

# Transforming Agrifood Systems Through Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

*Coalition for Action "Making Food systems Work for Women and Girls"*

Wednesday 26 July 2023, 12:30 - 13:25 (CET) – German Room



## 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
- 12:35 The Status of Women in Agrifood Systems Report – Lauren Phillips, FAO
- 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