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**INTRO**

Today is international women’s day for 2017! This year’s theme is *Women in the Changing World of Work: Planet 50:50 by 2030*.

To mark the occasion, the UN’s Food and agriculture organization is hosting a Women’s Day event on behalf of the UN’s Rome based agencies.

Particular emphasis is being placed on the key importance of rural women in the fight against hunger, malnutrition and rural poverty.

To elaborate further on the event is Brave Ndisale, Director at interim of the FAO’s Social policies and rural institutions Division.

**QUESTIONS**

1. On average, how much do women make up of the agricultural labour force?
2. What are the core issues begging for attention now, when it comes to the lives rural women?
3. What needs to be done by governments with weak gender policies to address these issues?