

## **POSITION PAPER**



**Country: Georgia**

**Committee: The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)**

**Topic: Aquiring food security, improved nutrition and promoting sustainable agriculture**

**Agriculture with a significant percentage of population (%19.8) engaged, is an essential sector for the economic development of Georgia. Despite %11 of it is arable land, benefits of economic growth have not reached all the population.**

**The majority of households are engaged in subsistence agriculture. Besides a lot of employment has been informal, especially for women.**

**In order to ensure sustainable agriculture, we must consider the terms of sustainability such as economic profitability, economic equity and social equity. On this matter, as The Agriculture and Rural Development Strategy (ARDS) of Georgia states, we should pay particular attention to rural women's economic empowerment.**

**Furthermore, helping smallholders, family farms, cooperatives, entrepreneurs and rural households to be involved on equatable terms in sustainable food value chains would make a diffrence on productivity in agrifood sectors.**