9.30 – 9.50 - Opening
Ambassador Amira Gornass – CFS Chair
Femi Oke – Moderator

9.50 – 10.30 - Taking stock: Emerging challenges and persisting barriers to women’s empowerment in the agriculture and agri-food sector
Miriam Nobre – World March of Women (Keynote)
Bianca Pomeranzi – CEDAW expert (Discussant)

10.30– 12.30 - Addressing gender gaps: Sharing lessons from concrete examples
Hilal Elver – UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food
Cesarie Kantarama – Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF)
Anish Kumar – Transform Rural India
Nettie Wiebe – Farmer, La Via Campesina
Open floor discussion

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 discussions:
• How are CFS policy outcomes promoting women’s empowerment, women’s rights and gender equality 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 in its work to produce a tangible shift towards gender equality and enhance the implementation of the UN General Recommendation 34 of CEDAW (2016) on the rights of rural women?
• What actions are required and by whom in order to strengthen the content and implementation of national and international normative frameworks for women’s empowerment?

15.30 – 16.30 - Presentation of break-out groups’ outcomes

16.30 – 17.00 - Closure
CFS Chair’s summary (for endorsement at CFS 44)