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The seventieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW70)

“From Youth Priorities to Local Action: Advancing Young Women’s Access to Justice in Agrifood Systems”

Organizer: Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations

Co-sponsors: Permanent Missions of Chile, Ghana and Italy to the United Nations, FAO World Food Forum Global Youth Action Initiative

Registration link: [From Priorities to Action: Advancing Young Women's Access to Justice in Agrifood Systems – Fill out form](#)

1. Background

In 2025, the World Food Forum Youth Assembly – the primary youth engagement platform for agrifood systems governance – facilitated a year-long global consultative process to identify youth priorities for the empowerment of young women in agrifood systems. These consultations engaged over 10,000 young people from more than 100 countries and focused on key structural challenges affecting young women, including access to education, decent work, resources, and opportunities across agrifood systems. The process culminated in the launch of a [10-point Youth Recommendations on Young Women’s Empowerment](#) during the High-Level Political Forum in 2025.

Building on this work, the WFF Youth Assembly is currently developing a youth-led contribution to the 70th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW70), focused on the priority theme of ensuring and strengthening access to justice for all women and girls, including through inclusive and equitable legal systems and the elimination of discriminatory laws, policies, and practices. As part of this contribution, the Youth Assembly has selected young women’s land rights as a critical entry point to address access to justice within agrifood systems, recognizing secure land tenure as a foundational condition for young women’s economic empowerment, participation in decision-making, and protection from structural and legal discrimination.

This year, in celebration of the [International Year of the Woman Farmer](#), and in the context of CSW70, a number of WFF National Youth Chapters^[1] have localized the Youth Recommendations by developing country-level action plans that respond to structural, social, and legal barriers faced by young women in agrifood systems, including barriers related to land rights and access to justice.

Within this framework, this side event will provide a platform for young women leaders to present their locally grounded implementation plans and reflect on how youth-led action can contribute to advancing access to justice and gender equality in agrifood systems. It will include a focus on country-specific roadmaps that address structural, social, and economic barriers faced by rural young women, highlighting scalable and context-responsive solutions. The event will bring together young women leaders, Member States, civil society organizations, FAO and other UN representatives, and private sector actors to explore opportunities for multi-stakeholder collaboration and to identify pathways for supporting youth leadership in the implementation of gender-responsive agrifood policies.



Speakers will include:

- **Remarks from:**

- Ambassador Lok Bahadur Thapa, President of ECOSOC and Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations
- Ambassador Fergal Mythen, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations
- Dr. Felipe Paullier, Assistant Secretary General for Youth Affairs
- Luca Fratini, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- **Panel discussions with young women in agrifood systems:**

- Nada Zamel, WFF Youth Policy Board Representative and CSW70 Young Leader (Tunisia)
- Phillipa Mensah, WFF Ghana Youth Chapter Representative
- Francesca Antonucci, WFF Italy Youth Chapter Representative
- Ana Paula Guillen, WFF Peru Youth Chapter Representative

- **Moderators:**

- Angelica Jacome Daza, Director FAO Liaison Office in New York
- Marilena Bachmeier, WFF Youth Policy Board Representative and CSW70 Young Leader (Germany)

2. Venue Address (if in-person) and/or Platform to be used for virtual side events including Registration link

Venue: The side event will take place at UN Headquarters, Conference Room 8 (Hybrid/UN WEB TV required)

Date: 12th March 15.00-16:15

Live stream: The event will be livestreamed on UN WebTV - [From Youth Priorities to Local Action: Advancing Young Women's Access to Justice in Agrifood System...](#)

^[1] World Food Forum *National Youth Chapters* are self-organized youth platforms aligned with the mission of the World Food Forum and convened by local networks of partners and organizations. There are currently active in 62 countries. More information can be found at [World Food Forum | National Youth Chapters](#).