

Germany

Position on the draft Terms of Reference (TORs) for the preparation of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in the context of Food Security and Nutrition

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Germany thanks the CFS for developing Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in the context of Food Security and Nutrition as it is essential to achieving all SDGs of the 2030 Agenda and advocates the empowerment and equal participation of all women and girls - especially in the field of agriculture and rural areas. Please find below Germany's comments on the draft TORs for the preparation of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment:

A: Background and rationale

- The **role of men** is addressed (e.g., paras. 10 and 15.4), but not comprehensively presented. **Barriers** that prevent men from becoming more involved in food security should be considered.
- In addition, **synergies with** the thematic complex of **reproductive health/rights** could be considered.

B: Objective of the Guidelines

- The **promotion of gender equality and women's empowerment**, the main objective, could be more highlighted as well as the intended support of these actors in this regard.
- Para. 11 could already make a **reference to all stakeholders**, not only to governments and development partners. Local organizations, e.g. producer groups, could also be better targeted.
- Germany welcomes the **reference to the right to adequate food!**

C: Scope of the Guidelines

- Overall, the **range of topics is very comprehensive**.
- **Gender-transformative approaches** are mentioned at two points in the text (paras. 12 and 15.7). These references should definitely be retained, and if possible even deepened.
- The topic of **fisheries and aquaculture** should be made even more visible.

Annex: Definitions

- The approach to define **key terms** and make **reference to agreed UN language** already at an early stage is much appreciated.
- References to key documents should be included and kept (e. g. CEDAW).