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Side event 05 | Empowering women farmers to effectively reduce poverty and hunger

Organized by:

- Private Sector Mechanism (PSM)
- Argentina
- Switzerland
- Nestlé
- United States of America

Tuesday, 24 October; 8.30 – 9.45 (UTC+2)
Green Room & via Zoom

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Abstract

Women play critical roles across agriculture and food systems, on and off the farm, constituting a significant portion of the agricultural workforce worldwide. However, they often face numerous barriers such as lack of access to productive resources, financing, markets, agricultural training and education, suitable working conditions, that are underpinned by discriminatory norms and policies that limit their full potential and hinder agricultural development.

The panel discussion will build on the work of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines for Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment in the context of food security and nutrition. It will explore how the guidelines can contribute to helping women overcome of the challenges they face in agriculture and food systems. Panelists will also highlight the importance of collecting sex and gender disaggregated data and will provide insights for the upcoming CFS workstream on reducing inequalities. Private sector has made significant efforts in empowering women throughout the agrifood value chain and PSM members will use this event to showcase these activities throughout various crops and sectors. For example, PSM member, Nestlé is well poised to share its learnings on women's empowerment from its activities increasing smallholder farmers' livelihoods across dairy, cocoa and coffee production.

Objectives

- Empower women in agriculture by sharing experiences;
- Identify the challenges that need to be addressed and explore how CFS outputs can help;
- Prioritize women's empowerment by inspiring and providing recommendations for stakeholders, policymakers, and organizations involved in agricultural development.



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