



# First Annual Scientific Conference

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CGIAR Collaborative Platform for Gender Research

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# CGIAR Collaborative Platform for Gender Research



- Housed in the CGIAR Research Program on Policies, Institutions, and Markets (PIM), and serving **all 12 research programs** and **15 CGIAR Centers**
- Launched **January 2017** building on the foundation of the phase 1 “Gender Network”
- Focus on **gender research** relevant across CGIAR aqua/agricultural and natural resource management domains

## Mandate

- Increase **visibility** and **profile** of gender research *within* CGIAR and internationally
- Raise the **quality** of CGIAR gender research, e.g. through knowledge-sharing to promote joint approaches and methods, capacity development and fostering adherence to minimum standards for sex-disaggregated data collection and analysis
- Assess and progress on **cross-CGIAR gender research priorities** and identify **gaps**
- Foster and catalyze **strategic partnerships**

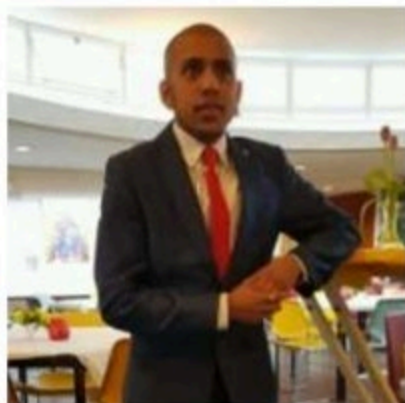
# KIT team 2017 -----> 2018



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## Advisory Committee



The Advisory Committee has five members; one senior gender specialist from a global integrative CGIAR Research Programs (CRPs), two senior gender scientists from agri-food systems CGIAR Research Programs, one specialist from outside CGIAR, and the Senior Research Fellow from the CGIAR Research Program on Policies, Institutions, and Markets (PIM) Program Management Unit. In June 2017, a nomination and voting process was undertaken for the three internal seats on the Advisory Committee. This was open to scientists working on gender from across CGIAR and the selections were endorsed by CGIAR Science Leaders.

Two agri-food system CGIAR Research program gender scientists – **Nicoline de Haan** and **Bimbika Basnet** – and one global Integrated CGIAR Research Program gender scientist – **Hazel Malapit** – fill the internal seats. **Eija Pehu** is the external representative and was selected by the PIM management Committee and **Frank Place** was appointed to represent the Program Management Unit of PIM. Members of the Advisory Committee will serve for a term of two years.

The Advisory Committee meets quarterly either virtually, or in person (once a year to coincide with the annual scientific conference). Its main functions are to:

### About Us

#### Advisory committee

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Contact information



### Bimbika Sijapati Basnet

Social Scientist and Gender Coordinator at the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)



### Hazel Malapit

Gender Research Coordinator for the CGIAR Research Program on Agriculture for Nutrition and Health (A4NH)



### Nicoline de Haan

Gender Research Coordinator for the CGIAR Research Program on Livestock

Senior researcher and leader for the gender team at the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)



### Frank Place

Senior Research Fellow at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and representative of the CGIAR Research and the CGIAR Research Program on Policies, Institutions, and Markets (PIM) Management Unit



### Eija Pehu, PhD

## Governance: Advisory Committee

### Main Functions

- **Advise** on strategic priorities and annual operational plan for the Platform
- **Respond to requests for guidance** on issues brought before the Committee
- Assist in **building partnerships and raising funds** for the Platform
- **Review and comment** on the **annual report of the Coordinator** and **stakeholder evaluations** to highlight successes and flag what could be done differently in the future

### Composition

Five persons, 2 year terms:

- One senior gender specialist from a **global integrative CRP**: Hazel Malapit
- Two senior gender scientists from **agri-food systems CRPs**: Bimbika Basnett and Noline de Haan
- One specialist from **outside** CGIAR: Eija Pehu
- Senior Research Fellow from the **PIM PMU**: Frank Place

## 2017 activities



- **Foundations** e.g. Advisory Committee, buy-in from all GRCs, Centers, research programs, Communities of Practice
- **Knowledge management/communication** (*more on this later today!*)
  - *Monthly webinars*
  - *Quarterly newsletters*
  - *Engendering data and methods blog*
- **Call-ins** CRP Gender Research Coordinators & Center gender representatives
- Call for cross-CGIAR gender research proposals: **5 Gender dynamics in seed systems research projects** co-funded
- **Resource mobilization** and **partnership development**
- **Outreach** to CGIAR gender communities of practice and thematic groups
- **Events:** First annual scientific conference and capacity development workshop

# Annual Scientific Conference and Capacity Development Workshop

OCTOBER 18, 2017 BY GENDERPLATFORM



The CGIAR Collaborative Platform for Gender Research will convene its first annual scientific conference and capacity development workshop December 5-8 2017 at KIT Royal Tropical Institute in Amsterdam. Here you can learn about the event, and find program updates.

## December 5-6 scientific conference



### Objectives

1. To engage CGIAR scientists in the development of a **cross-CGIAR framework for gender research** that reflects the system's priorities, strengths and gaps.
2. To **collectively reflect** on the contribution of CGIAR gender research on aqua/agriculture and natural resource management for the **broader field of gender and development**.
3. To promote **knowledge-sharing**, critical feedback and networking amongst researchers engaged in gender research working **towards higher quality outputs**.



## December 5-6 scientific conference

- +/- 90 participants CGIAR-wide, some donors and strategic partners
- +/- 45 gender research presentations and posters of current research
- CGIAR research program gender plans 2017-2022 (*posters*)
- Mapping CGIAR gender research (*with curators*)
- **Retrospective: CGIAR gender research in context.** Perspectives on how CGIAR has been engaging on gender since the 1980's
- **"Under the Gender Lens".** Reactions to CGIAR gender research from external gender specialists
- **Funding gender research:** Dutch BuZa, GIZ, European Commission, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- **Canal boat ride during Amsterdam's Festival of Lights**

## Capacity development workshop Dec 7-8



- **Communicating gender research:**
  - 1) to a scientific audience: overcoming resistance/hostility
  - 2) to a non-expert audience: effective abstracts, blogging
- **Gender Integration tools:** *Blue Legume* gender integration game etc.
- **Resource Mobilization for gender research**
- Work session with recipients of **gender dynamics in seed systems** grants
- Work session **Gender Research Integrated Training (GRIT)** post-docs
- **Communities of Practice knowledge sharing:** Field research on gender norms and agency (GENNOVATE); Gender and Breeding; Gender, nutrition and mixed methods; Gender and big data; Gender and climate-smart agriculture
- **Gender and Mixed Methods work session (open)** and Community of Practice closed meetings

## Needs assessment: what we address

1. CGIAR research program **gender strategies**
2. **Resource mobilization** for gender research
3. Building **gender research capacities**
4. Gender and development **trends** beyond CGIAR
5. **Conceptual frameworks** on women's empowerment
6. **Tools** (quantitative & qualitative) for effective gender research
7. **Gendered preferences** related to technologies and practices
8. **Collaborate** on gender via the Platform
9. **Gendered impacts** of technology adoption **on intra-household dynamics**
10. Ensure participation of **mid-career CGIAR gender scientists**

## Needs assessment: what we do **not** address



1. Gender in the **workplace**
2. Leadership skills and women's career advancement
3. **Monitoring** gender research and activities
4. Some very **sector-specific gender work** (e.g. gender and soils)
5. Training on **statistics and GIS packages**
6. Human rights frameworks
7. Advanced English for scientific writing

# Today



- 9h30 **Towards a framework for gender in aqua/agriculture and NRM** (*plenary*)
- 10h15 **CRP Gender research plans** (*poster session over extended break*)
- 11h **CGIAR Gender Research Round 1** (*parallel sessions*)
- 12h30 Lunch in the Marble Hall
- 13h30 **Gender Platform Communication and Knowledge management** (*plenary*)
- 14h **CGIAR Gender Research Round 2** (*parallel sessions*)
- 15h30 Break
- 16h **CGIAR Gender Communities of Practice** (*plenary*)
- **Gender and climate-smart agriculture:** Sophia Huyer
  - **Gender and water:** Floriane Clement
  - **Gender and nutrition:** Elena Martinez
  - **Gender and Breeding Initiative:** Vivian Polar
  - **Gender and Breeding post-docs:** Cynthia McDougall
  - **GENNOVATE:** Lone Badstue and Marlene Elias
  - **Gender and Big Data:** Medha Devare *via Skype*

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# Thank-you!



# Towards a framework for CGIAR gender and aqua/agriculture and NRM research

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## System-wide gender research questions

- How can gender be considered upstream in the research process to **inform priorities**?
- How **can local women and men's priorities** influence our research agenda?
- How is **empowerment** understood by **local women and men** in different contexts?
- How can those **local perspectives inform the way we monitor and measure empowerment**?
- In a context of rural transformation: **how are rural livelihoods—and values, aspirations, gender norms and relations—shifting**?
- How do those shifts influence the opportunities and constraints of different social groups?

### CGIAR-wide gender sub-DOs:

- **Gender-equitable control of productive assets and resources**
- **Technologies that reduce women's labour and energy expenditure developed and disseminated**
  - What factors (inputs, access to assets, norms, ...) influence women and men's adoption of technologies and innovations and how?
  - How can approaches related to development of technologies and innovations be gender transformative?
- **Improved capacity of women and young people to participate in decision-making**
- What are 'youth' (young women- and men-) specific issues?
- What role can women's collectives play in transforming gender relations?
- How does gender influence capacity to engage in value chains? How can norms that shape this capacity change?

## Cross-systems gender concepts in use



- **Empowerment**
  - Capabilities
  - Structural barriers
- **Equity**
  - Justice and fairness
  - Rights-based approaches
- **Equality**
  - Process vs outcome
- **Gender-transformative approaches**

## Cross-CGIAR gender knowledge/themes

- Agricultural technologies (w/related gender norms and values)
- Land
- Water
- Landscape
- Big data
- Breeding
- Value chains/Markets/Economic empowerment
- Social transformations (migration, etc.)

and

- Methods and tools related to the above topic
- Understanding of policy issues related to the above topics

# A case for critically and carefully aligning with Global Framework on Development



-Uniform understanding, normative foundation for addressing it

-Consolidation, 'the gender story', contribute to global vision

**-Strength:** Builds but expands beyond MDGs; Intrinsic (*rather than instrumental*) value; relational; structural, addressed by 'duty bearers' and not just by women

**-Criticism:** "Laundry list" versus does not go far enough; gulf between targets and indicators; measurement

**-Does it make sense?** Political advantage - current CGIAR indicators does not go far enough

**-How?** Draw on ongoing process e.g. indicators

-Guided by **targets** but not constrained by the **indicators**

-Be specific, inclusive, unintended consequences!

-Pro-active – entry points for greater engagement

**-Next steps** – map work streams against resources, geography

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