Executive Summary

A Universal Commitment: One Meal, Every Person, Every Day

The Perth Agreement sets forward a simple and transformative proposition:

> *Every person on Earth should receive the equivalent of one nutritious meal every single day, freely, equally and without conditions.*

It is not charity. It is dignity. At its core is a single principle: no person should ever go hungry. Not one. Not anywhere.

A promise the world has already made

The world has already promised this. The right to food is in international law (ICESCR, Article 11). Ending hunger is UN Sustainable Development Goal 2.

But the promise is not yet kept. About 645 million people faced hunger in 2025. That is about 1 person in 13.[1] Hunger is falling, but slowly. The Perth Agreement asks the world to keep its promise.

What the Perth Agreement proposes

- A jointly signed declaration by representatives of faith and belief communities, including people of no religious faith, and Perth-based representatives, encouraging the academic, ethical and moral pursuit of a world where no one goes hungry.
- A global conversation in which students at universities in every region are invited to examine the proposal, challenge it, improve it and, in time, lead it.
- A suggested timetable working towards a proposed signing in August 2027.

One open question: how could it be delivered and paid for?

This is still open. Food must be grown, cooked and delivered, and someone must pay. One bold proposal is the Meal Standard: a new, fairer system of value and trade, measured in meals, built from scratch. It rests on shared agreement: money has value because people agree it does, and a meal can too. You can read it in *The Meal Standard: a new, fairer system of value*. It sits alongside other ideas, such as school meals and cash transfers. It is not a settled plan.

Why Perth?

Perth is one of the world's most isolated, peaceful and politically stable cities. Its distance from geopolitical centres allows ideas to be shaped without external pressure, conflict or historic entanglement. People from

many cultures and traditions live alongside one another in relative harmony, making Perth an ideal birthplace for a neutral humanitarian initiative.

How the Perth Agreement began

This initiative began with a question asked by a five-year-old child in Mackay, Queensland: *"Why are children starving?"* Decades later, that question still stands.

Why you are receiving this

Your knowledge can help. Ethics, economics, law, health, engineering, culture: every field has something to add. Right now the Agreement needs honest examination and critique.

Where things stand

- Student bodies at universities on every inhabited continent have been invited to share ideas.
- Faith leaders in Perth have been informed, and some have replied warmly.
- Several governments, including G20 members, have been informed. None has endorsed it, and no endorsement is claimed.
- Every invitation is listed at circle.theperthagreement.com/outreach.

Your invitation

This is not a finished system. It is an invitation. Critique, ideas and partnership are all welcome.

An easy next step

Send one question or one idea. Write to contact@theperthagreement.com, or share it at circle.theperthagreement.com. Any language is fine.

The custodian, The Perth Agreement

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1. FAO, IFAD, UNICEF, WFP and WHO, *The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2026* (fao.org/hunger); UN DESA, *World Population Prospects 2024* (population.un.org/wpp).