

SIDE EVENT ON THE OCCASION OF THE 39TH SESSION  
OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

THE EXECUTIVE HEADS OF FAO, IFAD, WFP AND UN WOMEN  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
WELCOME YOU TO THE LAUNCH OF A JOINT PROGRAMME

## Accelerating Progress towards the Economic Empowerment of Rural Women

MONDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2012  
13:30-14:30

FAO, VIALE DELLE TERME DI CARACALLA, ROME  
Red Room

### PROGRAMME

- 13:30 Welcome**  
José Graziano da Silva, Director-General, FAO
- 13:35 Video statement and introduction to the Joint Programme**  
Michelle Bachelet, Executive Director, UN Women
- 13:45 Remarks**  
Ertharin Cousin, Executive Director, WFP
- Keynote**  
H.E. Zenebu Tadesse, Minister, Ministry of Women, Children and Youth, of the FDR, Ethiopia
- 13:50 Open dialogue**  
Moderated by Gerda Verburg, H.E. Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands  
H.E. Zenebu Tadesse, Minister, Ministry of Women, Children and Youth, of the FDR, Ethiopia  
Lani Eugenia, Secretary General, Indonesia Farmers and Fishers Society Organization (WAMTI), Indonesia
- Statement**  
Tehmina Janjua, H.E. Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
- 14.20 Closing remarks**  
Kanayo F. Nwanze, President, IFAD  
Signature of the joint programme document by the Executive Heads
- Voices from the field**  
Video messages from rural women