

MARRAKECH CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE - COP22

SIDE EVENT: *Climate Smart Farmers: Scaling up rural women's innovative practices for impact*

Green Zone, Bouregreg Room
16 November 2016: 11.00 – 12.30

Women represent, on average, 43 percent of the global agricultural labour force, and considerably more in many developing countries (FAO, 2011). Yet, the Paris Agreement tends to portray women as “vulnerable populations”. This denigrates women’s achievements and potentials, as many rural women have developed *their own* innovative climate change adaptation and mitigation practices in addition to adopting climate smart innovations developed by scientists. These successes deserve full recognition. However, the well-documented gender gap in access to productive resources, technology, information, finance, markets and services, and the prevalence of gender norms that constrain women’s decision-making power within the household and in agricultural and rural institutions, limit women’s ability to take full advantage of climate smart innovations on offer.

With **participants** representing women/men leaders from around the world – governmental & international organizations, civil society, research institutions, and the private sector, the **purpose** of this side event is to:

- a) take stock of successful climate smart adaptation and mitigation practices by women farmers, and
- b) identify public policies and stakeholder actions that have successfully addressed gender constraints to adopting climate smart agriculture (CSA), for scaling up for large impact.

The desired **outcome** is to identify next steps that GACSA together with its partner, the Gender in Agriculture Partnership (GAP) that is facilitated by the Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR), will undertake to identify and disseminate good practices in CSA and ways of closing the gender gap in their adaptation at scale.

OPENING REMARKS: Dr Kirit N Shelat, Executive Chairman, National Council for Climate Change, Sustainable Development & Public Leadership (NCCSD), India

MODERATOR: Ms Mi Nguyen, Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada to the Rome-based UN food and agriculture agencies, and GACSA Co-Chair

PANELLISTS:

Mr Richard Bower, UK National Farmers' Union, World Farmers Organization

Ms Diane Holdorff, Vice President, Kellogg, US

Dr Mary Nyasimi, Gender and Social Inclusion Science Officer, CCAFS

Ms. Agripina Jenkins, Ministry of Agriculture, Costa Rica

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Mr J.S. Gosliya, Trustee, Vivekanand Research and Training Institute, India

(FAO, 2011. *The State of Food and Agriculture. Women in Agriculture: Closing the Gender Gap for Development*)