

Declaring Food and Agriculture Matters

20 February 2015 1:15 - 2:30 pm

Conference Room C, UN Headquarters, New York

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CHAIR

H.E. Guillermo Rishcyhnski, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada

SPEAKERS

Mildred Crawford, Jamaica Network of Rural Women Producers
Rose Akaki, Uganda National Farmers Federation

Javier Molina, UN FAO (tbc)
Anne-Sophie Stevance, International Council for Science
Hilda Poulson, One Acre Fund

The event will be held as a panel discussion with short intervention by each speaker, followed by discussion.

ELIMINATING HUNGER AND POVERTY need acknowledgment at the outset of the SDGs. We already know rural women remain the furthest behind in achieving the MDGs. The session will hear from women farmers themselves and leading thinkers on means to improve food security, nutrition, and sustainable agriculture. Measuring progress on the ground to advance food and nutrition security is challenging. How do we select indicators that measure the impact of agriculture on a more equitable and sustainable world in 2030?

Farming First is a multi-stakeholder platform involving farmers, scientists, NGOs, and business. It strives to bolster sustainable development and food security through agriculture, particularly with regards to developing countries. Agricultural policies have neglected the critical role which farmers play in making sustainable development a reality. Farming First calls on policy makers and practitioners to increase agricultural output by developing locally sustainable value chains for global agriculture, knowledge networks, and policies centered on helping farmers, in particular subsistence farmers, become small scale entrepreneurs. Engaged throughout the Rio+20 and SDG process, Farming First highlights the importance of women in agriculture and the indicators of what it will take to achieve 2030 targets.