

SE09: Strengthening women's agency in agriculture and food systems through the effective uptake of CFS policy products

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Description

Against the backdrop of the 20th anniversary of the Right to Food Guidelines it is critical to explore how the impact of CFS deliberations and policy outcomes can be further strengthened. As the implementation of the CFS policy products strengthens the implementation of the right to food, it is essential to promote their dissemination, ownership, use and uptake following a rights-based, inclusive approach. Through diverse multistakeholder lenses, the panel will discuss lessons learned and best practices while taking into account the content of the CFS Uptake Action Plan.

In view of the upcoming UN Year of the Women Farmer in 2026 and the crucial role women play in the agriculture and food system and for its transformation, this side event will put a special focus on the recently adopted CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women Empowerment (VG GEWE).

It will explore how women are central actors in addressing hunger and malnutrition, yet are also highly vulnerable to the persistent inequities and discrimination in global agriculture and food systems. The panel will also shed light on how the uptake of new CFS policy products can be best undertaken in order to increase their impact right from the time of the development of policy products.