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COMMIT TO GROW EQUALITY

GLOBAL COMMITMENT TO ENHANCE GENDER EQUALITY IN AGRIFOOD SYSTEMS THROUGH FINANCING AND PARTNERSHIPS

About

It is critical to address the challenges and structural inequalities that hold women back in agrifood systems.

FAO is launching a global commitment process to enhance financing for gender equality and women's empowerment in agrifood systems.

Bringing together governments, philanthropy, private sector, United Nations and other multilateral agencies, civil society organizations and others, the process aims to unite key stakeholders to commit investments and partnerships to transform agrifood systems.

The process will kick off with a launch event at the 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW68) in New York in March 2024.

A roundtable will take place in June/July 2024 for stakeholders to discuss the nature of planned commitments in greater depth, share initiatives, good practices and policies to promote gender equality and women's empowerment in agrifood systems.

The process will culminate with a high-level event in September/October 2024, where partners will commit investments and partnerships achieved throughout this process.

Financing for gender equality plays a key role in creating inclusive, sustainable agrifood systems.

Objectives

- Raise awareness of the importance of adequate and high-quality financing for gender equality and women's empowerment for inclusive agrifood systems transformation.
- Leverage unique strengths and common goals to build synergies and partnerships among key stakeholders.
- Generate consensus on a Commitments Matrix for concrete financial and partnership commitments through a structured mechanism.

Timeline

March 2024
CSW68, New York
Launch event

June/July 2024
Rome
Roundtable session

**September/
October 2024**
High-level commitment event

Ongoing - global advocacy and partnerships campaign



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Catalyzing investment to tackle both gaps in assets, resources and services as well as discriminatory social and gender norms is crucial for eradicating hunger and malnutrition.

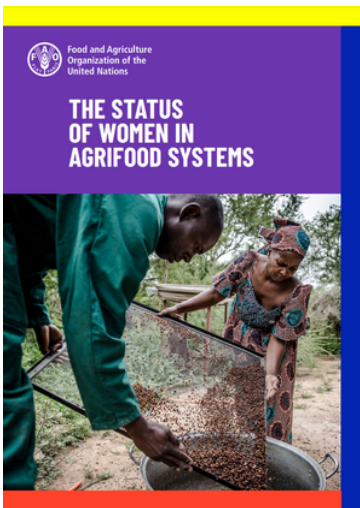
Background

According to FAO's report 'The status of women in agrifood systems', closing gender gaps in farm productivity and wages within agrifood systems could boost the global gross domestic product by 1 percent and decrease global food insecurity by at least 2 percent, leading to a reduction of 45 million food-insecure people.

FAO estimates that incomes could increase for 58 and resilience for 235 million families if development programming more intentionally focused on women's empowerment as an objective of multi-faceted interventions in agrifood systems.

Furthermore, Member States' recent endorsement of the Committee on World Food Security's 'Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment in Food Security and Nutrition' provides a critical opportunity to accelerate progress towards gender equality in agrifood systems, in line with Sustainable Development Goals 2 and 5.

Learn more



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