



BEIJING+30 REGIONAL REVIEW MEETING

"Reviewing 30 Years of Beijing Commitments to Accelerate Gender Equality in the ECE Region"

21-22 October 2024, Palais des Nations, Geneva

SIDE EVENT CONCEPT NOTE

Please submit this form to ece-beijing30@un.org and eca.partnerships@unwomen.org by the 1st of October. If needed the information can be updated after the deadline. Please also feel free to create your own concept note; **however, ensure that all the information requested in this template is included.**

Promising practices in gender mainstreaming in agriculture

Please provide a title that is concise, catchy, and reflects the core issues addressed in your side event.

Background and Rationale

Please provide a brief background on the topic under discussion (max. 250 words). Outline the relevance of the topic to the region and draw connections to the 30th Anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the 12 key areas of concern of the Beijing Declaration.



Discuss the theme of this year's Regional Review Meeting: "Reviewing 30 Years of Beijing Commitments to Accelerate Gender Equality in the ECE Region."

The Beijing Platform for Action is one of the first internationally agreed documents that recommended gender mainstreaming as a strategy to achieve gender equality. The review process provides an excellent opportunity to examine how gender mainstreaming works in practice of the government structures and institutions, and CSOs. Rural women and girls in the ECE region remain to be the largest group at risks of being left behind, due to deeply rooted structural barriers that perpetuate inequalities in rural areas, rural poverty and other discrimination factors (e.g. age, disability, migration, etc.) that create barriers to women's empowerment. Agriculture remains a biggest employer for women – they make up more than 40% of agricultural workforce, but despite the importance of agrifood systems for women's livelihoods and welfare of their families, women's roles tend to be marginalized, and women are more likely than men to be in vulnerable forms of self-employment. Even though the law guarantees equal rights in land ownership, women's de facto enjoyment of their ownership rights over land, water and other natural resources and assets is limited. Rural women perform multiple tasks but work mainly as contributing family workers and are rarely recognized as farmers. They lack access to productive resources, but also technical knowledge and skills. How are these challenges addressed in the work of key actors working in agriculture and food security sectors? The session responds to several areas key areas of concern of the BPfA, but also CEDAW Article #14.

Session objectives and expected outcomes

Please outline the objective and expected outcomes of the side event, and whether the results will serve as an input for another event (max. 200 words).

The session will bring diverse actors from the agrifood systems engaging them in a dialogue that will focus but will not be limited to: "How the efforts to promote gender equality should address the challenges that rural women face? What are practical and strategic needs that need to be considered? How to ensure equal access to resources and opportunities for rural women? What is the roles of partnerships in addressing needs and priorities of rural women?" Panelists will share recent experiences and promising practices that bring solutions in addressing the



above challenges and improving the status of rural women. The session will provide a peer-to-peer learning opportunity and suggest concrete measures that equip actors engaged in policies and programmes and various value chains, strengthening economic status of marginalized rural women , and contributing to the progress towards implementing the BPfA recommendations.

Organizers

Please list the lead organizers and contributing agencies of your side event.

Lead organizers: FAO, MoA UZ

Contributors: Georgian Farmers Association

Focal points: Dono Abdurazakova, FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia

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Agenda and Structure

Please provide the agenda for the side event.

DRAFT AGENDA

00:00 – 00.10 – Opening. Welcoming remarks

00:10-00:20 – Business incubators for rural women: promising experience from Albania

00:20-00:30 – How farmer associations can empower rural women-small holders: case of Georgia

00:30-00:40 – Promising practices in supporting rural women in Uzbekistan

00:40-00:55 – Discussion

00:55-01:00 – wrapping up

List of Panelists

Please list the names and organizations of the panelists participating in the side event. The moderator should also be included in the list.

Panelists: (1) Valbona Ylli, Expert/Community Mobiliser (Albania);

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(2) Nino Zambakhidze, Georgian Farmers Association (Georgia); (3) Dilorom Fayzieva, MP (Uzbekistan);

Moderator: Nabil Gangi, Deputy Regional Representative (FAO Europe and Central Asia)

Picture & Promotional Materials

Please provide a background picture to be uploaded to the side event page, along with any promotional materials. Please find below the Banner for the Beijing+30 Regional Review Meeting for your use.



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[Registration link](#)

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- (1) [Ensuring that rural advisory services are responsive to women: good practices from FAO experiences in Europe and Central Asia](#)
- (2) [Gender, agriculture and rural development in Europe and Central Asia: Brief overview of regional trends and challenges](#)
- (3) [Gender mainstreaming in climate investments in the agriculture, forestry and other land use in Europe and Central Asia](#)

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Kindly indicate your event time slot (**please highlight in yellow**):

- Monday, 21 October, 8:45 – 9:45
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