

Famine Early Warning Systems Network

FEWS NET Science Team Exchange 2026

Dear FEWS NET Science Team and Partners,

We are pleased to invite you to the upcoming FEWS NET Science Team Exchange, to be held in Coimbra, Portugal from August 25-28th, 2026. The primary goals of this gathering are to share recent updates on FEWS NET science, design science team alignment around core FEWS NET 8 objectives, and identify strategic research directions to ensure we remain on the forefront of food security early warning.

Meeting Overview

This three-day meeting will provide a collaborative forum to refine our operational framework and map out collaborative science team activities for the next five years.

Location: University of Coimbra, Paço das Escolas 3004-531, Coimbra, Portugal

Host: Dr. Vasco Mantas, eoLab Director (PTSUC)
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Date	Time (UTC+1)	Location
Tuesday, August 25, 2026	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	University of Coimbra
Wednesday, August 26, 2026	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	University of Coimbra
Thursday, August 27, 2026	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	University of Coimbra
Friday, August 28, 2026 (optional)	Small group meetings for regional scientists	Hotel

Note: The full meeting runs from August 25th-28th, 2026.

Key Discussion Topics

- FEWS NET long term vision for FEWS NET Science.
- Anticipated changes, workflows, and responsibilities for FEWS NET Science.
- Regional summaries for West Africa, Southern Africa, East Africa, Latin America, and Middle East + Levant, and Asia.
- Open exchange of ideas, best practices, strategies, and processes for supporting FEWS NET science and decision-making.
- Updates on datasets, tools, and research and forwarding looking initiatives.



- Knowledge exchange & strengthening collaborations.

RSVP and Registration

Please confirm your attendance by completing the RSVP form by June 15th.

Registration is free.

RSVP Link: <https://forms.gle/MasYXEt1eCZvNsSA7>

We look forward to your valuable contributions as we work together to advance the science of agricultural early warning.

Sincerely,

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