



THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG

School Meals Coalition
Nutrition, Health and Education for Every Child
Commitment Document for Luxembourg

Luxembourg is stepping up its efforts to ensure sustainable and nutritious school meals for all children. This includes promoting local, regional and organic food at home to reduce the environmental impact of food production, transportation and to facilitate opportunities for local producers/farmers.

Luxembourg believes in innovative digital solutions to improve sustainable school meal programmes in the country. One example is the digital platform *Supply4Future*, currently entering its pilot phase, which facilitates direct contracts for farmers and suppliers with school canteens.

The school closures during the COVID-19 pandemic, highlighted the importance of school meals in combatting child hunger, malnutrition and poverty worldwide. Not only do school meals provide children with a healthy and nutritious meal, but they support education, children's wellbeing, school attendance and gender equality. Therefore, Luxembourg joined the School Meals Coalition in 2021 and remains a committed partner of the WFP's school meal programmes.

Luxembourg supports all efforts made at the international level, especially in the framework of the European Union and other multilateral organisations, and is determined to participate in best-practice sharing and peer-to-peer learning with other Coalition members to improve the quality of school meal programmes.

Thus, Luxembourg is honoured to announce the following commitments towards upholding the School Meals Coalition's goals and achieving the objectives of Agenda 2030:

1. At the national level

- I. Increase organic, seasonal and local production for school meals, with **at least 50% local products of which 2/5 stem from organic farming**.
- II. Ensure the delivery of sustainable, diversified and balanced diets by increasing the variety of vegetarian and vegan dishes, with **50% of plant-based proteins on all menus**.
- III. **Increase the provision of free school meals**, ensuring access to nutritious food for all.
- IV. **Promote the use of a digital platform** to connect local farmers and suppliers to school canteens. Thus, expanding the purchase of sustainable products and guiding producers in the transition to organic farming.
- V. **Promote 0 km food and short distance purchasing** to avoid the environmental impacts of large distance transportation of food supplies.
- VI. **Combat food waste and plastic pollution in school canteens** by e.g. adapting meal offers, selling leftover food at reduced prices, setting up drink fountains, avoiding single use plastic.
- VII. Continue **advocacy and sensibilisation campaigns in schools**, encouraging active involvement and feedback from schoolchildren and youth, on sustainable nutrition and food systems
- VIII. **Scale up the coordination** with relevant national stakeholders, agricultural and farmers associations, academic and research institutions, young farmers and students **to continuously improve sustainable school meal programmes and food production** in the country.

2. At the international level

- I. **Support school meal programmes in the partner countries** of Luxembourg's Development Cooperation.
- II. **Support school meal programmes**, such as those provided by the World Food Programme, **in emergency and fragile contexts**.
- III. **Support the School Meals Coalition's Data and Monitoring Initiative**, specifically on the role of school meals in peacebuilding and resilience within fragile and conflict-related settings.
- IV. **Strengthen advocacy and outreach**, both nationally and internationally at relevant global events on the importance of the goals of the Coalition.
- V. **Encourage best-practice sharing and peer-to-peer learning** with other Coalition members to improve the quality of school meal programmes.
- VI. **Support innovative digital and data solutions** to increase and improve sustainable and nutritious school meals for children.
- VII. **Commit to the Sustainable Development Goals**, particularly SDG 1, SDG 2, SDG 4 and SDG 5 through school meal programmes and achieving the Agenda 2030.

For the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

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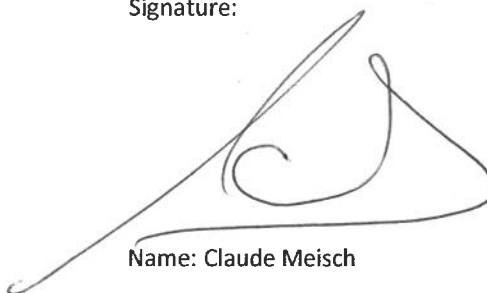
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