Webinar Series on Ending Sexual Harassment in Different Settings
EVAW Section, UN Women

Breaking the silence: addressing sexual harassment and other forms of gender-based violence in agrifood systems

GLOBAL POLICY ADVOCACY VIRTUAL SESSION
9 November 2023, 9.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. EST, 3.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. CET
Session conducted in English and Spanish, with simultaneous interpretation

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Globally, food insecurity is rising and further exacerbated by conflict, the climate crisis and the global COVID-19 pandemic. Women are more likely to experience moderate or severe food insecurity than men in every region in the world due to persistent inequitable social norms, care responsibilities and structural barriers to their economic and social empowerment that limit their ability to earn money to buy food for themselves and their dependents. Increased food insecurity enhances the risk of risk of gender-based, including sexual harassment when they access and manage food. For example, women may engage in transactional sex or stay with a violent partner to access food. In humanitarian contexts, women face increased risks to sexual harassment and other forms of violence, during registration, distribution of food and while transiting home.

This session will bring together researchers, prevention specialists, government officials, and activists to explore how violence against women—particularly sexual harassment—and food insecurity are closely related. It will address questions such as: What measures can be put in place to prevent different forms sexual harassment and other forms of sexual violence in food production and delivery systems? How can response mechanisms be adapted to better support survivors of GBV? How can we respond to data gaps about the experience of sexual harassment and abuse in accessing food?

Moderator:
- Katherine Wilson

Welcome and Opening Remarks
- Sarah Hendriks, Assistant Secretary-General a.i. of the United Nations and Deputy Executive Director for Policy, Programme, Civil Society and Intergovernmental Support, UN Women
- Máximo Torero, Chief Economist, FAO

Speakers:
- Ada Valenzuela, Former Director of National Union of Guatemalan Women (UNAMG), Guatemala
- Laxman Belbase, Co-director of Global MenEngage Alliance
- Lora Forsythe, Leader of the Gender and Social Difference programme and research group, Natural Resources Institute, UK
- Christelle Vuanga, National Deputy and Chairwoman of the Gender, Family and Children Commission of the National Assembly, Democratic Republic of the Congo