Transforming Agrifood Systems Through Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment

Background and objectives
The “Making Food Systems Work for Women and Girls Coalition for Action” fosters sustainable and gender-transformative solutions in National Food Systems Transformation Pathways, recognizing that gender equality and women’s empowerment are central to sustainable and resilient agrifood systems. Even though more than one third of working women globally work in agrifood systems, women continue to be systematically disadvantaged in their access to, participation in and benefits from food systems.

This side event will present new evidence on the status of women in food systems and provide recommendations to countries to inform gender-transformative approaches.

Gender equality is foundational to food systems transformation. There is a need for reliable data to support policy makers to answer key questions on gender disparities and empowerment to enrich the National Food Systems Transformation Pathways and monitor progress towards the 2030 Agenda.

Expected outcomes
Increase awareness about the importance of reducing gender gaps through the National Food Systems Transformation Pathways and food systems organizations to achieve inclusive and sustainable food systems through policy action, increased multistakeholder engagement and resource allocation.

Moderator
Ms. Brenda Behan, Director of gender Equality Office, WFP

Panellists
Ms. Lauren Phillips, Deputy Director Inclusive Rural Transformation and Gender Equality Division, FAO
Ms. Jemimah Njuki, Chief of Economic Empowerment, UN Women
Ms. Mia Beers, Deputy Assistant Administrator Bureau for Resilience and Food Security, USAID
Ms. Reema Nanavaty, General Secretary, SEWA

Programme
12:30 Opening remarks – Brenda Behan, WFP
12:45 The Global Food 5050 report – Jemimah Njuki, UN Women
12:55 Generating Resilience and Opportunities for Women (GROW) – Mia Beers, USAID’s commitment to gender in food systems transformation
13:05 Women’s Empowerment and Nourishment Economies – Reema Nanavaty, SEWA
13:15 Q&A – Brenda Behan, WFP
13:25 Closing remarks – Mme. Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director-General, FAO

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