The pursuit of food security and nutrition - as well as sustainable and resilient societies broadly - is undermined by alarming gaps in access to natural resources, such as land and forests (SDG15), water and sanitation (SDG6) and energy (SDG7) among small-scale food producers and other vulnerable groups. Food secure and well-nourished communities are essential pillars of sustainable food systems (SDG12) and resilient societies (SDG11). Structural causes of hunger and malnutrition relate to governance, economic and production issues, demographic and social issues, climate, and environmental issues. As such, it will be imperative to discuss the food security and nutrition dimensions of the SDGs under review at HLPF 2018.

Using a food security and nutrition lens, this event will increase understanding of the interlinkages between the sustainable goals and targets under review in 2018 – and discuss how policy coherence can be leveraged during implementation to accelerate progress across multiple objectives and to the overall success of the 2030 Agenda. In particular, the side event will build upon an Expert Group Meeting (EGM) on nutrition, held in June 2018, to highlight the interlinkages between nutrition and the SDGs in focus at HLPF 2018 and help translate them into effective guidance for policies, programmes and stakeholder engagement.