Enabling rural women to benefit from opportunities in agri-food value chains in Africa

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CSW62 – Side Event
Monday 12 March 2018, 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm
Conference Room 12 – GA Building, United Nations Headquarters, NY

Background

IFAD promotes economic empowerment that enables rural women and men in Africa to have an equal opportunity to participate in, and benefit from, the activities that it finances. This is complemented by efforts to reduce the labour burden of rural women and increase their voice in decision-making at all levels. IFAD looks to move beyond mainstreaming and scaling up in order to achieve real transformative gender impact.

In recent years, IFAD has placed particular emphasis on developing agricultural value chains that are inclusive of rural women and youth. This has strongly contributed to the emergence of rural women-led micro, small and medium enterprises that generate growth and employment in the various segments of agri-business sectors.

Objective

This side event provides an opportunity to share and discuss challenges and opportunities rural women and girls face as value chain actors; and showcase some good practices and innovations from across the region that have succeeded in promoting women's economic empowerment in agribusiness/value chain activities.

Agenda

6.30pm - 6.40pm	Welcome and Introduction of Topic
6.40pm - 7.20pm	Panel discussion with testimonies from rural women engaged in agri-food value chains in Africa
7.20pm - 7.40pm	Plenary
7.40pm - 7.45pm	Closing remarks

Moderator: Ms. Ndaya Beltchika, IFAD Lead Technical Specialist Gender and Social Inclusion

Panellists:	Ms. Appo Sidonie	Female entrepreneur from Cameroon
	Ms. Mariama Koroma	Female entrepreneur from Sierra Leone
	Ms. Naima Elasri	Female entrepreneur from Morocco
	Ms. Violet Shivutse	Chair of the Huairou Commissions Governing Board