

## **Keynote lecture 1**

# **Food security and nutrition: Current status, challenges and policy responses**

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### Summary

This presentation will provide an overview of the recent global data on the food security and nutrition situation. The FAO Flagship Publication 2022 State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) reveals that world hunger rose further in 2021 following a sharp increase the previous year and that almost 3.1 billion people in the world could not afford a healthy diet in 2020. Ensuring availability, physical and economic access to a variety of foods and food products that contribute to healthy diets is essential to prevent all forms of malnutrition. Evidence suggests that there are a number of policy and fiscal repurposing options that can have a direct impact on these outcomes. FAO is working closely with Member Countries and partner organizations to address these challenges and realize our ambition of Better Nutrition for all.