

Understanding the gendered risks: Women as the central piece to the climate adaptation puzzle

15 March 2022 | 09.00 -10.30 Eastern Standard Time

This side event aspires to emphasize the notion that rural women and people of diverse genders do not simply suffer from the climate impact as a vulnerable group, but that structural gender inequality puts them at higher risk. This is due to their limited access to resources and opportunities, not having the right to make decisions about their and their family's livelihood, biased social norms, facing barriers towards economic empowerment. Because of this, the intersectional dimension plays a critical role as for example indigenous women or women with a disability are disproportionately affected. As we know, intersectionality does not add up the climate impact, it multiplies. Hence, it is time to negotiate and network for inclusion in climate action, which meant women with disabilities and indigenous disabled people needed to be clearly mentioned and included in documents, policies and UN structures.

CSW66 is a prime opportunity to highlight the work in gender equitable and climate resilient food systems and agriculture, and urge donor governments and organizations to do more to support women's, a subtheme of CSW66. This side event highlights the gender transformative approach that demonstrates effective results in building resilience through contextualized adaptive measures to climate unpredictability, and transforming individuals, households and community actors, who are primarily women, as agents of change.

The event is in English with interpretation in French, Spanish and International Sign (IS) language.

Agenda

TIME (EST)	
9:00-9:05	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Ndaya Beltchika, Lead Technical Specialist – Gender and Social Inclusion, IFAD
09:05-09:15	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Santala Satu, Associate Vice-President, External Relations and Governance Department (ERG), IFAD
09:15-09:20	Video recording - Keynote Speech <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Sabrina Elba, IFAD Goodwill Ambassador
09:20-10:00	Panel Discussion: Women's role in climate change adaptation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderator: Ms. Ndaya Beltchika Panelists: Dr. Danielle Nierenberg, President of Food Tank Ms. Mueni Mutinda, Public Policy Advisor on Climate Change, Canadian Foodgrains Bank Ms. Pratima Gurung, President of the National Indigenous Disabled Women Association Nepal (NIDWAN)
10:00-10:20	Q&A
10:20-10:25	Video: I Demand – Voices of rural women and girls
10:25-10:30	Final Reflections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Guoqi Wu, Associate Vice-President Corporate Services Department and Gender Champion, IFAD
10:30	Closing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Ndaya Beltchika, Lead Technical Specialist – Gender and Social Inclusion, IFAD

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Ndaya Beltchika

Ndaya Beltchika is IFAD's Lead Technical Specialist - Gender, Targeting and Social Inclusion. Previously, Beltchika was Country Director in the West and Central Africa Division where she led the development of country strategies and provided oversight and coordinated programmes of loans and grants of Benin, Liberia and Sierra Leone. Beltchika holds a Master's in Agricultural Economics from the University of California at Davis, California, United States, and a Master's in Business Administration from Babson College F. W. Olin Graduate School of Business, Massachusetts, United States



Satu Santala

Satu has extensive experience in international relations and development. Prior to her role at IFAD, she served as Director General for Development Policy at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. She has held various positions at the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, including as Director for the Unit for Development Finance and at Finland's Embassies in New Delhi and Dar es Salaam. She was Executive Director at the World Bank, where she represented Nordic and Baltic countries and she has also represented Finland in replenishment negotiations and governing bodies for MDBs as well as the Green Climate Fund. She has also worked with the Finnish Red Cross. Satu holds a Master of Political Science, International Public Law & Development Studies from the Åbo Akademi in Finland.



Sabrina Elba

Sabrina Dhowre Elba is a model, activist and philanthropist. The Somali Canadian was appointed UN Goodwill Ambassador for IFAD in April 2020 and has dedicated her efforts to the challenges faced by rural women and girls. She works with various civil society organizations, including as a board member of Conservation International, on environmental issues and as an advocate for both Global Citizen and mothers2mothers. She is passionate about gender equality and promoting the empowerment of women and girls worldwide



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Dr. Danielle Nierenberg



Dr. Danielle Nierenberg is a world-renowned researcher, speaker, and advocate on all issues relating to our food system and agriculture. In 2013, Danielle Nierenberg co-founded Food Tank (foodtank.com) with Bernard Pollack, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization focused on building a global community for safe, healthy, nourished eaters. Food Tank is a global convener, thought leadership organization, and unbiased creator of original research impacting the food system. Danielle has an M.S. in Agriculture, Food, and Environment from the Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy and spent two years volunteering for the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic. Danielle is the recipient of the 2020 Julia Child Award.

Pratima Gurung

Ms. Pratima Gurung is an academic activist from Nepal. She has worked on women, indigenous peoples, disability rights and has been remarkable in bridging multiple marginalized identities with an intersectional lens from Nepal, Asia and globally. She is a faculty member at Padmakanya College, and engages in research and links her academic research to advocacy. She also contributes as an expert of the Disability National Direction Committee, formed by the Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen. Pratima Gurung is a founding member and currently General Secretary of Indigenous Person with Disabilities Global Network and National indigenous Disabled Women Association Nepal. Lastly, she is a member of The Indigenous Peoples Assistance Facility at IFAD.



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Leadership Certificate

Mueni Mutinda

Mueni Mutinda is Public Policy Advisor - Climate Change at Canadian Foodgrains Bank, a relief and development organization based in CentralCanada. Most recently Mueni successfully led two side events at the UNFCCC's COP26 (November 2021 in Glasgow, Scotland), profiling climate resilient food systems that centre women small scale farm producers. Mueni has 15+ years of project management experience in community development, food security and livelihoods programming in Canada among Indigenous populations, and in East and West Africa. She holds a BA in Communication Studies and English Literature, MA in Theology, a Post-Graduate Certificate in International Development, and a Project

Guoqi Wu

Guoqi Wu is Associate Vice-President, Corporate Services Department, at IFAD, where he ensures that the human resources, administrative services, safety and security and information technology resources required are adequately provided. Wu has over 20 years' experience working with international financial institutions. He worked as Alternate Director of China at the AIIB and the NDB and served as Alternate Executive Director of China at the ADB. Prior to that, he worked for the Chinese Ministry of Finance. Wu holds a PhD in Economics from the Research Institute for Fiscal Science, Ministry of Finance, China; and a Master of Science in Development Finance from the University of Manchester, UK.

