

CSD 17

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Meeting (IPM)
Rural Development

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Outline of Presentation

Part One

- Key messages of the Women Major Group

Part Two

Framework on Policies, Institutions and Processes – *the PIPs framework* – a SARD Policy Assessment Framework

Part Three

- Network of Women Agriculture Ministers and Leaders
- Rural Women Leadership Training

Challenges and Opportunities

- *How do we convert the Food Crisis and Climate Change into an Opportunity?*
- *How do we change the way we do business?*
- *How do we situate our positions at the Copenhagen negotiations? And also at the Rome and New York processes leading to the new global governance on World Food Security and Nutrition?*

Women Major Group perspectives

- low political will and a great deal of cultural bias
- gender-blind policies and programmes
- male-dominated agriculture sector
- lack of capacity to integrate gender issues
- Under-funded institutions

Recognize women as the drivers of rural development

Particularly in many low income countries, where agriculture accounts for an average of 32 per cent of GDP, and where an average of 80 per cent of the countries' poor live and work in rural areas, women make up a substantial majority of the agricultural workforce and produce most of the food that is consumed locally ... The vast majority of food production that is attributable to women (60 – 80%) makes them the principal agents of food security and household welfare in rural areas.

Source: World Bank, FAO and IFAD

***The face of the small holder farmer and
natural resource manager is primarily
female***

Painting the picture

day-to-day realities that women face

how and who produces the food

Transforming agriculture institutions, structures and programmes

- Enabling conditions to position women farmers and the women and men professionals in agriculture at the center of reorientation

Call for Partnerships

Linking women agricultural leaders and women farmers

Strengthen advocacy to bring up the causes of gender equality

Get committed women into leadership positions

Nurture, support and motivate them to help them do their tasks effectively – to work collectively

**POLICIES, INSTITUTIONS AND
PROCESSES (PIPs)
A POLICY ASSESSMENT
FRAMEWORK**

PIPs Framework

POLICIES	Enabling Environment	
	INSTITUTIONS	PROCESSES
<p><i>Reform agriculture extension institutions by increasing the number of women enrolled and trained in agricultural extension with better incentives.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ministry of Agriculture and Environment</i> • <i>Ministry of Planning and Finance</i> • <i>Research and training institutions</i> • <i>Farmers organizations</i> • <i>Women's organizations (local and national)</i> • <i>Trade and workers' union</i> 	<p><i>Facilitate access to gender-sensitive training, access to information.</i></p> <p><i>Facilitate networking exchange.</i></p> <p><i>Ensure participation of diverse stakeholders and marginalized groups in policy formulation.</i></p> <p><i>Promote action-research by local groups.</i></p> <p><i>Promote monitoring with stakeholders participation.</i></p>

PIPs Framework

POLICIES	Enabling Environment	
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<p><i>Support training of women leaders on skills for negotiation and advocacy based on ‘training of trainers’ principle that will help increase their influence .</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ministry of Agriculture - Vocational training schools - Farmers Field Schools - Farmers organizations - Local women’s groups and support organizations - Cooperatives 	<p><i>Facilitate networking and experience exchange among government and civil society leaders.</i></p> <p><i>Develop a “community-of- practice” that share their experiences when using skills and tools acquired among those trained leaders.</i></p> <p>Offer training in leadership and negotiation.</p>

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<p><i>Empower women farmers to secure their rights and their roles in resource management with critical understanding of politics, legislation, women's rights and their roles.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Farmers organizations - NGOs - Land institutions/ Ministries - women lawyers associations. - Ministry of Agriculture Ministry of Environment 	<p><i>Promote transparent land management policies.</i></p> <p><i>Promote knowledge the sharing of good practices and scaling up.</i></p> <p><i>Facilitate participation of women farmers.</i></p> <p><i>Facilitate the development of common platforms.</i></p>

Proposals for Implementation and Follow-up

**Network of Women Agriculture Ministers and
Leaders**

Rural Women's Leadership Course

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