

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EVENT
ARFSD II - SIDE EVENT
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION
21.02.25

Accelerate progress towards prevention of child labour in agriculture: review of progress and discuss the way forward for action towards SDG 8.7

Co-organizers:

- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- International Labour Organization (ILO)/tbc
- Uganda Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development (MGLSD)/tbc

Speakers / Panelists:

- African Union Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy, and Sustainable Environment (ARBE)
- International Labour organization (ILO)/tbc
- Commissioner, Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development (MGLSD)/tbc
- Representative from Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry Fisheries (MAAIF)/tbc
- Coffee exporter/Private sector actor
- Grassroot farmer association

Thematic focus and potential contribution to the forum:

- The side event focuses on child labour in agriculture.
- Data available from the 2020 ILO-UNICEF Global Child Labour Estimates shows that there are more children in economic activities in sub-Saharan Africa – 86.6 million boys and girls – than in the rest of the world combined. Furthermore, 82 percent of children in child labour in SSA sub-Saharan Africa are engaged in agriculture, and mostly family work. Without a breakthrough on the continent, achieving the United Nation Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 8.7 of ending child labour in all its worst forms by 2025 remains elusive (ILO and UNICEF 2020).
- The side event hence, contributes to one of the key themes of ARFSD II, by focusing on on SDG 8, *‘Decent work and economic growth’* and more specifically, its target 8.7, *‘Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms’*.
- It provides the opportunity to discuss and exchange lessons learnt on some of the most pressing factors that hinder the attainment of decent work and economic growth for current and future generations.