Programme
Step It Up Together with Rural Women to End Hunger and Poverty

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The 2030 Agenda envisages a future in which no one is left behind. Achieving gender equality and empowering women is an absolute precondition to break the cycle of poverty and hunger, and to achieve the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This transformational vision of the 2030 Agenda calls for a political and institutional shift towards gender equality.

The High-Level Event “Step It Up Together with Rural Women to End Hunger and Poverty” will offer an interactive platform for Members, UN entities, the international community, civil society and other stakeholders to address the structural causes and consequences of gender inequality in rural areas. It will also provide the opportunity to identify the main challenges, gaps, opportunities and collaborative actions for unleashing the potential of rural women and girls to end food insecurity, malnutrition and poverty.
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08.00 - 09.30 Registration and Welcome Coffee

09.30 - 10:50 Session I
- Address by José Graziano da Silva, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, FAO
- Address by Neven Mimica, European Union Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development
- Address by Her Excellency Gabriela Matecná, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic – Slovak Presidency of the Council of the European Union
- Address by Kanayo F. Nwanze, President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, IFAD
- Address by Denise Brown, Director of Emergencies, World Food Programme, WFP
- Address by Maria Noel Vaeza, Director of Programmes, UN Women

Session moderated by: Marieta Okenkova, Slovak Presidency of the Council of the European Union

10:50 - 11:00 Video

11:00 - 12:15 Session II
- Address by Her Excellency Dr. Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, President of the Republic of Mauritius
- Address by Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden, Sustainable Development Goals Advocate
- Address by Her Excellency Sika Bella Kaboré, First Lady of Burkina Faso
- Address by Tawakkol Karman, Nobel Peace Prize laureate (2011)

Session moderated by: Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, FAO

12:15 - 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 - 15:10 Roundtable I: Rural Women’s Economic Empowerment
- Agnes Quisumbing, Senior Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute, IFPRI
- Jyoti Macwan, General Secretary of the Self Employed Women’s Association, SEWA
- Carolina Trivelli, Senior Researcher, Institute for Peruvian Studies, IEP
- Her Excellency Taalaigul Isakunova, Minister for Labour and Social Development of Kyrgyzstan
- Maureen Kemunto Miruka, Director of Agriculture and Market Systems, Food and Nutrition Security Unit, CARE USA
- Steven Were Omamo Deputy Director, Policy and Programme Division, World Food Programme, WFP

Session moderated by: Kostas Stamoulis, Assistant Director-General a.i., Economic and Social Development Department, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, FAO

15:15 - 15:30 Coffee Break

15:30 - 15:45 Address by Her Excellency María Ángela Holguín Cuéllar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia

Session moderated by: Marcela Villarreal, Director of Partnerships, Advocacy and Capacity Development, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, FAO

15:45 - 17:30 Roundtable II: Gender Transformative Approach to End Poverty, Hunger and Undernutrition
- Estrella Penunia, Secretary General of the Asian Farmers’ Association, AFA
- Mrs Fatimah Kelleher, Expertise on Women’s Rights, Wise Development
- Mrs Paola Cirillo, Vice President of the Italian Association for Women in Development
- Fatima Shabodien, Country Director of ActionAid South Africa
- Maria Hartl, Senior Technical Specialist Gender and Social Equity, International Fund for Agricultural Development, IFAD

Session moderated by: Margot Skarpeteig, Counsellor, Embassy of the Kingdom of Norway

17:30 - 17:45 Closing remarks
- Roberto Ridolfi, Director for Sustainable Growth and Development, Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO), European Commission
- Brave Ndisale, Director a.i. of the Social Policies and Rural Institutions Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

18:00 – 19:00 Cocktail
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