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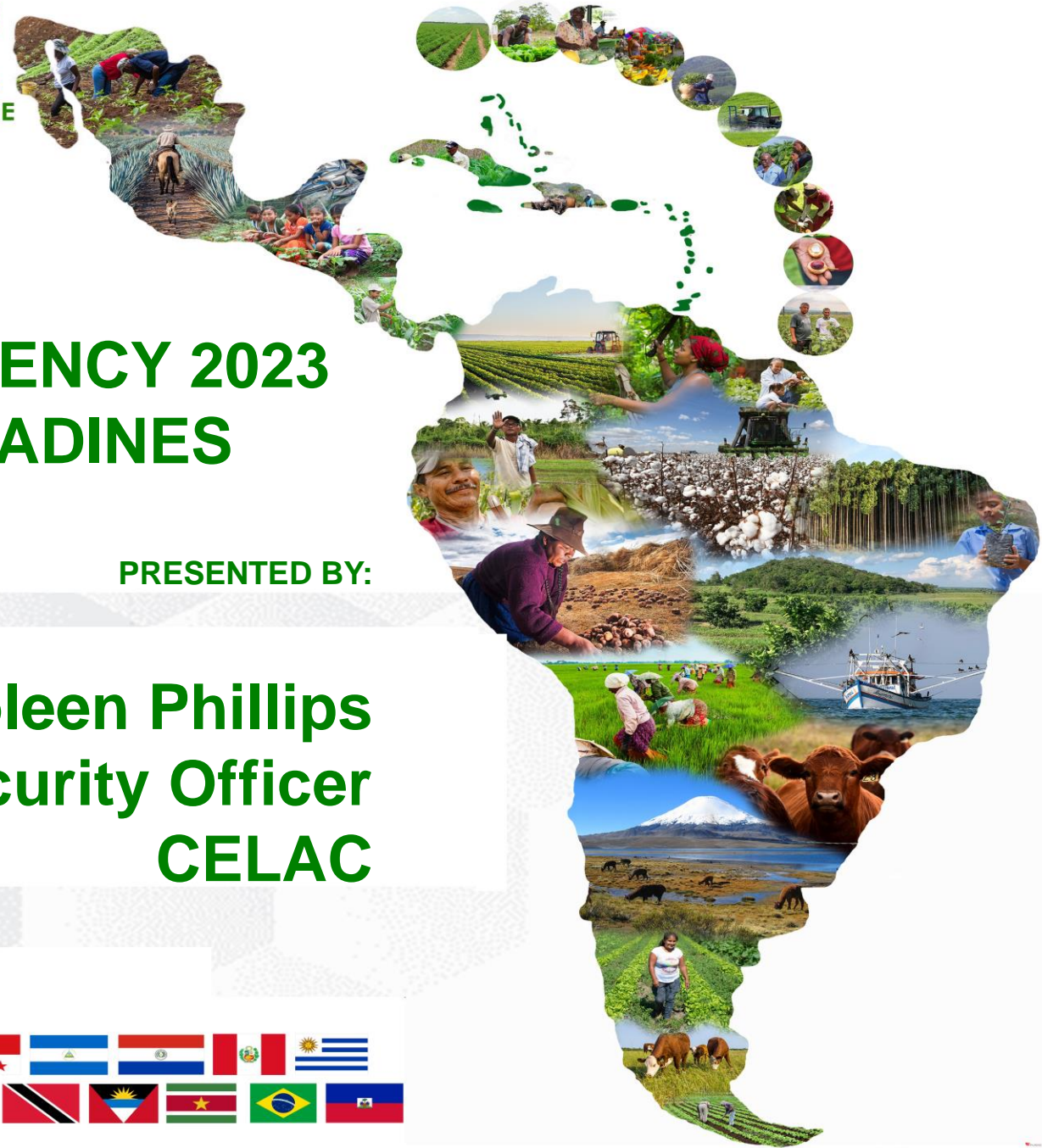


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**On the world
stage the
Region shows**



- ❑ trend in the prevalence of undernourishment: from 7% in 2021 to 6.5% in 2022
- ❑ in the area of Moderate to severe food insecurity which decreased from 40.3% in 2021 to 37.5% in 2022

❑ 22.4 Million people are no longer considered hungry in the region

❑ 16.5 Million people no longer can be deemed food insecure

❑ The region is still above the global estimate and at levels higher post COVID

❑ women continue to suffer more than men respect Food insecurity with significant difference amongst Sub-Regions





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Latin America and the Caribbean

Faces a complex malnutrition problem of **undernutrition** (**child stunting** and **wasting**, with **vitamin** and **mineral deficiencies**), overweight and obesity.

All subregions and most countries are on track to achieve the SDG 2030 target of maintaining wasting levels among children under 5 years of age below 3 percent.

- The prevalence (overweight) in children ≤ 5 years of age = **increased**
- The prevalence of stunting in children ≤ 5 years of age = **slightly decreased** from 11.7 to 11.5% between 2019-2022

These Indicators showed that in Children younger than 5 years old

SUB REGION	Prevalence of overweight (%)	Prevalence of Stunting (%)
South America	9.7	9
Mesoamerica	6.7	16.9
the Caribbean	6.6	11.3





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Some key challenges include:

- Poverty and inequality: A significant portion of the population faces poverty and inequality, limiting their access to sufficient and nutritious food.
- Limited agricultural productivity: The productivity of the agricultural sector often faces challenges like lack of access to technology, finance, land degradation, and the impact of climate change on crop yields.
- Urbanization and dietary changes: Rapid urbanization and changing dietary patterns have led to an increased demand for processed foods, often resulting in nutritional imbalances and increased health risks.





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Challenges cont....

Climate change and natural disasters: The region is highly vulnerable to climate change, including extreme weather events and natural disasters, which impact agricultural productivity and exacerbate food insecurity

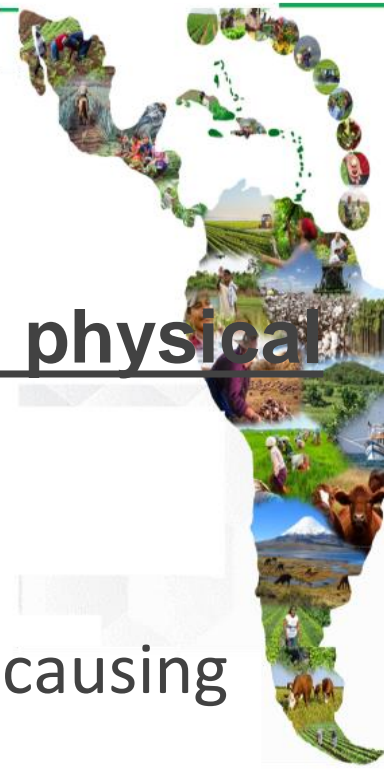




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Climatic and natural disasters not only affect physical infrastructure but:

Impact mental health in Latin America and the Caribbean

- **Displacement and loss:** lead to forced migration and displacement, causing psychological distress among affected populations.

- **Anxiety and trauma:** The **fear, depression** and **uncertainty** particularly among vulnerable groups, associated with the **increasing occurrence** of extreme weather events.





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AREAS OF FOCUS:

- Finance and Economic
- Health (include mental health)
- Food Security
- Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction
- Culture
- Poverty and Social Protection
- Education
- ICT and Innovation





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SPECIFIC TASK OF CELAC TO SUPPORT SSFP

1. Facilitate the sharing of information through a Virtual Food and Nutrition Security centre and Public Relations strategies
2. Foster relations with friendly Governments across the globe: CELAC-China/CELAC-India/ Agriculture platform
3. Advancement of the Parliamentary Front Against Hunger Initiative
4. Establish and support Policy Dialogue mechanism





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MAKE FOOD:
ACCESSIBLE, AVAILABLE AND
AFFORDABLE!!!!
THANK YOU!!!**

