This side-event discusses the economic impacts of women’s malnutrition and how targeted measures to improve women’s nutritional status have major gains in economic development. The event will solicit successful examples on how nutrition policies help push forward the economic empowerment of women and in particular female headed households, hence benefitting their families as well. The event also showcases how governments embed nutrition in national strategies and plans, looking at policies and investments in health, the food systems, education and social protection programmes that contribute to ensuring that no one is left behind. It will encourage country leadership and learning as Member States prepare their national plans to advance the implementation of the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition 2016-2025, the Second Global Strategy on Women’s, Children’s and Adolescent’s Health 2016-2030, and the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development.