

Women's Empowerment: Solutions at the Nexus of Agriculture, Nutrition and Enterprise

Friday, October 9th 2015 -- 9am – 2pm
IFAD, Via Paolo di Dono, 44, 00142 – Rome, Italy

9 a.m. – ROUNDTABLE AGENDA – ITALIAN ROOM

WELCOME: Josephina Stubb, Associate Vice President, *International Fund for Agricultural Development*

CO-CHAIR REMARKS: Irene Khan, *Director General, International Development Law Office*

DISCUSSION: Resources for Production: Empowering Women through Access to Productive Resources

Moderator: *Sevi Simavi, Chief Executive Officer, Cherie Blair Foundation for Women*

A discussion of the resources needed to unlock the potential of women to participate fully in developing global agriculture and food supply chains, including technology, rule of law, capital, land rights, and financial services.

Case Studies: *Malawi Mangoes and CropLife*

Key Discussants:

- *H.E. Ambassador Maria Laura da Rocha, Permanent Representative of Brazil to UN Agencies in Rome*
- *Richard Dickmann, Head of New Business Development, Bayer CropScience Australia*
- *H.E. Ambassador Josephine Wangari Gaita, Permanent Representative of Kenya to UN Agencies in Rome*
- *Shaun Donnelly, Vice President, Investment and Financial Services, US Council for International Business*
- *Valentina Muiesan, Alternate Permanent Representative of the Republic of Italy to UN Agencies in Rome*

COFFEE BREAK

DISCUSSION: Fueling Impact: Enabling Women To Improve Family Nutrition and Global Food Security

Moderator: *Hlamalani Ngwenya, Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services*

A discussion of the critical role women play in initiatives to promote family and community nutrition, health and prosperity, including their role as (1) food producers and agricultural entrepreneurs; (2) managers of their own time, nutrition and income; (3) decision-makers and food providers for their own families and communities; (4) and managers of the stability of food supplies in times of economic hardship.

Case Studies: *Women's Campaign International and Mead Johnson Nutrition*

Key Discussants:

- *J.B. Cordaro, Global Food, Nutrition and Safety Business Advisor, Mars Inc.*
- *H.E. Ambassador Inge Nordang, Permanent Representative of Norway to UN Agencies in Rome*
- *H.E. Ambassador Neil Briscoe, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to UN Agencies in Rome*
- *Barrie Bain, Senior Advisor on UN Affairs, International Fertilizer Industry Association*
- *H.E. Ambassador Rozencaiwig, Permanent Representative of Argentina to UN Agencies in Rome*

CLOSING REMARKS: *H.E. Ambassador Josephine Wangari Gaita, Permanent Representative of Kenya to UN Agencies*

11:45 – HIGH-LEVEL LUNCHEON AGENDA - IFAD EXECUTIVE DINING ROOM

WELCOME REMARKS: *Michel Mordasini, Vice President, International Fund for Agricultural Development*

LUNCH SERVICE

MODERATOR: *H.E. Ambassador Amira Daoud Hassan Gornass, Permanent Representative of Sudan to UN Agencies*

ROLE OF NGOS: *Edith Hunt, Chair, Board of Directors, Women's Campaign International*

ROLE OF PRIVATE SECTOR: *Kasper Jakobsen, President & CEO, Mead Johnson Nutrition*

KEYNOTE REMARKS: *Cherie Blair, CBE, QC, Founder, Cherie Blair Foundation for Women*

HIGH LEVEL REMARKS: *Ertharin Cousin, Executive Director, World Food Programme*

MODERATED DISCUSSION WITH CHERIE BLAIR AND UN AGENCY LEADERS

MODERATOR: *Ernesta Redi, Women's Leadership Board Member, Harvard University*

PANEL OF AMBASSADORS: Multi-sectoral partnerships and their role in addressing food security, nutrition, gender equity and economic growth

Moderator: *Robynne Anderson, President, International Agri-Food Network*

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- *H.E. Ambassador Don Claudio J. Rozencaiwig, Permanent Representative of Argentina to UN Agencies in Rome*
- *Mi Nguyen, Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada to UN Agencies in Rome*
- *H.E. Ambassador August Parengkuan, Permanent Representative of Indonesia to UN Agencies in Rome*

HIGH LEVEL REMARKS: *Daniel Gustafson, Deputy Director-General Operations, Food and Agricultural Organization*

CLOSING REMARKS: *H.E. Ambassador David Lane, Permanent Representative of the U.S. to United Nations Agencies*

COFFEE & NETWORKING