

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2025**

# ACCELERATING EQUALITY IN FOOD, LAND AND WATER SYSTEMS

Driving Solutions through Evidence and Learning

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**CGIAR**  
GENDER EQUALITY  
AND INCLUSION

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## Day 1

### Tuesday 7 October

**08:30-09:30**

*Registration*

**10:00-12:00**

Inaugural and  
Plenary Session 1

**12:15-13:15**

*Lunch*

**13:30-15:00**

Parallel Session 1

**15:00-15:30**

*Coffee and Tea Break*

**15:30-17:00**

Parallel Session 2

**18:00-22:00**

*Cocktail*

## Day 2

### Wednesday 8 October

**08:30-09:00**

*Welcoming*

**09:00-10:30**

Plenary Session 2

**10:30-11:00**

*Coffee and Tea Break*

**11:00-12:30**

Parallel Session 3

**12:30-13:30**

*Lunch*

**13:30-15:00**

Parallel Session 4

**15:00-15:30**

*Coffee and Tea Break*

**15:30-17:00**

Parallel Session 5

**18:30**

*Gala Dinner*

## Day 3

### Thursday 9 October

**08:30-09:00**

*Welcoming*

**09:00-10:30**

Plenary Session 3

**10:30-11:00**

*Coffee and Tea Break*

**11:00-12:30**

Parallel Session 6

**12:30-13:30**

*Lunch*

**13:30-15:00**

Parallel Session 7

**15:00-15:30**

*Coffee and Tea Break*

**15:30-17:00**

Plenary Session 4  
(Closing Plenary)

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10:00-12:00	Inaugural and Plenary Session 1 – <b>Accelerating Equality in Food, Land, and Water Systems</b> <b>Driving Solutions through Evidence and Learning</b>					
12:15-13:15	Lunch					
13:30-15:00	Parallel Session 1					
	<b>CapDev - Hall A</b> 1.1 Co-creating gender transformative approaches to enhance women's land and resource rights	<b>Full Scientific - Hall C</b> 1.2 Reviewing policies in Malawi for improved gender sensitivity for sustainable agricultural practices	<b>Panel - Room 8</b> 1.3 Panel-in-the round: Intersectional inclusion in agroecological landscape restoration	<b>Oral - Room 9</b> 1.4 Gendered decision-making and intra-household dynamics	<b>Panel - Hall B</b> 1.5 The status of youth in agrifood systems	<b>Oral - Room 10</b> 1.6 Gender inclusion in technology adoption
15:00-15.30	Coffee and Tea Break					
15:30-17:00	Parallel Session 2					
	<b>Full Scientific - Room 8</b> 2.1 Strengthening African food systems for youth: Fostering gender-inclusive work opportunities in AVCs	<b>Panel - Hall A</b> 2.2 Cultivating women's leadership for resilient agrifood systems	<b>Oral - Room 9</b> 2.3 Inclusive response to climate change	<b>Panel - Hall B</b> 2.4 Aquaculture for sustainable development: Fostering food security and women's agency	<b>Oral - Hall C</b> 2.5 Norms and empowerment	<b>Oral - Room 10</b> 2.6 Understanding female farmers' preferences and technology adoption
18:00-22:00	Cocktail Event					

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08:30-09:00	Welcoming					
09:00-10:30	Plenary Session 2 - <b>The International year of the woman farmer. Setting the stage for 2026 through policy, investment, and innovation</b>					
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee and Tea Break</i>					
11:00-12:30	Parallel Session 3					
	<b>CapDev - Hall A</b> 3.1 The impacts of the climate wise women in Iraq	<b>Oral - Room 8</b> 3.2 Norms and intrahousehold dynamics	<b>Full Scientific - Hall B</b> 3.3 Women's access to resources and technology: A key to agricultural food system transformation	<b>Oral - Room 9</b> 3.4 Leadership, agency, and collective action	<b>Oral - Room 10</b> 3.5 Adoption of improved seed varieties	<b>Panel - Hall C</b> 3.6 Women's agency, climate action, and resilience: Advancing measurement of the relationships
12:30-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>					
13:30-15:00	Parallel Session 4					
	<b>Panel - Room 8</b> 4.1 Scaling inclusion: Practices, perspectives, and pathways to gender-equitable impact	<b>Oral - Hall A</b> 4.2 Measuring empowerment, gender-inclusive climate action, and the role of care work	<b>Oral - Room 9</b> 4.3 Gender transformation in agri-food systems	<b>Panel - Hall C</b> 4.4 From projects to politics: Building feminist solidarities for equality in agri-food systems	<b>Oral - Room 10</b> 4.5 Gender, land, and climate justice	<b>CapDev - Hall B</b> 4.6 Shifting power, measuring change: Using RBET to operationalize local-led research and development
15:00-15:30	<i>Coffee and Tea Break</i>					
15:30-17:00	Parallel Session 5					
	<b>Poster - Hall B</b> 5.1 Transforming gender and social norms for access and resilience	<b>Poster - Room 8</b> 5.2 Scalable solutions for women's empowerment in agri-food systems	<b>Poster - Room 9</b> 5.3 Innovations for resilience and livelihoods in food-land-water systems	<b>Poster - Hall C</b> 5.4 Inclusive leadership and youth empowerment in agri-food systems	<b>Oral - Room 10</b> 5.5 Norms, climate change and resilience	<b>CapDev - Hall A</b> 5.6 Ethical and reflexive gender research in FLWS: Addressing gender-transformative action, GBV, and AI
18:30	<i>Gala Dinner</i>					

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## Day 3 - Thursday 9 October 2025

08:30-09:00	Welcoming					
09:00-10:30	Plenary Session 3 - <b>Generating and measuring impact on gender equality and social inclusion in agri-food systems</b>					
10:30-11:00	 <i>Coffee and Tea Break</i>					
11:00-12:30	Parallel Session 6					
	<b>CapDev - Hall B</b> 6.1 Making empowerment count: The women's empowerment metric for national statistical systems (WEMNS)	<b>Oral - Hall C</b> 6.2 Youth inclusion in agri-food systems	<b>Oral - Room 9</b> 6.3 Gender in policy, governance and knowledge systems	<b>Full Scientific - Room 8</b> 6.4 Intersectional perspectives on gendered realities in fragile and conflict-affected contexts	<b>Panel - Hall A</b> 6.5 When men care: Transforming gender norms for inclusive, resilient rural communities	
12:30-13:30	 <i>Lunch</i>					
13:30-15:00	Parallel Session 7					
	<b>Panel - Hall B</b> 7.1 Strengthening evidence-informed decision-making on what works for women's empowerment in food systems for impactful policies and practices	<b>Oral - Room 10</b> 7.2 Equity in access to land and agricultural services	<b>Panel - Room 9</b> 7.3 SPARC insights for shifting social norms to enhance resource access and resilience in drylands.	<b>Oral - Room 8</b> 7.4 Agricultural participation, technology adoption, and women's empowerment	<b>Oral - Hall A</b> 7.5 Gender norms and gender transformative approaches	<b>Panel - Hall C</b> 7.6 Are we meeting the equitable food systems leadership challenge in Africa?
15:00-15:30	 <i>Coffee and Tea Break</i>					
15:30-17:00	Plenary Session 4 (Closing Plenary)					

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### 10:00-12:00

PLENARY SESSION 1

## Accelerating Equality in Food, Land, and Water Systems

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*PLENARY SPEAKERS:*

**H.E. Ambassador J Nosipho Nausca-Jean Jezile**,  
*CFS Chair, Ambassador of the Republic of South Africa  
to the United Nations Agencies in Rome*

**Ashanti Kunene**, *Poetic Provocateur and Strategic  
Narrative Consultant*

**Devroll Legodi**, *Award-Winning Farmer from  
Bronkhorstspuit, South Africa*

**Dhesigen Naidoo**, *CGIAR Integrated Partnership Board Member*

**Medrine Muloza Banda**, *Principal Secretary for Technical  
Services, Ministry of Agriculture in Malawi*

**Mikateko Joyce Maluleke**, *Director General, Department of  
Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities*

**Mohale Sebopetsa**, *HoD for Agriculture in the Western Cape  
Government*

**Mwaka Namukonda**, *Executive Coordinator – The Consortium  
of African Youth on Agriculture and Climate Change (CAYACC)*

**Nancy Laibuni**, *Advisor, Executive office of the President, Kenya*

**Nicoline de Haan**, *Director, CGIAR Gender Equality  
and Inclusion*

**Raymond Freyer**, *Agripreneur, Namibia*

**Surita Sandosham**, *President and CEO, Heifer International*

### 13:30-15:00

1.1 CO-CREATING GENDER TRANSFORMATIVE  
APPROACHES TO ENHANCE WOMEN'S LAND AND  
RESOURCE RIGHTS

*ORGANIZER/CHAIR: Marlene Elias (Alliance Bioversity-CIAT)*  
*SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS: Anne Larson (CIFOR-ICRAF),  
Miranda Morgan (Alliance Bioversity-CIAT), Ana Maria Paez  
Valencia (Alliance Bioversity-CIAT), Marlene Elias (Alliance  
Bioversity-CIAT)*

1.2 REVIEWING POLICIES IN MALAWI FOR  
IMPROVED GENDER SENSITIVITY FOR  
SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

*ORGANIZER/CHAIR: Tendai Museka Saidi, African Women in  
Agriculture Research and Development (AWARD)*

*SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS:*

**Advancing gender-responsive climate-smart agriculture  
in Machinga district, Malawi: Policy opportunities**

*Grace Chilongo (AWARD)*

**Bridging policy and practice: gender responsive climate  
change adaptation in Malawi's fisheries sector**

*Carolyn Chinguo Munthali, Ministry of Natural Resources  
and Climate Change, Department of Fisheries (AWARD)*

**Improved gender sensitivity for sustainable agriculture  
in Malawi**

*Tendai Museka-Saidi (AWARD)*

1.3 PANEL-IN-THE ROUND: INTERSECTIONAL  
INCLUSION IN AGROECOLOGICAL LANDSCAPE  
RESTORATION

*ORGANIZER/CHAIR: Emily J Gallagher (CIFOR-ICRAF)*

*SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS: Emily Gallagher (CIFOR-ICRAF),  
Stepha McMullin (CIFOR-ICRAF), Jessica Kampanje-Phiri  
(Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources,  
Katrine Gro Friborg (CIFOR-ICRAF), Fabio Pedercini (University  
of Copenhagen, CIFOR-ICRAF, Rwanda)*

1.4 GENDERED DECISION-MAKING AND INTRA-  
HOUSEHOLD DYNAMICS

*ORGANIZER/CHAIR: Dorsaf Oueslati (FAO)*

*SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS:*

**Does gender of respondent matter in surveys for livestock  
data? Experimental evidence from Ethiopia**

*Zelalem G. Terfa (ILRI)*

**Understanding intra-household decision-making processes in  
District Okara, Punjab, Pakistan**

*Kanwal Waqar (IWMI)*

**Mind the household to mind the gap: Gender and household  
structure in cocoa production in Peru**

*Simone Santalucia (Georg-August University of Göttingen)*

**Gender dynamics in intra-household decision-making and its  
effects on livestock outcomes in Ethiopia**

*Simon Wagura Ndiritu (Strathmore Agri-Food Innovation  
Center, Strathmore University)*

**Intrahousehold gender relations and sustainable farming:  
Survey evidence from 4 African countries**

*Ning Ma (IFPRI)*



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### 1.5 THE STATUS OF YOUTH IN AGRIFOOD SYSTEMS

**ORGANIZER/CHAIR:** Vanya Slavchevska (FAO)

**SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS:** Lauren Phillips (FAO), Marwan Benali (FAO), Els Lecoutere (CGIAR GENDER Accelerator), Matlhatsi Seloane (Department of Agriculture-South Africa), Maureen Miruka (CIMMYT), Jessica Heckert (IFPRI)

### 1.6 GENDER INCLUSION IN TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION

**ORGANIZER/CHAIR:** Rahma Adam (WorldFish)

**SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS:**

**Beyond the pump: Assessing the equity implications of solar irrigation policies in Nepal**

*Darshan Karki (IWM)*

**Irrigation as a service: Assessing potential for gender equity**

*Elizabeth Bryan (IFPRI)*

**Shifting spousal decision-making patterns:**

**Whom you target in an agricultural intervention matters**

*Tigist Assefa Ketema (World Bank)*

**Collective agency: Group dynamics and the benefits derived from being in a group in Kenya**

*Rahma Adam (WorldFish)*

## 15:30-17:00

### 2.1 STRENGTHENING AFRICAN FOOD SYSTEMS FOR YOUTH: FOSTERING GENDER-INCLUSIVE WORK OPPORTUNITIES IN AVCS

**ORGANIZER/CHAIR:** Emily Myers (IFPRI)

**SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS:**

**Perceptions of gender norms in agri-food systems among youth and non-youth in Nigeria and Tanzania**

*Jessica Heckert (IFPRI)*

**How gender norms affect participation in agri-food systems for young women and young men in northern Nigeria**

*Hauwa Kabir, Independent Consultant*

**Exploring gendered solutions to promote financial inclusion in agricultural value chains**

*Chibuzo Nwagboso (IFPRI-Nigeria)*

**Understandings of and barriers to dignified and fulfilling work among rural young women and young men in Nigeria**

*Olufemi Popoola (IFPRI)*

**How gender roles and gender norms shape Rwandan youth's engagement in agricultural value chains**

*Emerence Mukangabo (IFPRI-Rwanda)*

**Growing pains: Comparing facets of youth work aspirations by gender in northern Nigeria**

*Emily Myers (IFPRI)*

### 2.2 CULTIVATING WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP FOR RESILIENT AGRIFOOD SYSTEMS

**ORGANIZER/CHAIR:** Miranda Morgan (Alliance Bioversity-CIAT)

**SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS:** Clara Park (FAO), Susan Kaaria (AWARD), Apurwa Sailja (Foundation for Ecological Security, India), Miranda Morgan (Alliance Bioversity-CIAT), Ambassador Nosipho Jezile (World Food Security)

### 2.3 INCLUSIVE RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

**ORGANIZER/CHAIR:** Joyce Afua Sarpong Haleegoah (Crop Research Institute (CSIR-CRI))

**SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS:**

**Information as a source of empowerment:**

**The role of climate information services**

*Carly Trachtman (IFPRI)*

**Gender responsiveness technologies towards resilience in climate smart agriculture production**

*Mrs. Joyce Afua Sarpong Haleegoah (CSIR-CRI)*

**Designing gender-responsive climate information services: Insights from evidence**

*Aayushi Malhotra (IRRI)*

**A landscape approach to resilience for ecological sustainability and social justice**

*Anne Rietveld (Alliance Bioversity-CIAT)*

**Bundling climate smart innovations to build women's climate resilience and empower them**

*Faustina Obeng Adomaa, Consultant*

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### 2.4 AQUACULTURE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: FOSTERING FOOD SECURITY AND WOMEN'S AGENCY

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*ORGANIZER/CHAIR: Rohan Shah (International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie))*

*SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS: Prof. Vegard Iversen (University of Greenwich), Richard Caldwell (Gates Foundation) (TBC), Rahma Adam (WorldFish)*

### 2.5 NORMS AND EMPOWERMENT

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*ORGANIZER/CHAIR: Nelly Njiru (ILRI)*

*SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS:*

**Ubuntu and women's empowerment in smallholder livestock farming communities in Burundi**

*Esther Leah Achandi (ILRI)*

**Women's self-trajectory and meanings of empowerment in rural Bangladesh**

*Afrina Choudhury (Wageningen University)*

**Beyond the herd: Intersectional lens on gendered care, norms and empowerment in livestock sectors**

*Nelly Mukami Njiru (ILRI)*

**Empowering women in food security: A behavioral science approach in northeast Syria**

*Vaidehi Uberoi (International Rescue Committee)*

### 2.6 UNDERSTANDING FEMALE FARMERS' PREFERENCES AND TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION

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*ORGANIZER/CHAIR: Francoise Umarishavu (University of Göttingen)*

*SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS:*

**An integrated evaluation of varieties within the different social spaces along the food value chain**

*Béla Teeken (IITA)*

**Gender dynamics, adoption behavior, nature-based solutions, sustainability, cross-country**

*Kristin Davis (IFPRI)*

**Gender inequality in adoption of improved technology: Evidence from biofortified cassava in Nigeria**

*Temitayo Adeyemo (Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Ibadan, Nigeria)*

**Empowering women through cassava triadic comparison of technologies (Tricot) trials: Enhancing participation and benefits**

*Ugomma Tessy Madu (National Root Crops Research Institute Umudike)*



## Day 2 - Wednesday 8 October 2025

### 9:00-10:30

PLENARY SESSION 2

## The International Year of the Woman Farmer:

Setting the stage for 2026 through policy,  
investment, and innovation

#### PLENARY SPEAKERS:

**Ishmael Sunga**, CEO of the Southern African Confederation  
of Agricultural Unions (SACAU)

**Lauren M. Phillips**, Deputy Director, Rural Transformation  
and Gender Equality Division of the UN's Food and Agriculture  
Organization (FAO)

**Mfundo Nomvungu**, Commissioner, Commission for Gender  
Equality

**Mmatlou Mabitsela**, Proprietor, Bomunu Farms

**Patricia van de Velde**, Gender Focal Point for the Food  
and Agriculture Practice, World Bank

**Phil Bowes**, Inclusive Strategies Manager, South Africa Wine

### 11:00-12:30

## 3.1 THE IMPACTS OF THE CLIMATE WISE WOMEN IN IRAQ

**ORGANIZER/CHAIR:** Omnia Rizk (FAO)

**SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS:** Omnia Rizk (FAO), Rama Alzher  
(FAO Iraq), Salah Elhadj Hassan (FAO Iraq), Omnia Rizk (FAO  
Iraq), Brooj Mohamed (Ministry of Agriculture-Iraq)

## 3.2 NORMS AND INTRAHOUSEHOLD DYNAMICS

**ORGANIZER/CHAIR:** Lucy Apiyo Abundo (Antwerp University)

**SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS:**

**Edutainment, gender, and intra-household decision-making  
in agriculture: A field experiment in Kenya**

**Stellamaris I. Aju** (Wageningen University & Research)

**Gender attitudes in agriculture and positivity bias:  
A survey experiment in 4 African countries**

**Catherine Ragasa** (IFPRI)

**Cultivating collaboration through joint participation**

**Aletheia Donald** (World Bank)

**Implication of food environment on food and nutrition  
security in urban Kenya**

**Lucy Apiyo Adundo** (Antwerp University, Belgium)

## 3.3 WOMEN'S ACCESS TO RESOURCES AND TECHNOLOGY: A KEY TO AGRICULTURAL FOOD SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION

**ORGANIZER/CHAIR:** Esther Afor Ibrahim (AGRA)

**SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS:**

**Enhancing resilience and up-scaling of gender inclusive rural  
economy for increased productivity, livelihoods and food  
security in northern Nigeria.**

**Esther Afor Ibrahim** (AGRA)

**Agricultural change, dietary transitions, and women's agency:  
A comparative gender analysis from Malawi, Tanzania, and  
Zambia**

**Mapenzie Tauzie** (University of Leeds)

**From margins to movers: Strengthening young women's  
leadership in food systems policy processes in East and  
Southern Africa**

**Rachel Mkandawire** (FANRPAN)

**Improving women farmers reach through the CBA approach  
in Burkina Faso and Nigeria**

**Rufaro Madakadze** (AGRA)

## 3.4 LEADERSHIP, AGENCY, AND COLLECTIVE ACTION

**ORGANIZER/CHAIR:** Karen Nortje (IWM)

**SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS:**

**Strengthening women leadership voice and agency in food,  
land and water systems**

**Apurwa Sailja Kachhap** (Foundation for Ecological Security)

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### The role of cooperatives in strengthening the leadership and voice of women – Evidence from Zambia

*Carolyn Rosenberg (Institute for Development and Peace (INEF))*

### Seeds of change: Cultivating feminist leadership in the cooperatives of the MENA region

*Dorsaf Oueslati (ICARDA)*

### Strengthening women's voice and agency: Experimental evidence from Nigeria

*Katrina Kosec (IFPRI)*

## 3.5 ADOPTION OF IMPROVED SEED VARIETIES

*ORGANIZER/CHAIR: Mercy Mwambi (World Vegetable Center)*

*SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS:*

### Impact of vegetable seed and training provided to women affected by drought in Ethiopia

*Mercy Mwambi (World Vegetable Center)*

### Gender and decision dynamics in cassava/sweetpotato value chains to enhance breeding strategy impacts

*Olamide Deborah Nwanze (IITA)*

### Innovating fodder, navigating gender: Adoption of hydroponics fodder technology in Eastern Rwanda

*Patrick Mugiraneza (Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences)*

## 3.6 WOMEN'S AGENCY, CLIMATE ACTION, AND RESILIENCE: ADVANCING MEASUREMENT OF THE RELATIONSHIPS

*ORGANIZER/CHAIR: Elizabeth Basauri Bryan (IFPRI)*

*SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS: Jessica Heckert (IFPRI), Elizabeth Bryan (IFPRI), Hom Gartaula (IRRI), Aslihan Kes (Independent Consultant), Anne Rietveld (Alliance Bioversity - CIAT)*

# 13:30-15:00

## 4.1 SCALING INCLUSION: PRACTICES, PERSPECTIVES, AND PATHWAYS TO GENDER-EQUITABLE IMPACT

*ORGANIZER/CHAIR: Karen Nortje/Marcel Gatto (IWM/CIP)*

*SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS: Inga Jacobs-Mata (IWM), Nana Amoah (AGRA), Aletheia Donald (Africa Gender Innovation Lab-World Bank), Ashia Petersen (Sustainable Resource Use and Management, Western Cape Department Agriculture)*

## 4.2 MEASURING EMPOWERMENT, GENDER-INCLUSIVE CLIMATE ACTION, AND THE ROLE OF CARE WORK

*ORGANIZER/CHAIR: Ruth Smith (University of Leeds)*

*SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS:*

### Leveraging AI for inclusive climate information services in Kenya

*Amanda Grossi (Alliance Bioversity-CIAT)*

### Rural care work, agriculture and rural development in contexts of armed conflict.

*Laura Castillo Ardila, Independent consultant*

### Challenging gender norms through certification: Evidence from Rwanda's coffee sector

*Francoise Umarishavu (University of Göttingen)*

### A synthesis of changes in women's empowerment in two portfolios of agricultural development projects

*Nathaniel Ferguson (IFPRI)*

### Lessons on methodologies to assess women's empowerment from two agricultural project portfolios

*Nelly Mukami Njiru (ILRI)*

## 4.3 GENDER TRANSFORMATION IN AGRI-FOOD SYSTEMS

*ORGANIZER/CHAIR: Munyaradzi Junia Mutenje (IWM)*

*SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS:*

### Exploring the use of geospatial methods for gender empowerment in agri-food systems research

*Arielle Rosenthal (Shared Planet)*

### What large language models get right—and wrong—on gender equality in agri-food systems?

*Niyati Singaraju (IRRI)*

### Bridging gender gaps in agri-food systems through inclusive technology bundles in Zambia

*Munyaradzi Junia Mutenje (IWM)*

### Bridging research gaps: Identifying evidence needs for gender responsive food land and water systems

*Aayushi Malhotra (IRRI)*

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### 4.4 FROM PROJECTS TO POLITICS: BUILDING FEMINIST SOLIDARITIES FOR EQUALITY IN AGRI-FOOD SYSTEMS

*ORGANIZER/CHAIR: Seema Kulkarni (Society for Promoting Participative Eco-System Management (SOPPECOM))*  
*SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS: Seema Kulkarni (Society for Promoting Participative Ecosystem Management-SOPPECOM), Tavengwa Chitata (IHE Delft - Institute for Water Education), Ain Contractor (IHE Delft - Institute for Water Education), Patience Chadambuka (Midlands State University), Violet Matiru (Millennium Community Development Initiative (MCDI))*

### 4.5 GENDER, LAND, AND CLIMATE JUSTICE

*ORGANIZER/CHAIR: Ana Maria Paez-Valencia (Alliance Bioversity-CIAT)*  
*SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS:*  
**Enhancing gender and equity in land system transformation under climate change: Insights from Ghana**  
*Tina Beuchelt (Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn)*  
**Reframing non-economic loss and damage: Feminist-decolonial perspectives on climate injustice**  
*Huda Alsahi (FAO)*  
**Advancing gender-responsive climate-smart agriculture in Machinga, Malawi: Policy insights**  
*Grace Chilongo (ShareWORLD Open University)*

### 4.6 SHIFTING POWER, MEASURING CHANGE: USING RBET TO OPERATIONALIZE LOCAL-LED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

*ORGANIZER/CHAIR: Erin McGuire (Responsible Innovations)*  
*SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS: Erin McGuire (Responsible Innovations), Hazel Malapit (IFPRI), Ojongetakah Enokenwa Baa (IWMI), Silvia Lanzarini (UN Women)*

## 13:15:30-17:00

### 5.1 TRANSFORMING GENDER AND SOCIAL NORMS FOR ACCESS AND RESILIENCE

*ORGANIZER/CHAIR: Stellamaris Aju (Wageningen University)*  
*SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS:*  
**Whose knowledge counts? Gender, recognition, and the devaluation of women's agricultural expertise**  
*Anika Tasnim Hossain (The University of Texas at Austin)*  
**Improving access to credit facilities for smallholder women farmers in Nigeria: A case for policy**  
*Vera Onyeaka-Onyilo (IFAD-Value Chain Development Programme, Nigeria)*  
**From policy to practice: Improved gender sensitivity for sustainable agriculture in Malawi**  
*Tendai Museka Saidi (AWARD)*  
**Advancing gender equity justice through care-inclusive farmer field and business schools**  
*Ravina Pattni (Laterite)*

### Enhancing rural women farmers' access to climate-smart technologies in Zambia

*Nelia Nkhoma Phiri (Ministry of Agriculture, Zambia)*

### Demonstrations and gender-inclusive climate-smart agriculture: Insights on farmers' day South Africa

*Nokuthula Hlanga (Agricultural Research Council, South Africa)*

### Enhancing gender inclusive one-stop service centres policy guidelines in Ethiopia

*Soyome Alemayehu Merdassa (SNV)*

### Gender data gaps of Uganda's forestry policy framework: A call for action

*Nansereko Susan (National Agricultural Research Organisation - Uganda)*

### 5.2 SCALABLE SOLUTIONS FOR WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT IN AGRI-FOOD SYSTEMS

*ORGANIZER/CHAIR: Carly Trachtman (IFPRI)*

*SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS:*

### Promoting gender-inclusive agricultural skills development through extension education

*Patience Manku Nkoana (University of Limpopo)*

### Improving opportunities for women inclusion in smallholder olive value chains in Morocco

*Tangi Aziza (Mohammed VI Polytechnic University (UM6P) & African Plant Nutrition Institute)*

### Designing gender-responsive climate information services for inclusive agricultural decision-making

*G Kishore Kumar (ICRISAT)*

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**Building social capital for gender equality in Nepal's agri-food systems**

*Prabin Gurung (Heifer International)*

**Innovative, gender-inclusive fish preservation to boost resilience in coastal Madagascar**

*Randrianarivelo Julia Hanitriniaina (Ministry of fisheries and blue economy)*

**Cost of women not having climate smart agriculture on agri-food systems**

*Naoko Koyama (Dalberg)*

**Transforming livestock vaccine delivery to empower women farmers in upper East region Ghana**

*Nelly Mukami Njiru (ILRI)*

**Gender-responsive food retail model enhancing nutrition & agency of women RMG workers in Bangladesh**

*Sumaya Tabassum (WorldFish)*

### 5.3 INNOVATIONS FOR RESILIENCE AND LIVELIHOODS IN FOOD-LAND-WATER SYSTEMS

*ORGANIZER/CHAIR: Arielle Rosenthal (Shared Planet)*

*SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS:*

**Gender mainstreaming in agricultural programs: Case of green generation projects**

*Safa Amezyem (Mohamed VI Polytechnic University (UM6P))*

**Assessing the potential of integrated soil fertility management for different farmer archetypes**

*Dorcas Alame Sanginga (University of Bonn)*

**Women land ownership: A gender-transformative approach - A case of Zambia**

*Chileshe Bwalya (International Development Enterprise (iDE))*

**Gender-responsive strategies for resilience in soil health: Insights from five country analyses**

*Katie Tavenner (GIZ)*

**Advancing food security and nutrition through gender-responsive postharvest solutions**

*Tinsaie Birhanu Yitayew (FH Ethiopia)*

**Effects of school feeding on smallholder farmers' production & income: Rwanda's food system change**

*Alice Nayabo (Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, SLU)*

**Personalising digital agricultural services: Pathways to inclusive uptake and impact**

*Carlos Sakyi-Nyarko (Loughborough University)*

### 5.4 INCLUSIVE LEADERSHIP AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT IN AGRI-FOOD SYSTEMS

*ORGANIZER/CHAIR: Nathaniel Ferguson (IFPRI)*

*SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS:*

**Using GALS methodology to enhance decision-making for conservation agriculture adoption in Malawi**

*Ojongetakah Enokenwa Baa (IWMI)*

**Strengthening climate resilience through indigenous knowledge and gender inclusion**

*Angela Adhiambo Opondoh (University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg)*

**Leveraging the power of virtual field trips to enhance youth participation in agri-food systems.**

*Seipati Mokhema (IWMI)*

**Equitable land access for women in post-war region in Tigray, Ethiopia**

*Rahwa Abrha Gebremedhin (Adigrat University)*

**Bridging gaps in groundwater: A woman leader led Multistakeholder Platform experience from Nepal**

*Manohara Khadka (IWMI)*

**Addressing gender inclusivity in Nigeria's national agricultural seed policy and guidelines**

*Olamide Deborah Nwanze (IITA)*

**Leadership dynamics and gender representation in vegetatively propagated crops seed systems**

*Alabi Adeola Israel (IITA)*

**Youth and women participation in backyard farming: a case of Dzwerani village**

*Ramaleba Ndamulelo (University of Limpopo)*

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### 5.5 NORMS, CLIMATE CHANGE AND RESILIENCE

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*ORGANIZER/CHAIR: Hom Gartaula (IRRI)*

*SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS:*

**Gender, climate, and time use: Intra-household dynamics  
among Ethiopian smallholders**

*Paula Gonzalez (Northwestern University)*

**Understanding the climate care nexus in rural Sri Lanka  
to increase women's adaptive capacity**

*Thilini de Alwis, Independent Researcher*

**Women's resilience capacity and dietary diversity of small  
livestock farmers in West Bengal, India**

*Hom Gartaula (IRRI)*

### 5.6 ETHICAL AND REFLEXIVE GENDER RESEARCH IN FLWS: ADDRESSING GENDER-TRANSFORMATIVE ACTION, GBV, AND AI

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*ORGANIZER/CHAIR: Ara Go (IFPRI)*

*SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS: Ara Go (IFPRI), Miranda Morgan  
(Alliance Bioversity-CIAT), Marlene Elias (Alliance Bioversity-  
CIAT), Anne Rietveld (Alliance Bioversity-CIAT), Eliot Jones-  
Garcia (IFPRI)*



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### 09:00-10:30

PLENARY SESSION 3

## Generating and measuring impact on gender equality and social inclusion in agri-food systems

PLENARY SPEAKERS:

**Inga Jacobs**, Senior Program Director, Water, Growth and Inclusion, IWMI

**Lynn Scheider**, Senior Program Officer for Women's Empowerment in Agricultural Development Gates, Foundation

**Malik Abaddi**, Evaluation Senior Lead-OCP Nutricrops; Policy Manager & Delivery Lead, UM6P-J-PAL Agricultural Lab for Africa

**Michael O'Sullivan**, Lead Economist and Head of the World Bank's Africa Gender Innovation Lab, World Bank

**Yonas Alem**, Research Professor at the School of Economics, University of Cape Town

MODERATOR:

**Diana Lopez-Avila**, Senior Scientist, CGIAR Gender Equality and Inclusion

### 11:00-12:30

## 6.1 MAKING EMPOWERMENT COUNT: THE WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT METRIC FOR NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEMS (WEMNS)

ORGANIZER/CHAIR: *Emily Myers (IFPRI)*

SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS: *Hazel Malapit (IFPRI), Emily Myers (IFPRI), Ara Go (IFPRI), Nathaniel Ferguson (IFPRI), Jessica Heckert (IFPRI)*

## 6.2 YOUTH INCLUSION IN AGRI-FOOD SYSTEMS

ORGANIZER/CHAIR: *Peter Asare-Nuamah (University of Bonn)*

SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS:

**Gender, land tenure and climate change adaptation in rural Ghana**

*Peter Asare-Nuamah (Center for Development Research, University of Bonn)*

**A review of research methods and tools for youth inclusion in food, land, and water systems**

*Kristin Davis (IFPRI)*

**Youth in relation to agroecology: Practices, promises and perceptions in five countries**

*Anne Rietveld (Alliance Bioversity-CIAT)*

**Youth-led delivery of specialized agricultural services: Evidence from spray providers in Nigeria**

*Mesay Yami Gurmu (IITA, Nigeria)*

**Exploring youth perceptions and aspirations in aquatic food systems in coastal Kenya**

*Sara Bonilla (World Fish)*

## 6.3 GENDER IN POLICY, GOVERNANCE AND KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS

ORGANIZER/CHAIR: *Huda Alsahi (FAO)*

SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS:

**Gender responsiveness in Kenya's agricultural and plant protection policies: Gaps and opportunities**

*Beatrice Wambui Muriithi (ICIPE)*

**Making qualitative gender data FAIR: GENNOVATE use-case in open access for social norms research**

*Caroline Muchiri (ILRI)*

**Gender mainstreaming in water policies and governance in Nigeria**

*Sarah Appiah (IWMI)*

**Towards just and sustainable agri-food futures: Understanding gendered perspectives in Oaxaca and Puebla, Mexico**

*Kelzy Gutierrez-Jepsen (Sustainable Use of Natural Resources Department, Institute of Social Sciences in Agriculture, University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart, Germany)*

## 6.4 INTERSECTIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON GENDERED REALITIES IN FRAGILE AND CONFLICT- AFFECTED CONTEXTS

ORGANIZER/CHAIR: *Katrina Kosec (IFPRI)*

SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS:

**Practical guidance on measuring women's empowerment in fragile settings**

*Jeffrey R. Bloem (IFPRI)*



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**How can anticipatory action programming support women?**

*Katrina Kosec (IFPRI)*

**The effects of armed conflict on women's empowerment in Burkina Faso**

*Jessica Heckert (IFPRI)*

**Social assistance and adaptation to flooding in Bangladesh**

*Shalini Roy (IFPRI)*

### 6.5 WHEN MEN CARE: TRANSFORMING GENDER NORMS FOR INCLUSIVE, RESILIENT RURAL COMMUNITIES

*ORGANIZER/CHAIR: Jessica Cadesky (IDRC)*

*SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS: Josée Ntabahungu (CARE Burundi, Nelly Njiru (ILRI), Ravina Pattni (Laterite-Tanzania)*

## 13:30-15:00

### 7.1 STRENGTHENING EVIDENCE-INFORMED DECISION-MAKING ON WHAT WORKS FOR WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT IN FOOD SYSTEMS FOR IMPACTFUL POLICIES AND PRACTICES

*ORGANIZER/CHAIR: Estaban Quinones, (International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie))*

*SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS: Etienne Lwamba (3ie), Hazel Malapit (IFPRI), Aletheia Amalia Donald (Africa Gender Innovation Lab-World Bank), Songo Benya (African Climate and Development Initiative at University of Cape Town) (TBC)*

### 7.2 EQUITY IN ACCESS TO LAND AND AGRICULTURAL SERVICES

*ORGANIZER/CHAIR: Salohy Rafanomezantsoa (CIRAD)*

*SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS:*

**Land registration, input subsidies, and investment: Experimental evidence from Mozambique**

*Andrew Brudevold-Newman (World Bank)*

**Gendered land inequalities in Madagascar : a within-couple perspective**

*Salohy Rafanomezantsoa (CIRAD)*

**Invisible women spouses: the non-joint registration of joint plots in Madagascar**

*Kevin Raveloson Radovola (University of Antananarivo; CIRAD UMR TETIS)*

### 7.3 SPARC INSIGHTS FOR SHIFTING SOCIAL NORMS TO ENHANCE RESOURCE ACCESS AND RESILIENCE IN DRYLANDS

*ORGANIZER/CHAIR: Elizabeth Daley (SPARC)*

*SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS: Elizabeth Daley (SPARC), Renee Bullock (ILRI), Pacificah Okemwa (Department of Sociology, Gender and Development Studies, Kenyatta University, Kenya), Jamila Hassan (Fulbe Development and Cultural Organization (FUDECO), Nigeria), Johnson Egbemudia Dudu, ( Center for Population and Environmental Development (CPED), Nigeria), Micah Asambah ( Mercy Corps East Africa)*

### 7.4 AGRICULTURAL PARTICIPATION, TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION, AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

*ORGANIZER/CHAIR: Temitayo Adeyemo (Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Ibadan, Nigeria)*

*SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS:*

**Empowerment or entrapment? The limits of market-oriented interventions for women's empowerment**

*Ruth Smith (University of Leeds)*

**How can participation in the cocoa value chain advance women's empowerment in Nicaragua?**

*Ana Maria Paez Valencia (Alliance Bioversity-CIAT)*

**Mere participation or empowerment? Evidence from a randomized controlled trial on the gendered impact of a conservation agriculture extension program in rural Bihar, India**

*Brown Chitekwere (University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg)*

**Women empowerment through water users association in India: Pathways and policy**

*Indranil De (Institute of Rural Management Anand, Tribhuvan Sahkari University, India)*

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### 7.5 GENDER NORMS AND GENDER TRANSFORMATIVE APPROACHES

*ORGANIZER/CHAIR: Constance Awinpoka Akurugu  
(Simon Diedong Dombo University of Business and Integrated  
development Studies)*

*SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS:*

**Gender-transformative change for equality in food systems:  
a review of methods and strategies**

*Marlene Elias (Alliance Bioversity-CIAT)*

**Scaling out gender transformative approaches in agriculture  
research for development**

*Emily Hillenbrand (KIT)*

**Conservative, fragmented, liberal or all? On gender norm  
stability and change in rural Bangladesh**

*Vegard Iversen (Natural Resources Institute, University of  
Greenwich)*

**Understanding GBV in agriculture and its impact on women's  
agency in land management**

*Constance Awinpoka Akurugu (Simon Diedong Dombo  
University of Business and Integrated development Studies)*

**In defense of "small" data: Critical reflections on "doing"  
intersectional gender norms research**

*Emily Hillenbrand (KIT)*

### 7.6 ARE WE MEETING THE EQUITABLE FOOD SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE IN AFRICA?

*ORGANIZER/CHAIR:  
Dorine Odongo (AWARD)*

*SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS:*

*Elizabeth Nsimadala, President, East African Farmers  
Federation (EAFF)*

*Susan Kaaria, Director (AWARD)*

*Nana Yaa Boakyewaa Amoah, Director for Gender,  
Youth & Inclusiveness (AGRA)*

*Patricia van de Velde, Gender and Agriculture Specialist  
(World Bank)*

*Jessica Annor, Head of the Youth, Gender and Women's  
Empowerment unit (AUDA-NEPAD)*

*Edidah Ampaire, Senior Programme specialist (IDRC)*

*Jackline Makokha, Director, Gender Balance and Equality  
(Ministry of Gender, Culture, The Arts and Heritage, Kenya)*

*Clara Park, Senior Gender Officer and Team Leader (FAO)*

## 15:30-17:00

PLENARY SESSION 4

### Looking forward: Reflections and learnings for inspiring change (Closing Plenary)

*Rachael McDonnell, Deputy Director General, Research  
and Development, IWM*

*Nana Amoah, Director, Gender Equity, Youth and Inclusiveness,  
AGRA*

*Lisa Hilgers, Advisor for Gender Equality  
and Social Inclusion, GIZ*

*Jessica Annor, Senior Program Officer, Gender and Youth  
Empowerment, AU-NEPAD*

*Daryl Jacobs, Deputy Director General, Department wof  
Agriculture, Western Cape*

*Aslihan Kes, Independent Consultant*