

Concept Note

2026 WFP Innovation Forum *Innovating for Impact*

12 February 2026, Munich, Germany

Event Title	WFP Innovation Forum
Event Theme	<i>Innovating for Impact</i>
Date	Thursday, 12th February 2026
Location	Offices of the WFP Global Accelerator & Ventures, Josephspitalstraße 3, 80331 München
Agenda WFP Innovation Forum	<p><i>Introduction to WFP Innovation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10:00 - 10:30 Introduction to the WFP Global Accelerator & Ventures• 10:30 - 12:00 Innovation Snapshots <p>12:00 - 13:15 <i>Lunch Break</i></p> <p><i>Roundtable Sessions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 13:30 - 14:30 Roundtable 1: Private Sector Engagement for Humanitarian and Development Innovation• 14:45 - 16:15 Roundtable 2: Innovation for Effective Emergency Preparedness and Response• 14:45 - 16:15 Roundtable 3: Reducing Needs and Enhancing Resilience to Withstand Shocks <p>16:15 - 17:00 <i>Transition to Evening Programme & Opening Innovation Exhibition</i></p> <p><i>Pitch Event</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 17:00 - 17:45 Panel Discussion• 18:00 - 19:30 Live Pitches and Fireside Chat <p>19:30 - 22:00 <i>Open Networking incl. light refreshments</i></p>

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Event Format	Hybrid: Full day programme in person <i>by invitation only</i> ; The Live Pitch Event in the evening is livestreamed online .
Participants	<p>This forum will convene a select group of senior leaders from the public, private, and philanthropic sectors. Among the participants we expect the <i>WFP Executive Director, Ms. Cindy McCain</i>, senior and high-level government officials, as well as leaders from the private and philanthropic sector.</p> <p>Their collective expertise and perspectives will help foster new collaborations and advance innovative solutions to today's most pressing humanitarian and development challenges. As a flagship event alongside the Munich Security Conference, the Forum provides a unique platform to accelerate progress toward Zero Hunger.</p>
Background & Event Objectives	<p>In a world increasingly shaped by conflict and crisis, food insecurity stands as one of our most urgent global challenges. <i>Innovation offers a powerful source of hope</i> - demonstrating that bold ideas and transformative solutions can help communities not only endure, but thrive.</p> <p><i>The 2026 WFP Innovation Forum: Innovating for Impact will highlight how innovation is already reshaping WFP's operations</i> - enabling us to reach more people, more efficiently and cost-effectively, through cutting-edge technologies and creative approaches. This year's Forum will showcase innovations that are driving real change on the ground, solutions with proven results and the capacity to scale, inspiring new partnerships and bold action for greater impact.</p> <p>Event Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Showcase Impact: Demonstrate how innovation is turning rapid humanitarian response into lasting resilience, strengthening food security, and supporting peaceful, stable communities. • Inspire Action: Motivate stakeholders to accelerate investment, adoption, and scaling of innovative solutions for transformative impact. • Foster Partnerships: Facilitate meaningful conversations and strategic collaborations among leaders, decision-makers, and innovators to unite efforts for greater impact.
Full Day Programme	
Introduction to WFP Innovation 10:30 - 12:00	To deepen participants' understanding of WFP Innovation, the morning will open with an introduction to the work of the WFP Global Accelerator and Ventures , followed by three forward-looking innovation snapshots

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	<p>that exemplify our ambition to transform humanitarian response and build resilience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unleashing Collective Power: Illustrating how partnerships and collaboration with other UN organizations and beyond are leveraging complementary strengths to deliver impact at a scale no single organization could achieve alone. • Financing the Future: Exploring bold, innovative financing mechanisms that unlock new streams of capital and bridge critical funding gaps - fueling innovation that accelerates progress for those most in need. • AI for Impact and Resilience: Harnessing cutting-edge AI solutions across WFP's operations and beyond to drive smarter decisions, strengthen resilient livelihoods, and deliver more effective outcomes for millions worldwide.
<p>Roundtable Sessions</p> <p>Roundtable 1: 13:30 - 14:30</p> <p>Roundtable 2 & 3: 14:45 - 16:15 (parallel)</p>	<p>During the afternoon, the Forum will convene a series of interactive roundtables bringing together key leaders from government, business, and philanthropy to explore how innovation can further strengthen WFP's ability to save and change lives. These curated conversations are designed to ignite bold ideas, uncover actionable opportunities, and accelerate impact at scale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1) Private Sector Engagement Roundtable: A strategic dialogue on dismantling barriers and unlocking new pathways for private sector engagement in humanitarian and development innovation. <i>Co-hosted by the German Ambassador to the UN organizations in Rome and convening leaders from the private sector and beyond, this session offers a unique platform to shape the future - where visionary partnerships turn ambition into action.</i> • 2) Innovation for Effective Emergency Preparedness and Response: Featuring a scene setter by WFP leadership, this roundtable will spotlight breakthrough solutions for crisis readiness and delivery through two deep-dive discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Preparedness & Response • Supply Chain & Delivery • 3) Innovation to Reduce Needs and Enhance Resilience to Withstand Shocks: Introduced by WFP experts, this session will examine strategies to build resilience and reduce vulnerability through two deep-dive discussions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resilient Food Systems • Nutrition & School Feeding <p>Your presence and insights will help shape solutions that matter, amplify impact, and position partnerships at the forefront of global change.</p>

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WFP Innovation Exhibition <i>Open from 16:00</i>	<p>This year's interactive innovation exhibition, <i>Innovation Rooted in Humanity</i>, will be a vibrant showcase where human ingenuity confronts urgent global challenges. It will highlight pioneering solutions that are transforming WFP's work to fight hunger, build resilient food systems, and empower communities. Through stories of innovation in action - from cutting-edge digital tools to community-led initiatives - attendees will see how collaboration, creativity, and compassion are shaping a future where no one goes hungry.</p>
Pitch Event <i>17:00 - 22:00</i>	<p>The Live Pitch Event will open with a panel featuring leaders from the public and private sectors, setting the scene with conversations on humanitarian innovation.</p> <p>At the heart of the Forum, 8 Live Pitches will showcase bold solutions redefining what is possible with innovation in action - from early warning systems and rapid response to resilient food systems, school meal platforms, smarter supply chains, and inclusive financial tools. Behind each pitch is a commitment to impact and resilience.</p> <p>Between the pitches, a fireside chat will bring together leaders and experts for a thought-provoking exchange, adding fresh perspectives to the discussion.</p> <p>The evening concludes with networking opportunities to connect with innovators, sector leaders, and changemakers, creating space for collaboration and partnerships that drive lasting impact.</p>
Reference link	<p>An overview of the key highlights from the 2025 WFP Innovation Forum is available here.</p>
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Logistics	<p>The office of the WFP Global Accelerator & Ventures (Josephspitalstraße 3) is a short 8-minute drive from the central location of the Munich Security Conference, the Bayerischer Hof Hotel, as well as a mere 10-minute walk from there. It is also just 15 minutes by foot from Munich's central train station.</p>

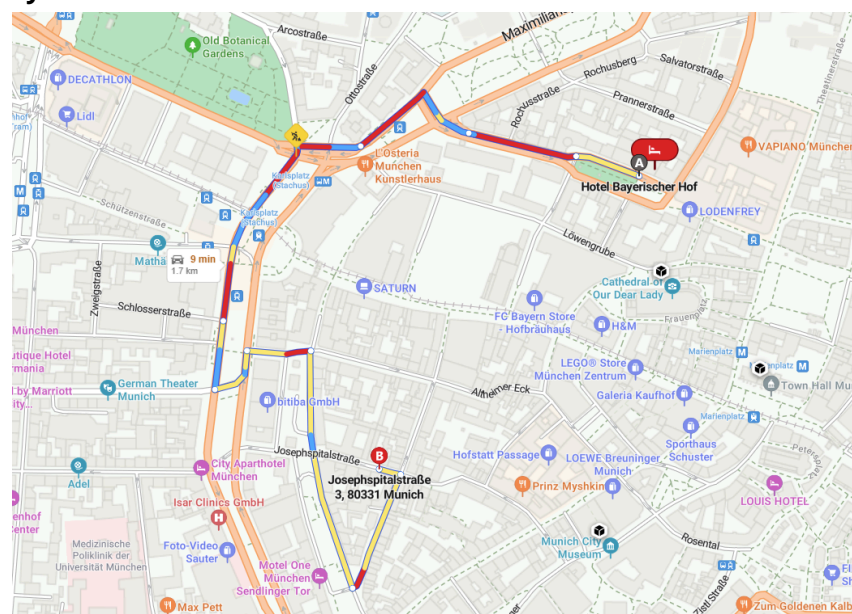
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Upon arrival, speakers and guests will be welcomed by WFP staff at the office premises (no accreditation with the Munich Security Conference is needed to attend).

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