



REPUBLIC OF KENYA



# 67<sup>th</sup> CSW

## THEME:

**CLOSING THE GENDER GAP, INVESTING IN  
DIGITIZATION OF LAND TO PROTECT  
WOMEN'S LAND RIGHTS AND  
PROMOTE FOOD SECURITY**

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ROOM A-UNHQ**



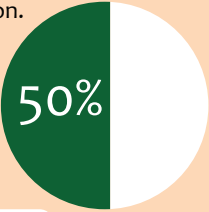
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Women play a central and critical role in agricultural production and productivity as seen in the bulk of the work in producing, processing and marketing food products.

Notably, women account for a majority of the agricultural labour force in Kenya. Currently, there is a gradual shift towards the use of technology in agricultural production.

women account for 50% of the agricultural workforce in most Eastern and Southern African countries.



### BEST PRACTICES FROM COUNTIES

#### 1 Gender mainstreaming climate-smart agriculture (CSA) guidelines for Laikipia, Kitui and West Pokot

By implementing the Gender mainstreaming climate-smart agriculture (CSA) guidelines for Laikipia, Kitui and West Pokot, the UN Women and FAO Kenya Country Office has supported **Kitui, Laikipia and West Pokot Counties** in the implementation of climate-smart agriculture with a focus on women empowerment.

The choice of the Counties was based on:

- vulnerability to climate change;
- Agricultural productivity;
- Poverty levels;
- Social norms and beliefs that hinder women's equal; participation in the economic, social, political, and decision-making spheres (Gender Inequality Index).

This has strengthened the Kenyan government's capacity to provide a gendered perspective and promote gender equity and equality in the adoption and implementation of climate-resilient agriculture approaches as an effort to build resilience and adapt to climate change in the ASALs.

#### 2 Better incomes and health for rural women through orange-fleshed sweet potato in Kenya

Orange-fleshed sweet potato (OFSP), which is a rich source of vitamin A, has been introduced in Kenya as a promising means of combating vitamin

A deficiency by the International Potato Center (CIP) working closely with national and county governments, the Kenya Agriculture & Livestock Research Organization (KALRO), the Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service

(KEPHIS), the private sector, and several development and humanitarian and other organizations.



#### 3 Wezesha Kirinyaga County

Wezesha Kirinyaga program employs initiatives that make agricultural activities translate to better incomes and improved lives for all residents. It involves diversifying agricultural activities to reduce over dependence on traditional cash crops such as tea and coffee whose prices keep on fluctuating. The county has undertaken projects in four agricultural value chains namely: poultry, dairy, tomato and avocado.



### SPEAKERS



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The project targets three ASAL Counties of Kitui, Laikipia and West Pokot and aims to increase the capacity of the three counties on gender-responsive climate-smart agriculture (CSA) and climate change adaptation (CCA) responses and strengthen women's capacity to participate in CSA.

- Kenya Economic Empowerment of Women through Climate-Smart Agriculture in Arid and Semi-Arid Central Areas
- County-specific gender mainstreaming CSA guidelines developed and integrated into the CIDP by the county government.
- The capacity of 113 county government officials was strengthened to align county

development plans with national CSA/CCA policies through training

- The capacity of county government officials strengthened in the development and implementation of gender-responsive CSA policies through training.
- Government technical officers, project stakeholders, and implementing partners increased their knowledge and skills in gender-responsive budgeting through training.
- 809 farmers (F: 697) adopted a savings culture as a result of the financial literacy and enterprise selection training sessions and saved a total of KES 4,464,600

