

Save the Date

The Governments of Colombia, Ecuador and Malaysia cordially invite you to

Fortify the Future:



A WHA side event supporting the proposed resolution

C Accelerating efforts for preventing micronutrient deficiencies and their consequences, including spina bifida and other neural tube defects, through safe and effective food fortification. **99**

Member State Delegations and other WHA attendees are warmly invited to join us

Tuesday 23 May 18:00-20:30

Chateau de Penthes – Pavillon Gallatin, Domaine de Penthes, Route de Pregny, 1292 Pregny-Chambésy – a short walk from the Palais de Nations

Register to attend: https://bit.ly/WHAEventFortification

Join us for drinks & canapes, networking and a formal programme



Food fortification – adding vitamins and minerals to staple foods and condiments:

Reduces incidence of spina bifida and other neural tube birth defects by **41%**

Reduces the prevalence of anemia by **34%**

Reduces the odds of goitre by **74%**

Protects nearly **3 million** children per year from vitamin A deficiency and its negative impact on vision and the immune system.¹

Join us to learn more about the potential of food fortification from Member States championing the resolution as well as the nutrition, disability rights, and medical communities.

Sponsored by:

Government of Colombia, Government of Ecuador, Government of Malaysia, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition, Global Alliance for the Prevention of Spina Bifida F, The Global Alliance for Surgical, Obstetric, Trauma, and Anaesthesia Care, International Federation for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus, Micronutrient Forum, Nutrition International, Reach Another Foundation, UNICEF, World Food Programme.

1 Keats EC, Neufeld LM, Garrett GS, Mbuya MNN, Bhutta ZA. Improved micronutrient status and health outcomes in low- and middle-income countries following large-scale fortification: evidence from a systematic review and meta-analysis. Am J Clin Nutr. 2019 Jun 1;109(6):1696-1708. doi: 10.1093/ajcn/ nqz023. PMID: 30997493; PMCID: PMC6537942.