



## Women, Farming, and Land Rights

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### Background

Agriculture in India is largely performed by women but ironically the state does not recognize women as farmers; neither does it recognize their independent and collective rights to own land. As a result, women farmers, including agricultural labourers, face multiple levels of discrimination and violations of their human rights. According to Census 2011, more than 40 per cent of all female workers are agricultural labourers, and constitute close to 65 per cent of all agricultural workers. As a result of not being recognized as farmers and land-owners, women also are denied access to institutional credit, agricultural machinery and implements, as well as social and economic security. Integral to the recognition of women as farmers in India is the legal recognition of their right to land.

### Panel Discussion

Panellists will discuss various issues related to the rights of women farmers in India. In addition, they will also present the demands of women farmers, including the passage of a law on women farmers based on The Women Farmers' Entitlement Bill 2011.

### Session Plan

12-Mar-19

Panel 5: Women, Land and Farming

14.00 - 15.30 Hrs



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Chair

**Shivani Chaudhry**, Executive Director, Housing and Land Rights Network

*Dr. Govind Kelkar*, Senior Advisor, Landesa

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