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*Programme*  
**Step It Up Together with Rural Women to End Hunger and Poverty**

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**Aux côtés des femmes rurales, intensifions nos efforts pour en finir avec la faim et la pauvreté**

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**Sumémonos a las mujeres rurales para poner fin al hambre y a la pobreza**



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## GREEN ROOM (Building A, 1st Floor)

### Step It Up Together with Rural Women to End Hunger and Poverty

**08.30 - 09.30** Registration and Welcome Coffee

**09.30 - 10:50** **Session I**

- Address by José Graziano da Silva, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, FAO
  - Address by Neven Mimica, European Union Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development
  - Address by Her Excellency Gabriela Matecná, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic – Slovak Presidency of the Council of the European Union
  - Address by Kanayo F. Nwanze, President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, IFAD
  - Address by Representative of World Food Programme, WFP
  - Address by Maria Noel Vaeza, Director of Programmes, UN Women
- Session moderated by: Marieta Okenkova, Slovak Presidency of the Council of the European Union

**10:50 - 11:00** **Video**

**11:00 - 12:15** **Session II**

- Address by Her Excellency Dr. Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, President of the Republic of Mauritius
  - Address by Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden, Sustainable Development Goals Advocate
  - Address by Her Excellency Sika Bella Kaboré, First Lady of Burkina Faso
  - Address by Tawakkol Karman, Nobel Peace Prize laureate (2011)
- Session moderated by: Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, FAO

**12:15 - 13:30** Lunch Break

**13:30 - 15:10** **Roundtable I: Rural Women's Economic Empowerment**

- Agnes Quisumbing, Senior Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute, IFPRI
  - Jyoti Macwan, General Secretary of the Self Employed Women's Association, SEWA
  - Carolina Trivelli, Senior Researcher, Institute for Peruvian Studies, IEP
  - Maureen Kemunto Miruka, Director of Agriculture and Market Systems, Food and Nutrition Security Unit, CARE USA
  - Her Excellency Taalaigul Isakunova, Minister for Labour and Social Development of Kyrgyzstan
  - Steven Were Omamo Deputy Director, Policy and Programme Division, World Food Programme, WFP
- Session moderated by: Kostas Stamoulis, Assistant Director-General *a.i.*, Economic and Social Development Department, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, FAO

**15:15 - 15:30** Coffee Break

- 15:30 - 15:45**
- Address by His Excellency Juan Manuel Santos Calderón, President of the Republic of Colombia
- Session moderated by: Marcela Villarreal, Director of Partnerships, Advocacy and Capacity Development, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, FAO

**15:45 - 17:30** **Roundtable II: Gender Transformative Approach to End Poverty, Hunger and Undernutrition**

- Estrella Penunia, Secretary General of the Asian Farmers' Association, AFA
  - Elisabeth Atangana, Chair of the Pan African Farmers Association
  - Miriam Miranda, Black Fraternal Organization of Honduras
  - Fatima Shabodien, Director of ActionAid Africa
  - Maria Hartl, Senior Technical Specialist Gender and Social Equity, International Fund for Agricultural Development, IFAD
- Session moderated by: Margot Skarpeteig, Counsellor, Embassy of the Kingdom of Norway

**17:30 - 17:45** **Closing remarks**

- Roberto Ridolfi, Director for Sustainable Growth and Development, DEVCO
  - Representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, FAO
- Session moderated by: Marieta Okenkova, Slovak Presidency of the Council of the European Union

**18:00 - 19:00** Cocktail

The 2030 Agenda envisages a future in which no one is left behind. Achieving gender equality and empowering women is an absolute precondition to break the cycle of poverty and hunger, and to achieve the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This transformational vision of the 2030 Agenda calls for a political and institutional shift towards gender equality.

The High-Level Event “Step It Up Together with Rural Women to End Hunger and Poverty” will offer an interactive platform for Members, UN entities, the international community, civil society and other stakeholders to address the structural causes and consequences of gender inequality in rural areas. It will also provide the opportunity to identify the main challenges, gaps, opportunities and collaborative actions for unleashing the potential of rural women and girls to end food insecurity, malnutrition and poverty.

Le Programme de développement durable à l’horizon 2030 décrit un avenir dans lequel personne ne soit laissé pour compte. L’égalité des sexes et l’autonomisation des femmes sont un préalable indispensable à l’élimination de la pauvreté et de la faim et à la concrétisation des 17 ODD. La transformation associée au Programme 2030 passe par une évolution politique et institutionnelle vers l’égalité des sexes.

La manifestation de haut niveau «Aux côtés des femmes rurales, intensifions nos efforts pour en finir avec la faim et la pauvreté» fournira aux Membres, aux entités du système des Nations Unies, à la communauté internationale, à la société civile et aux autres parties intéressées une plateforme interactive qui leur permettra de se pencher sur les causes structurelles et les conséquences de l’inégalité entre les sexes en milieu rural. Elle sera l’occasion de mettre en évidence les difficultés et les lacunes, ainsi que les possibilités et les mesures collaboratives susceptibles de permettre aux femmes et aux filles des zones rurales de contribuer à l’élimination de l’insécurité alimentaire, de la malnutrition et de la pauvreté.

La Agenda 2030 para el Desarrollo Sostenible concibe un futuro en el que nadie se quede atrás. El logro de la igualdad de género y del empoderamiento de las mujeres es un requisito indispensable para romper el ciclo de la pobreza y del hambre, así como para la consecución de los 17 ODS. Esta transformadora visión de la Agenda 2030 exige una reorientación política e institucional encaminada a lograr la igualdad de género.

El Acto de alto nivel “Intensifiquemos nuestra colaboración con las mujeres rurales a fin de erradicar el hambre y la pobreza” ofrecerá a los Miembros, los organismos de las Naciones Unidas, la comunidad internacional, la sociedad civil y otras partes interesadas una plataforma interactiva para abordar las causas estructurales y las consecuencias de la desigualdad de género en las zonas rurales. Asimismo, brindará la oportunidad de determinar los principales desafíos, brechas, oportunidades y actividades de colaboración para aprovechar el potencial de las mujeres y las niñas rurales a fin de erradicar la inseguridad alimentaria, la malnutrición y la pobreza.

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