Hunger and malnutrition continue to affect millions of people globally, the majority of whom are women and girls. While there is now a growing recognition that women play key roles in food and nutrition security, policies and development initiatives tend to prioritize increasing women's productive capacities. This is only a partial solution and fails to address the deep-rooted gender inequalities that prevent many women and girls from contributing up to their full potential and staying free from hunger, poverty and discrimination. Addressing the multiple constraints that women face must become a key component in the fight against hunger and malnutrition.

The side event will illustrate success stories, best practices and lessons learned from the Joint Programme on "Accelerating progress towards the economic empowerment of rural women", implemented by FAO, IFAD, WFP and UN Women with a focus on its contribution to overall hunger eradication and achieving food security. The event will create additional support and commitment for women's economic empowerment as a key component of the strategy to end hunger by 2030.

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