

Agenda item 3: Empowering women and girls and promoting gender equality

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson

- Thailand congratulates the Committee on World Food Security for the meaningful guideline to build and strengthen the capacity for empowering women and girls in agricultural sector.
- This Voluntary Guidelines recognizing women and girls as right holders, agents of change and leaders in achieving food security and nutrition.
- Women play active roles in food systems as farmers, producers, processors, traders, wage-workers and entrepreneurs throughout the value chains.
- Thailand's policy recognizes the role of women who are the key driving forces in the economic and social development. We are putting the attempt to drive the farmer women's group to be self-reliance and become a smart group in order to elevate grassroot economy.
- Therefore, in the year 2023, Thailand will announce to be “the year of strengthening the capability of farmer women's group” with 5 strategic plans; increasing capacity of farmer women's group to become smart group in order to analyst and plan their crop season effectively, improving market access through offline and online platform and organize the activities to connect with consumers, assisting the product development with high-value added to meet market demand, promoting food security at household and local community level including increasing income and reduce household expenditure, and enabling environment for applying digital tools, technologies, and agricultural innovation that suit the circumstance and local condition.

- Thailand is willing to implement policies that acknowledge women and girl's nutritional needs and also promote a policy approach to reducing gender inequality, empowering women and girls and improving their food security and nutrition.

Thank you and over to you.