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*Brussels, 16 October 2019/ACP/FAO:* The ACP Secretariat is joining today with the FAO to observe the **World Food Day 2019** with the aim to step up actions to end hunger and malnutrition in all its forms possible by 2030.

This year's World Food Day - with the theme "**Our actions are our future. Healthy diets for a #ZeroHunger world**" - takes place in the context of rising global hunger but also increasing overweight and obesity. FAO and its partners believe that affordable solutions to reduce all forms of malnutrition exist, but they require greater global commitment and action.

The ACP Group of States continues to have, as one of the main purposes, the ending of poverty in all its forms. This requires the end of hunger and achievement of food security, in line with Sustainable Development Goal 2 (SDG2). The ACP Group of States joins the FAO in calling for bolder and faster action across sectors to make healthy and sustainable diets available and affordable for all.

### About World Food Day

World Food Day is celebrated every year around the world on 16 October in honor of the date of the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in 1945. Collective action across 150 countries is what makes World Food Day one of the most celebrated days of the UN calendar. Hundreds of events and outreach activities bring together governments, businesses, NGOs, the media, and general public. They promote worldwide awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger and for the need to ensure healthy diets for all.

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