over 100 member countries (plus the African Union and European Union).

The Global Alliance's [Governance Framework](#) calls for a regular Summit Against Hunger and Poverty to be held at Head of State and Government level, at the sides of an existing UN conference or G20 Summit. The Summit should "review global progress towards the Alliance's objectives, showcases the Alliance's accomplishments during the past year(s), issues high-level guidance for the Alliance's members and their commitments across the three Pillars, and provide an opportunity for further commitments and actions".

The State of Qatar will host the World Social Summit, under the title "Second World Summit for Social Development" from 4 to 6 November 2025 in Doha (WSSD). The Summit aims to address the gaps and recommit the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and Programme of Action, issued at the World Summit for Social Development in 1995. During the Doha Forum in December 2024, an agreement in principle was reached between the governments of Brazil and Qatar to hold the first edition of the Summit Against Hunger and Poverty on November 3rd, in Doha, back-to-back with the Second World Summit for Social Development. This was seen as an opportunity to bring synergy to both conferences, incentivize high-level and head of State turnout, and further reinforce political momentum around the core topics of social development, food security and nutrition, and poverty reduction.

At its first meeting, the Board of Champions approved the proposal by Brazil to invite the State of Qatar to host the first Summit against Hunger and Poverty in Doha, November 3, 2025, and invited the Core Group and Support Mechanism to work with Qatar to further define modalities and procedures.

Following consultation with the relevant parties and as agreed with the President of the 79th United Nations General Assembly, given the modalities of the Second World Summit for Social Development, the Summit Against Hunger and Poverty will form part of the parallel programme of the Second World Summit for Social Development, in the form of

a high-level special event entitled, "Leaders' Meeting of the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty."

Venue arrangements

The First Leaders' Meeting of the Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty will take place at the Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC), which is the designated venue of the World Social Summit. The meeting will be convened fully in-person, in plenary format in an appropriate room inside the QNCC to accommodate around 800 delegates (around 150 delegations), which in several cases may include Heads of State. Facilities around the plenary site for arranging bilateral meetings and small-format meetings could be made available for delegations upon request, [according to the logistical procedures for the World Social Summit](#).

A welcome coffee and lunch should also be provided for in the venue with different catering lounges for the Heads of Delegation and remaining delegates.

The program will not contemplate breaks aside from the morning welcome coffee and lunch. Refreshments will be available throughout the meeting.

Invited delegations

All members of the Global Alliance and their designated delegations [which also need to be accredited and approved to participate](#) in the Second World Summit for Social Development.

Registration and Logistical info

The registration and logistics for the First Leaders' Meeting of the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty are tied to those for the Second World Summit for Social Development and under the responsibility of the United Nations and the host Country.. All [logistical information](#) and [registration procedures](#) are already available in the [WSSD official website](#).

Speaking slots

All speakers will address the plenary from a lectern. Aside from other specific speaking roles, morning and afternoon high level debate sessions will allow for 20 speaking slots each (4 min max), for a total of 40 speaking slots. All speaking slots will be pre-arranged, and each delegation can choose only one session. Priority will be given according to level of representation of the speaker (HoS, Ministers, Principals, Deputy Ministers, and so on) as first criteria, followed by country membership in the Board of Champions, followed by request order.

Program

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November 3rd, 8am - 5pm

08h00	Arrivals and Welcome coffee
09h00	Opening Ceremony Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, Prime Minister, State of Qatar (tbc) Geraldo Alckmin, Vice-President of the Federative Republic of Brazil
09h45	Presentation of the Work of the Global Alliance in 2025 and plans for 2026-2027 Minister Wellington Dias, Minister of Social Development, Brazil Eva Granados, Secretary of State for International Development, Spain
10h00	High level debate 1 – Opening fiscal space and mobilizing financing for the fight against hunger and poverty Designated keynote speaker (10') , followed by up to 20 pre-registered member interventions (4' each)
12h00	OFFICIAL LUNCH
14h00	Special session: Announcements on Global Alliance Implementation - Countries and partners announcing expanded implementation and/or partnerships for national programs and policies against hunger and poverty
14h40	High level debate 2 – Reinventing international cooperation for fighting hunger and poverty to put country programs at the center Designated keynote speaker (10') followed by 20 pre-registered member interventions (4' each)
16h40	Closing session – Moving towards the World Social Summit: eliminating hunger and poverty underpins the whole of social development Board of Champions co-Chairs, President of the UN General Assembly (TBC).