

On agenda item 4: Forum on Women's Empowerment. Draft agenda and background document

- We welcome the background document and the agenda and format of the Forum, and we would like to express our appreciation for the hard work done and the fruitful collaboration of the Technical Task Team.
- We particularly appreciate the comprehensive and holistic vision of the background paper and the Forum that addresses both the opportunities and challenges of the global trends and persistent barriers rural women continue to face when advancing towards women empowerment, women's rights and gender equality for food security.
- One methodological remark and suggestion for first guiding question that is proposed for the afternoon discussions of the Forum. We suggest that it should be an open, not a closed question. The question should not be, **if** CFS policy outcomes have been promoting women's empowerment, women's rights and gender equality as a pre-requisite for food security and nutrition, but rather **how** this has been done.