

## Gender Roundtable

### Business Accelerating Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment in Food Systems

7 April 2022 via Zoom Meetings  
15:00 -16:30 CET

#### Concept Note

##### Background

The Private Sector Mechanism (PSM) is organizing a gender roundtable to showcase business initiatives and commitments in accelerating action for gender equality and Women's and Girls' empowerment in the context of food security and nutrition.

This event will advance the objectives of the ongoing CFS process of developing the Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition (GEWE VGs) to be adopted at CFS50 in October 2022.

As the Private Sector Mechanism (PSM) to the UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS), the PSM is committed to gender equality and the empowerment of women and has remained engaged in various policy processes related to gender issues. At individual level, PSM members are championing gender equality through various programs and initiatives around the globe. The PSM is actively participating in the development of the GEWE VGs and presented a 9-point position paper covering key themes which PSM believes will accelerate action in gender equality.

The roundtable will bring together businesses which are leaders in accelerating gender equality and women's and girl's empowerment in food systems to showcase their ongoing initiatives, give practical lessons and recommend best practice for accelerated action.

Three key themes will be explored: Entrepreneurship, Leadership, and Nutrition.

##### Objectives

- Showcase business leadership in accelerating action for gender equality and women's and girls' empowerment.
- Provide input and build evidence for CFS work, particularly in the development of the GEWE VGs.
- Promote best practice and encourage knowledge sharing and learning on accelerating action for gender equality and women's and girls' empowerment.
- Encourage participants to promote – and create – effective public, public-private, and civil society partnerships that mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, technology, and financial resources for accelerated action.

##### Format

This 90-minute roundtable will be held via zoom meetings and will include 3 case study presentations, each followed by an interactive discussion on the topic, a Q&A and conversation, and closing with key takeaways.

## Proposed Agenda

### *Central European Time (CET)*

15:00 – 15:10	<b>Opening and Welcome</b>
15:10 – 15:35	<b>Entrepreneurship</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Case Study Presentations &amp; Discussions</b></li><li>• <b>Q&amp;A Interactive Session</b></li></ul>
15:35 – 16:00	<b>Leadership</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Case Study Presentations &amp; Discussions</b></li><li>• <b>Q&amp;A Interactive Session</b></li></ul>
16:00 – 16:20	<b>Nutrition</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Case Study Presentations &amp; Discussions</b></li><li>• <b>Q&amp;A Interactive Session</b></li></ul>
16:20 – 16:30	<b>Close of Session – Key Takeaways</b>