

Commission on the Status of Women (CSW62) Priority Theme:

Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls

Expert Group Meeting

20 – 22 September 2017, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Headquarters, Rome

Programme of work

DAY 1: Wednesday, 20 September Location: Italian Conference Room	
8:00 – 8:30	<p>Registration</p> <p><i>Please obtain your conference badge at IFAD main entrance. The security officer will require you to show your ID card or passport and will provide you with a conference badge.</i></p>
8:30 – 9:00	<p>Closed session for experts only: Briefing of experts (organization of work) and election of EGM Co-Chairs and drafting committee</p>
9:00 – 9:30	<p>Welcome and opening of the meeting [for all experts and observers]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Périn Saint Ange, Assistant Vice-President, IFAD • Amir Abdulla, Deputy Executive Director, WFP • Kostas Stamoulis, Assistant Director General, FAO • Christine Brautigam, Director, Intergovernmental Support Division, UN Women
9:30 – 10:00	<p>Session 1 – Presentation and Q&A</p> <p>“The Commission on the Status of Women: A strategic vision”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christine Brautigam, Director, Intergovernmental Support Division, UN Women • Seemin Qayum, Policy Advisor / OIC Economic Empowerment, UN Women
10:00 – 10:30	<p><i>Coffee/tea break</i></p>
10:30 – 12:00	<p>Session 2 - Presentation and discussion of background paper:</p> <p>“Rural women’s empowerment in nutrition: a proposal for diagnostics linking food, health and institutions”</p> <p>Author presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sudha Narayanan, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research <p>Discussant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruth Meinzen-Dick, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) <p><i>Plenary discussion and Q&A / Identification of key recommendations</i></p>

12:00 – 13:00	<p>Session 3 – Rights to food and ensuring food security and nutrition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amon Chinyophiro, Meramo Consulting “Gender in Food and Nutrition Security: Towards Attaining the Right to Food” • Reema Nanavaty, SEWA “Right to food and climate resilient agriculture” <p><i>Plenary discussion and Q&A / Identification of key recommendations</i></p>
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Session 4 - Presentation and discussion of background paper: “Control and Ownership of Assets: A Means for Increasing Gender Equality and Empowerment of Rural Women”</p> <p>Author presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abena Oduro, University of Ghana <p>Discussant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susana Lastarria-Cornhiel, University of Wisconsin - Madison <p><i>Plenary discussion and Q&A / Identification of key recommendations</i></p>
15:30 – 15:45	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
15:45 – 17:15	<p>Session 5 - Rights to land and productive resources and ensuring land tenure security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barbara Van Koppen, International Water Management Institute “Rural women’s rights to water for health, food, and income” • Susana Lastarria-Cornhiel, University of Wisconsin - Madison “Gender Equality and Empowerment Under Collective Tenure” • Katia Araujo, Landesa “Bridging local concerns and global frameworks to strengthen rural women’s land rights” • Marc Wegerif, Oxfam International “Shifting power in favour of rural women: The importance and challenges of achieving and monitoring the SDG commitments on land rights” <p><i>Plenary discussion and Q&A / Identification of key recommendations</i></p>
17:15 – 17:30	Wrap up and close (Co-Chairs)
17:30 – 19:30	<p>Cocktail Reception Turkish Lounge, IFAD Headquarters</p>

DAY 2: Thursday, 21 September	
Location: Italian Conference Room	
8:30 – 9:00	Summary of key points from Day 1 (Co-Chairs)
9:00—10:30	<p>Session 6 - Rights to an adequate standard of living and ensuring income security and social protection – Part 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sabin Bieri, University of Bern “Emancipation from the land – emancipation from unequal structures? Opportunities and pitfalls for women in the rural labour market” • Adwoa Sakyi, International Union of Food and Agriculture “The Rights to Freedom of Association and Decent Work of Rural Women and Girls” • Mame Khary Diene, Bioessence Laboratories “How to reverse the interest of youth and women in migration or rural exodus toward agriculture and rural entrepreneurship?” <p><i>Plenary discussion and Q&A / Identification of key recommendations</i></p>
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:00 – 13:00	<p>Session 7 - Rights to an adequate standard of living and ensuring income security and social protection – Part 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sejal Dand, MAKAAAM “Rights and recognition of the work of women farmers in small holder agriculture” • Jane Meriwas, Samburu Women Trust “Rural Indigenous Women and Girls Livelihoods in Kenyan Drylands” • Ma. Estrella (Esther) Penunia, Asian Farmers’ Association “Challenges and Opportunities in Empowering Women Farmers in Asia” <p><i>Plenary discussion and Q&A / Identification of key recommendations</i></p>
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Session 8 - Challenges and opportunities of rural development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nino Gamisonia, Rural Communities Development Agency “Challenges and Opportunities for Equal Participation of Women and Girls in Rural Development in Georgia” • Christian Mendoza, Instituto de Liderazgo Simone de Beauvoir "Rural women and empowerment within the context of the new exploitative realities in Latin America" • Ruth Meinzen-Dick, IFPRI “Do agricultural development projects reach, benefit, or empower women?” <p><i>Plenary discussion and Q&A / Identification of key recommendations</i></p>

15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
16:00 - 17:00	<p>Session 9 - Presentation and discussion of main findings from online discussion</p> <p>“Rural women: striving for gender transformative impacts”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clare Bishop, Independent Consultant <p><i>Plenary discussion and Q&A / Identification of key recommendations</i></p>
17:00—17:30	Wrap up and close (Co-Chairs)
<p>DAY 3: Friday, 22 September</p> <p>Location: Italian Conference Room</p>	
8:30 – 9:00	Summary of key points from Day 2 (Co-Chairs)
9:00 – 10:30	<p>Session 10 - Rural women’s and girls’ agency and leadership for rural transformation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crystal Simeoni, African Women’s Development and Communication Network (FEMNET) “Citizenship of rural women” • Maria Luisa Mendonça, Network for Social Justice and Human Rights and ESCR-Net “Women’s grassroots movements in defence of basic rights to land and food” • Esther Mwaura-Muiru, GROOTS “Reconstructing the Role of Rural Women in Sustainable Development” • Kate Lappin, Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development “Enabling Just and Equitable Transitions through Rural Women's Power” <p><i>Plenary discussion and Q&A / Identification of key recommendations</i></p>
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:00 – 13:00	<p>Session 11 - Working groups on recommendations (Rooms c400, c500, c600)</p> <p><i>Identification of key recommendations in each of the thematic areas</i></p>
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 16:00	<p>Plenary discussion and agreement on key recommendations</p> <p><i>Discussion and adoption</i></p>
16:00 – 16:30	<p>Wrap up and Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Chairs • Maria Hartl, Senior Technical Specialist, Gender and Social Equity, IFAD • Purna Sen, Director, Policy Division, UN Women