

* CSW69 SIDE EVENT

Towards rights-based and gender-just food security and nutrition

Pathways to ending hunger and leaving no one behind

12 March 2025 | 11:30-12:45 EDT
Conference Room E, UN HQ, New York

Hosted by FAO, IFAD and WFP in collaboration with the Republic of Malawi and Nepal.



Purpose

The Voluntary Guidelines to Support the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security (2004) and the Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition (2023) emphasize that “ending discrimination in all its forms against women and girls is vital to the realization of women's right to food”.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, and the World Food Programme have joined efforts with the representations of Malawi and Nepal to raise awareness and identify pathways to accelerate progress toward fully realizing women's and girls' right to food in agrifood systems and beyond.

Objectives

This event aims to highlight good practices, explore sustainable and innovative solutions, and examine the roles of states, the United Nations, and women's organizations and networks in advancing women's and girls' right to adequate and nutritious food.

Programme

- 11:30-11:34 **Introduction and housekeeping**
Lauren Phillips, Deputy Director, Rural Transformation and Gender Equality Division, FAO (Moderator)
- 11:34-11:38 **Welcome remarks**
Ally-Raza Qureshi, New York Office Director, WFP
- 11:38-11:50 **Opening remarks**
- H.E. Jean Sendeza, Minister of Gender, Community Development and Social Welfare, Republic of Malawi (TBC)
 - H.E. Nawal Kishor Sah Sudi, Minister of Women, Children and Senior Citizens, Nepal
- 11:50-12:00 **Keynote address**
- H.E. Bineta Diop, Special Envoy of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission on Women, Peace, and Security
- 12:00-12:30 **Panel discussion**
- Hon. Sahar Albazar, Member of Parliament, Deputy Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Arab Republic of Egypt and former President of the Forum of Young MPs – IPU
 - Jo Enrica (“Jean”) Enriquez Rosales, Chair, WFP Global Advisory Group on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Sexual Harassment
- 12:30 - 12:40 **Q&A**
- 12:40 - 12:45 **Closing remarks**
Juan Carlos Mendoza Casadiegos, Director, Environment, Climate and Gender Division, IFAD

