

## **Foodwise: Asia Pacific Regional Meeting on Food and Water Security**

**UTS Aerial Function Centre, Ultimo, Sydney**

**September 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> 2025**

### **DRAFT AGENDA**

#### **Objectives:**

*To convene key influencers – including policymakers, practitioners, researchers, and experts – across the Asia-Pacific region to share experiences and best practices in using the WISE tools and similar experiential tools for food security to support programs to improve food and water security.*

*To develop actionable recommendations for scaling up the adoption of these tools including establishing a regional FoodWISE network with a view to continuing collaboration on this issue.*

#### **Day 1: Wednesday, 17 September (5:00 PM – 7:00 PM) — Welcome Reception**

*This is a compulsory part of the meeting for all delegates and speakers to meet each other and understand the meeting objectives.*

- Welcome to Country
- Welcome address – Professor Kate McGrath, Deputy Vice Chancellor, University of Technology Sydney
- Welcome address – Professor Cheryl Jones, Dean of Medicine and Health, UNSW
- Meeting objectives – Professor Sera Young, Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University
- Networking with drinks and canapés

#### **Day 2: Thursday, 18 September (8:30 AM – 5:50 PM)**

- **Welcome (8:30 – 9 AM)**
  - Opening Remarks – Professor Jacqui Webster, Professor of Public Health, University of Technology Sydney
  - Opening remarks – Professor Greg Leslie, Director, UNSW Global Water Institute
- **Session 1: (9:00 AM - 10:30 AM) Why Address Food and Water Security Now?**
  - Global food and water insecurity – (TBC)
  - Perspectives from The World Bank – Ms Shona Fitzgerald, Water Supply and Sanitation Specialist, World Bank

- Cultural considerations in implementation – Ms Keziah Bennett-Brook, Director, Guunu-maana, The George Institute for Global Health
- World Food Program perspectives - Dr Indira Bose, Research fellow, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) (TBC)
- Q&A

*10:30 AM morning tea break*

- **Session 2: (11 AM - 12 PM) Measuring Food and Water Insecurity Experientially**

- Overview of WISE Scales – Professor Sera Young, Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University
- Implementation in a regional Australian Aboriginal community – Aunty Norma Kennedy, Dhaariwaa Elders Group Councillor, and Ms Wendy Spencer, Project Manager and Walgett Lead Yuwaya Ngarra-li partnership with UNSW
- Implementation in Timor Leste - Mr Eugenio Lemos, Executive Director, Permatil
- Group activity trialling WISE Scale in pairs

*12-1 PM lunch break*

- **Session 3: (1 PM - 2:30 PM) Experiences from Asia Pacific – Case Studies and Lessons Learned**

- Longitudinal public health (Philippines) – Dr Judith Rafaelita B. Borja, Consultant-Investigator USC-Office of Population Studies Foundation, Inc., University of San Carlos Talamban Campus, Cebu City, Philippines
- Humanitarian (Tonga and Solomon Islands) – Ms Megan Carroll, Data Technology and Insights Manager, International Women's Development Association
- Humanitarian (Papua New Guinea) – Mr Tim Davis, Technical Lead of WASH Planning and Monitoring, WaterAid Australia
- Large infrastructure program evaluation (India) – Dr George Joseph, Senior Economist, Water Global Practice, World Bank (TBC)
- Integrating gender transformative practices – Professor Juliet Willetts, Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology Sydney

*2:30 PM afternoon tea break*

- **Session 4: (3 PM - 4 PM) Aligning Agendas for Impact**

- Facilitated Group Discussions
- Come together to share findings

- **Closing Session: (4 PM - 5:30 PM) Looking Ahead**

- What is needed to achieve impact, next steps? – Professor Jacqui Webster
- Lessons and Inspiration from the Latin America Network – Recorded remarks from Professor Gaitán Rossi Pablo, Director, Research Institute for Equitable Development (EQUIDE), Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City

- Regional Manifesto and Commitments – Formation of the FoodWISE Asia Pacific Network

- **Formal closing and presentation of gifts (5:30 PM - 5:50 PM)**

**Evening (Optional):** (5:50 PM – 7:00 PM) Informal networking drinks and canapes

**Day 3: Friday, 19 September (8:30 AM - 3:00 PM)**

- Optional Grant Writing Workshop – Focused on finalising the position paper and initiating discussions on potential grant opportunities

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The minute-by-minute Latin American meeting schedule is here:

[https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/36wmeo2d6rm3zgakysmqfl/LAC\\_WIFI\\_schedule\\_v9.docx?rlkey=ktrdmo4sqhjtzzufyqx4hlpn&dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/36wmeo2d6rm3zgakysmqfl/LAC_WIFI_schedule_v9.docx?rlkey=ktrdmo4sqhjtzzufyqx4hlpn&dl=0)

The follow-up email after the WISE LAC meeting that we sent is something we as FoodWISE should have in mind now:

[https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/ovzvftnyadlj9yxxkppsy/2023\\_WIFILAC\\_Next\\_steps\\_Email\\_v2.docx?rlkey=yzhzhz6hy35v6uy5am4rv0bh6&dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/ovzvftnyadlj9yxxkppsy/2023_WIFILAC_Next_steps_Email_v2.docx?rlkey=yzhzhz6hy35v6uy5am4rv0bh6&dl=0)

