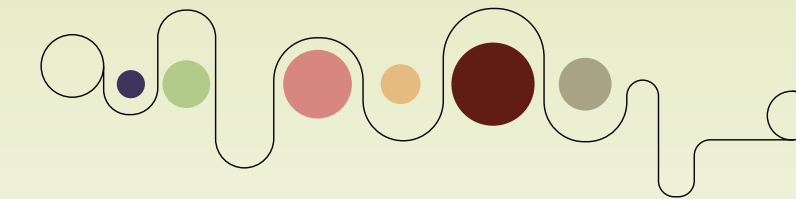


Stronger Data for Stronger Futures

a **Strategic Dialogue** by the
Joint Research Centre



BRUSSELS
27 January 2026

Hybrid, 11:00 - 17:00 CET

Confronting the Crisis of Child Wasting – Translating Evidence into Action and Policy

Exploring the latest evidence on integrated approaches to prevent and treat child wasting – addressing research gaps, real-world challenges, and scalable, sustainable solutions

Strengthening Food and Nutrition Information Ecosystems: Towards Aligned Action

Exploring alignment on priority actions, reinforcing technical coordination, and identifying financing and partnership opportunities to strengthen food and nutrition information ecosystems

11:00 – 11:05 | Opening remarks

Felix Rembold (EC-JRC)

11:05 – 11:15 | Setting the scene

Barbara Dequinze (DG ECHO)

11:15 – 12:05 | Integrated prevention and treatment of child wasting

Jef Leroy (IFPRI), **Laetitia Nikiema Ouédraogo** (WHO Africa), **Élodie Becquey** (IFPRI), **Kirrily De Polnay** (UNICEF), **Lieven Huybregts** (IFPRI), **Emma Massey** (FCDO)

12:05 – 13:00 | Panel discussion & Q&A

Roland Kupka (UNICEF), **Paul Troy** (Irish Aid), **Césaire Ouédraogo** (Helen Keller International), **Geraldine Honton** (WFP)

13:00 – 14:00 | Break

14:00 – 14:05 | Opening remarks

Amparo Gonzalez Diez (DG INTPA)

14:05 – 14:15 | Setting the scene

Roos Verstraeten (EC-JRC)

14:15 – 15:15 | Strengthening food and nutrition information ecosystems: from vision to blueprint

Dr. Namukolo Covic (CGIAR), **Martin Njoroge** (Impact REACH), **Thalia Sparling** (LSHTM), **Eshrak Al-Falahi** (WHO Yemen), **Lucy Maina-Gathigi** (UNICEF Kenya), **Mahamane Issiak Balarabé** (NIPN Niger), **Laura Barrington** (GIZ)

15:15 – 15:30 | Break

15:30 – 16:10 | From blueprint to action: setting priorities for alignment

Dr. Namukolo Covic (CGIAR), **Lawrence Haddad** (GAIN), **Andrew Rzepa** (Gallup), **Caroline Antoine** (Generation Nutrition), **Leonard Mizzi** (DG INTPA), **Kirsten Mucalhy** (CIFF)

16:10 – 16:50 | Pathways to coordination and scale & efficiency

Dr. Namukolo Covic (CGIAR), **Stineke Oenema** (Ministry of foreign affairs, Netherlands), **Paul Troy** (Irish Aid), **Jean-Martin Bauer** (WFP / UN80), **Alli Greenberg** (Rockefeller Foundation), **Mireya Vilar** (World Bank)

16:50 – 17:00 | Closing reflections

Roos Verstraeten (EC-JRC)

