

## SI PARALLEL EVENT

### 'SOLUTIONS TO THE MULTI-LAYERED ISSUES FACED BY RURAL WOMEN'

- 13TH MARCH 2018
- CSW62

**Soroptimist International's first parallel event at CSW62:**

**A 360° view of the issues facing rural women.**

**Introduction by SI Advocacy Director, Bev Bucur and moderated by SI President, Mariet Cohen**



A blog by **Meltem Zourdos**, *Executive Director*, Soroptimist International of Europe

“Women represent 50% of the agricultural workforce, yet they face gender-based inequality and discrimination. Soroptimist International's parallel event on 12 March, picked up CSW62's main theme with the four Federations providing project examples on the topic **“Solutions to the multi-layered issues faced by rural women”**....

**SIE's Vice-President Advocacy Elisabeth Nyadwe** provided examples of projects from all over the European Federation in the area of rural economic empowerment.

**... In Italy, the “Women's agriculture for a sustainable environment” project contributes to the economic empowerment of women farmers. It promotes women agriculturalists producing high quality products and demonstrating great environmental consciousness, by exposing them to larger markets. In doing so, it gives visibility to both women farmers and sustainable agriculture.**