

The Secretariat of Agriculture Concludes the Week for Equality, Inclusion, and Elimination of Violence against Women

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The Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development concluded its week of activism for the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women -which is celebrated this Friday- through conferences, exhibitions, and the transmission of successful experiences of women who promoted equality in the federal agency and in the country's primary sector.

Under the slogan, "Work and Unity for a Secretariat with Equality," professionals, experts, researchers and officials from the National Institute of Forestry, Agricultural, and Livestock Research (INIFAP), the National Seed Inspection and Certification Service (SNICS), the College of Postgraduates (Colpos) and the National Service for Agro-Alimentary Public Health, Safety and Quality (SENASICA), called for inclusion and equality.

On the last day of activities, the general director of Agro-alimentary, Aquaculture and Fisheries Safety of SENASICA, Amanda Vélez Méndez, stated that the struggle of women has been persevering and their aspiration for equality, parity, freedom, and justice has been long, but they have always walked the paths of peace.

The best recognition for this tireless work, she said, is that society, governments, and institutions guarantee women's right to live free of violence and that they work with them to allow them to develop to their maximum potential to enable harmony, prosperity, and progress".

The Director of Phytosanitary Inspection Programs, Ximena Juárez Gómez, pointed out that progress has been made in strengthening the National Women's Institute (Inmujeres) and the legal framework that protects women's rights to a life free of violence.

She also called for leaving gender roles and stereotypes behind, as well as making visible, naming, educating on preventing, and correcting the actions that hinder women from developing their potential in social environments.

The week of activism included exhibitions of photographs and products from the agro-alimentary sector, performances, and a message from the president of Inmujeres, Nadine Gasman, who emphasized that the Secretariat of Agriculture shows its commitment to equality and non-violence and acknowledges the potential of the more than 800,000 women who work in the countryside.

She stated that rural women play a fundamental role in the economic, social, and cultural progress of the country as around 14 million women live in rural areas and, 16 percent of the 11.4 million households headed by women are in rural areas.