

Empowering women and girls and promoting gender equality

The Republic of Korea expresses deep gratitude for the efforts of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls. We commend the effective leadership of the OEWG Chair and Co-facilitator.

The Republic of Korea welcomes the comprehensive guidelines that encompass the challenges and policy approaches concerning the empowerment of women and gender equality across the entire food system.

We firmly believe that the commitment of member states is paramount for the effective implementation of these guidelines, and we trust that through the actions of member states, the guidelines can significantly contribute to food system transformation.

Recognizing the crucial role of women in the context of food security and nutrition, the Republic of Korea underscores that acknowledging the crucial role of Women and girls is the starting point for implementation. We emphasize that addressing the ongoing inequalities throughout the food system with a holistic approach is key to enhancing the empowerment of women and girls in contributing to food system transformation.

In line with the 'Female Farmer Cultivation Act' enacted in 2001, the Republic of Korea has been developing five-year basic plans for female farmer development, with yearly action plans to enhance the capacity of female farmers and promote gender equality in the food system.

Under this policy framework, we are actively promoting female farmer capacity-building through education, improving gender equality awareness in rural areas, providing preferential support to women in key policy areas, and facilitating job placement.

Furthermore, we regularly convene the 'Female Farmer Cultivation Council' at least once a month to engage in policy development and assess the current situation.

The Republic of Korea is confident that the CFS guidelines will serve as a valuable recommendations for our policy formulation. We hope that member states will voluntarily utilize the guidelines in their own policies, strategies, initiatives, and regulations.