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THE FARMERS' ROUTE

WORLD FARMERS' ORGANISATION GENERAL ASSEMBLY



Youth and Women Committees Session on
“United Nations Decade of Family Farming –
Women and Youth as its transversal objective”

20 May, from 9:00 AM to 01:00 PM
Schengen Room

Prepared by the WFO Women and Youth committee

Introduction

The family and the farm are strongly interlinked; the family provides the main part of the labour force and controls the main resources on which the farm is based. Family and farm represent a unity that continuously co-evolves, fulfilling economic, environmental, social and cultural functions of the wider rural economy and within territorial networks in which they are embedded.

The 2014 International Year of Family Farming, IYFF, successfully repositioned family farming at the centre of agricultural, environmental and social policies in national, regional and global agendas and identified needs and further opportunities to strengthen political commitments to reformulate programs and institutional arrangements for the benefit of family farming. On 20 December 2017, the United Nations General Assembly, in its 72nd Session, proclaimed the UN Decade of Family Farming 2019-2028¹.

The Decade of Family Farming has two transversal objectives: promotion of young family farmers and promotion of gender equality in family farms.

In the workshop we will be discussing about:

- What instruments are needed to promote gender equality in family farming?
- What good practices there are to achieve women's rights and gender equality in food and agriculture production?
- What real socio-economic integration instruments can be used to bring youth into the right frame of the family farming agenda?
- What are the barriers for the integration of youth into the family farming agenda?

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9:00 AM – 9:15 AM Introduction to the UN Decade on Family Farming process

- *Anna Korzenszky, Civil Society Team - Partnerships Division (PSP), Programme Support and Technical Cooperation Department, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, FAO*

9:15 AM – 10:45 AM UNDIFF: Youth as a strong pillar of the Family Farming Agenda

- *Jannes Maes, Family Farmer, Belgium and President, CEJA*
- *Dimakatso Sekhoto, young woman farmer, AFASA, South Africa, member of WFO*
- *Luc Emering, young farmer and board member, Lëtzebuenger Landjugend a Jongbaueren, Luxembourg, member of WFO*
- *Judith Kons, Head of Division 625, Eastern Europe, Central and East Asia, Enlargement, Global Forum for Food and Agriculture, GFFA, Germany*

Moderator: *Denis Kabiito, CEO, Young Farmers' Federation of Uganda, UNYFA - Affiliate body of UNFFFE, WFO Youth Committee facilitator*

10:45 AM -11:15 AM Coffee break

¹[UN Resolution adopted by the General Assembly \(A/RES/72/239\)](#)

11:15 AM – 12:45 PM UNDIFF: Achieving Gender Equality for a successful Family Farmers
Agenda:

- *Saquina Mucavele, Executive Director, Mulher, Género e Desenvolvimento – MUGEDE, Mozambique, member of WFO*
- *Nandini Azad, President, Indian Co-operative Network for Women, ICNW*
- *Auxtin Ortiz, Director, World Rural Forum, WRF*

Moderator: *Kati Partanen, woman farmer, Board member of MTK Finland, WFO Women Committee facilitator*

12:45 PM – 13:00 PM Closing remarks

- *Torben Nilsson, Senior Global Engagement Specialist, Global Engagement and Multilateral Relations (GEM) Division, International Fund for Agricultural Development, IFAD*