## FORUM ON WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

**Draft agenda, format and list of speakers**

**Monday, 25 September 2017 – Rome, FAO, Red Room**

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| 9.50 – 10.30  | **Taking stock:** Emerging challenges and persisting barriers to women’s empowerment in the agriculture and agri-food sector | Keynote
|               | **Discussant**                                                         |                                                                                                                                          |
| 10.30 – 12.30 | **Addressing gender gaps:** Sharing lessons from concrete examples     | Panel discussion building on the background document
|               | **Followed by Q&A session**                                            | Four thematic areas:
|               |                                                                        | - Women’s participation in decision-making, public policies, partnerships, leadership roles
|               |                                                                        | - Women’s access to and control over land, natural resources, inputs, productive tools
|               |                                                                        | - Women’s access to decent working conditions and adequate wages
|               |                                                                        | - Access and role of women with regards to markets, extension, advisory, financial services, social protection, education, training and other learning opportunities |
| 12.30 – 14.00 | **Lunch break**                                                        |                                                                                                                                         |
| 14.00 – 15.30 | **Break-out group discussions:** CFS role in advancing women’s empowerment, women’s rights and gender equality | 3 Groups with 1 Facilitator and 1 Rapporteur for each group
|               | **Key topics for discussion:**                                         | - Are CFS policy outcomes adequately promoting women’s empowerment, women’s rights and gender quality as a pre-requisite for food security and nutrition?  
|               |                                                                        |  - Taking into account its mandate, what concrete steps can CFS take to further advance women’s empowerment, women’s rights and gender equality? |
| 15.30 – 16.30 | **Presentation by break-out groups’ Rapporteurs**                     |                                                                                                                                         |
| 16.30 – 17.00 | **Closure**                                                            | CFS Chair’s summary (for endorsement at CFS 44)                                                                                         |
Morning session

Professional moderator

_Femi Oke - international journalist, writer and moderator (Confirmed)_

Keynote

The keynote will provide an overview of the reality and conditions within which women in the agriculture and agro-food sector operate as well as their role in food security and nutrition within the changing dynamics of food systems.

Profile: Woman leader

Suggestions:

_Helen Hakena_
Leitana Nehan Women’s Development Agency
Bougainville, Papua New Guinea

_Kebe Lamah or Sia Germaine Millimono_ – head the Federation of Women Rice Processors in Koule and Gueckedou, Guinea

_Miriam Nobre or Sophie Dwollar_ – World March of Women, WMM, (Brazil/Kenya)

_Reeta Roy_ - CEO and President of the Mastercard Foundation, Malaysia

_Lindiwe Sibanda_ - CEO of the Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN), South Africa

Discussant

The discussant will respond to one or two thought provoking questions posed by the moderator based on the keynote speech.

Profile: Institutional perspective

Suggestions:
Representative of the CEDAW Committee

_Shahra Razavi_ – Chief of Research and data - UN Women

Panelists
Using the background document as a departing point, the moderator will invite panellists to share their perspectives on the key challenges faced by women in the agriculture and agro-food industry and possible approaches in addressing them.

Profile: academia and policy practitioners

Candidates for this session will be based on the selection of case studies presented in the background document. Additional suggestions include:

Land expert from Landesa

*Cheryl Doss* – Development economist

Women Leader from La Vía Campesina

*Sue Longley* – International Union of Food and Agricultural Workers, IUF (UK)

*Yamilka Hernandez* – International Indian Treaty Council, IITC (Panama)

*Samantha Hargraves* - Women on Mining (WiMo) of the International Alliance on Natural Resources in Africa, IANRA (South Africa)

*Caren Grown* Senior - Director World Bank Group Gender Cross-Cutting Solution Area

*Naila Kabeer* – The Gender Institute London School of Economics

*Yassine Fall* - Economist

*Diane Elson* - Department of Sociology, University of Essex

*Jemimah Njuki* - Senior Program Officer at the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and previously Program Director at CARE USA’s Women in Agriculture Program

*Cesarie Kantarama* - Vice President of the East Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF) and Smallholder Farmer, Rwanda

*Rose Akaki* - Farmer, Uganda

**Afternoon session**

This session will aim at elaborating on the women’s empowerment and gender equality nexus with food security and nutrition and identifying concrete steps for CFS to be presented for endorsement at CFS 44.

The break-out group format will allow for increased interaction among the Forum participants and is expected to result in a focused discussion on the way forward for CFS on strengthening global governance of food security and nutrition through women’s empowerment.
The Forum’s conclusions and recommendations will be captured in a Chair’s summary to be presented at CFS 44 for endorsement.