

FEMINISM, FORESTS AND FOOD SECURITY

AND WOMEN'S IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF THE FOREST LANDSCAPE, AS WELL AS THE IMPORTANCE OF FORESTS FOR FOOD SUPPLY GLOBALLY

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BACKGROUND INFO

Globally, it is estimated that 1.6 billion people depend on forests for their livelihoods. Forests are safety nets for poor and rural communities where people can collect firewood and food, and it is often women who perform these forest-related chores. In this context, gender can be used as a cross-cutting issue to address the importance of forests for food security.

In Sweden, 38 % of the private forest is owned by women, while globally they are underrepresented in governing positions and ownership. Can Sweden's work for sustainable management of the forest landscape, together with the objectives of equality and women's empowerment, support sustainable development in the world?

In this CFS side event we highlight the sometimes ignored role of women in forest resource management. Gender roles play an important part in regulating access to resources. We focus on the role of women, to emphasize the importance of forests for food security in the poorest and most vulnerable areas of the world.

Light finger food will be served on the ground floor outside the library.

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Keynote presentation

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