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International flavour planned for celebration breakfast

Guest speakers from Kenya, China and the Philippines will be speaking at the World Rural Women's Day breakfast, to be held at the Mt Abundance Homestead on 15 October.

Pam Fisher, organiser of the event from the Queensland Murray-Darling Committee, said that the women were in Australia studying at the University of Queensland Gatton Campus, and would be visiting Roma as part of their research.

Anne Mungai, from Kenya, will be one of the speakers at the event.

"I met Anne at the Roma Saleyards and was fascinated to hear of her descriptions of life for women in Kenya," said Pam.

"I immediately thought of her as a speaker for the breakfast.

"Her passion about the role of women in agriculture and building stronger families was very clear," she said.

Anne has worked in programs in Kenya addressing poverty, nutrition and HIV/AIDS. Anne also has first hand experience of how gender bias in her country affects women in rural families. Anne is currently studying her Masters at the University of Queensland Gatton Campus, and the topic for her thesis is *Women in Agriculture: Gender Bias and Women's Empowerment*.

"When she began to speak of the conditions in her country I immediately realised she would make a brilliant speaker for our breakfast. There are many women in this district who will be captivated by Anne's story and experiences," said Pam.

"I encourage all local people to make the trip to the Mt Abundance homestead on the Sunday morning for breakfast and a fascinating insight into life in other countries."

Details of the World Rural Women's Day Breakfast are available from the Maranoa-Balonne Catchment Management Centre by phoning Pam Fisher on 07 4622 2993.

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Caption: Local QMDC staff Pam Fisher and Janet Snars with international visitors to the Roma Saleyards earlier this year. Anne Mungai is second from the left.