



**Side Event at the 36th Governing Council of the Common Fund for Commodities (CFC)**

**Title:** *Harnessing Best Practices: Empowering Smallholders and Advancing Gender Equality to Alleviate Poverty and Hunger*

**Date:** 11 December 2024

**Location:** Mariott Hotel, The Hague

**Time:** 1400-1600 HRS CET

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## Objectives

1. **Knowledge Exchange:** Facilitate the sharing of successful strategies, policies, and innovations from member states to alleviate poverty and enhance smallholder resilience.
2. **Gender Empowerment:** Highlight best practices that prioritize gender equality, ensuring that the contributions of women and girls are acknowledged, supported, and integrated into development initiatives.
3. **Strengthening Smallholders:** Explore approaches to support smallholders in adding value to their commodities, increasing productivity, and improving access to markets and financial resources.
4. **Collaborative Action:** Foster dialogue and partnerships among member states, international organizations, and stakeholders to create actionable strategies for poverty and hunger alleviation.

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## Theme

*“Empowering Smallholders, Promoting Gender Equality, and Fighting Poverty: Best Practices for Global Food and Nutrition Security”*

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## Structure of the Event

### 1. Opening Remarks

- Welcome address by H.E. Jose Eduardo Malaya, Ambassador of the Philippines to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.
- Overview of the event's significance and objectives by CFC

### 2. Keynote Address

- A. **H.E. Mr. Fernando Simas Magalhães. Ambassador of Brazil to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.**
- B. Keynote speaker from the People's Republic of China. (TBC)

### Presentation of Best practices

- Featuring representatives from member states, international organizations, and smallholder networks sharing their best practices.
- Topics include:
  - Enhancing smallholder productivity and market access.
  - Promoting gender-inclusive agricultural policies.
  - Leveraging innovation and technology to combat poverty.

### 3. Closing Remarks

- Summary of key takeaways and commitments.
- Ambassador Sheikh Mohammed Belal
- Call to action to strengthen global collaboration against poverty and hunger.

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## Expected Outcomes

1. Compilation of actionable best practices and success stories from member states for wider dissemination and adoption.
2. Identification of innovative, gender-inclusive strategies to support smallholders and enhance commodity value chains.
3. Strengthened partnerships and collaboration among stakeholders to advance shared goals of poverty and hunger alleviation.
4. Increased recognition of the critical role of women and girls in agriculture and food systems.

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## Target Audience

- Delegates from CFC member states.
  - Representatives from international organizations (e.g., UN agencies, IFIs, NGOs).
  - Gender equality advocates and experts.
  - Private sector actors involved in agricultural value chains.
  - Members of Media and observers.
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**PARTICIPATION:**

The side event is open to all Governing Council attendees, representatives from CFC member countries, business offices, industry stakeholders, and the media. The CFC will facilitate the logistical arrangements, including the venue and audio-visual setup. Travel, accommodation, and per-diem expenses are to be covered by the presenting member state or participating businesses.

**CONTACT:**

For registration: [Registration Form Side Event on "Best Practices" \(11 December 2024\)](#)

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