

# The challenges with inter-disciplinary collaboration in Value-chain research

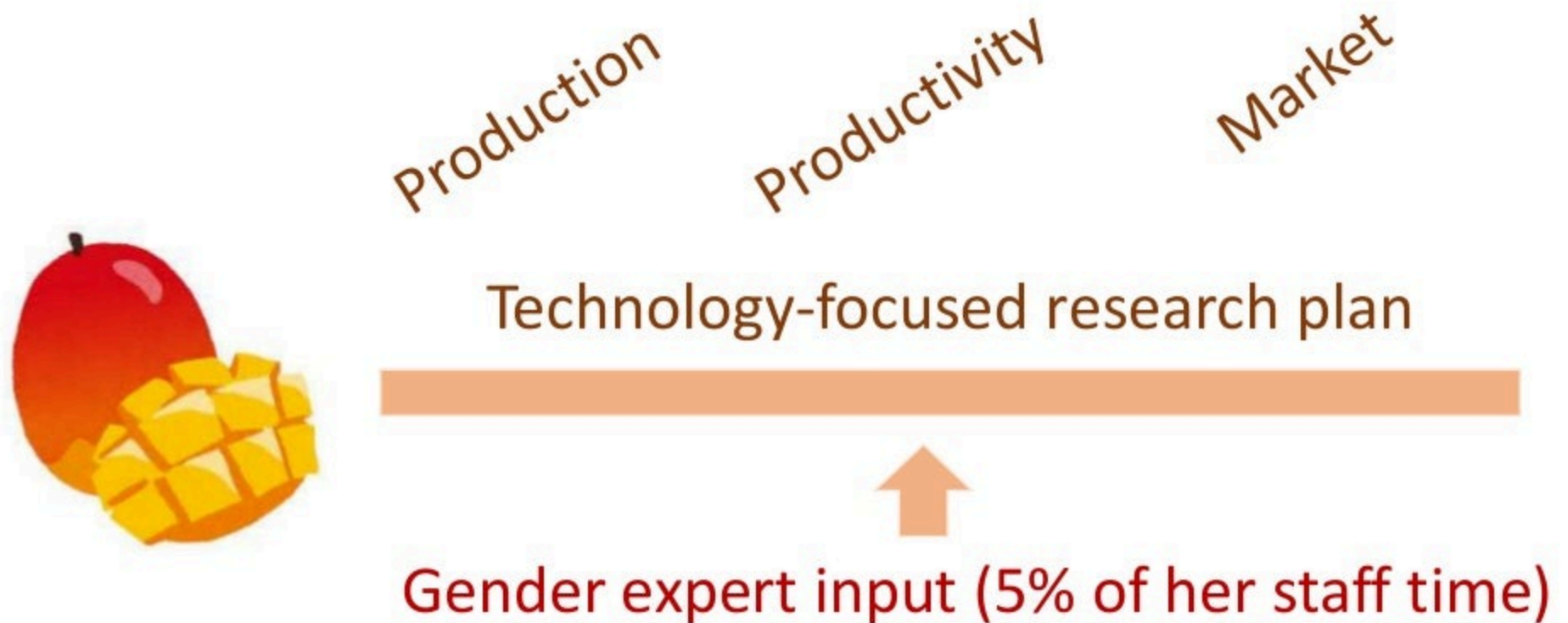
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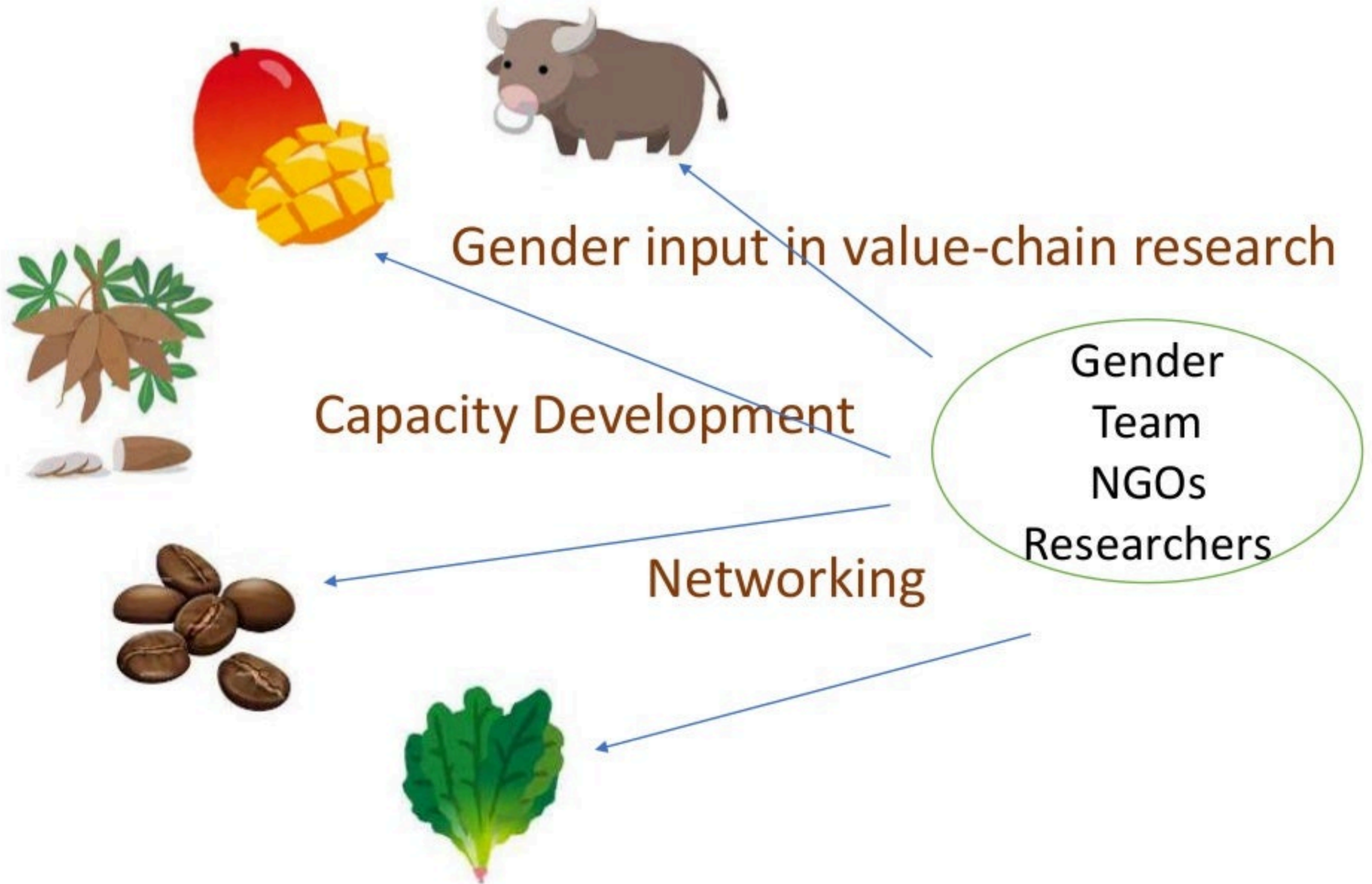
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## A conventional approach for gender in value chain



# Our innovative approach



# Introducing the project activities

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=9J68i4oYvEk>

## Impacts: Bottom up transformation

- Changing perceptions and challenging assumptions of local agricultural researchers
- Increased gender “champions”
- Making female farmers visible
- Identifying why gender matters in each value-chain



# Challenges



Nozomi, you are wrong.



Nozomi

Mr Gender Bias  
The project leader



Sorry, Nozomi.  
I cannot move.

Mr Roots,  
please come  
here.



Mr Tree Roots  
The project leader

**Biophysical science**

**Social science**

# Conclusion

- A great approach for bridging:
  - Biophysical scientists and social scientists
  - Project teams and farmers
  - Male farmers and female farmers
  - Researchers and NGO workers
- Local researchers understand why gender is important and how to integrate gender into their research questions
- Further institutional support needed for project leaders such as Mr. Gender Bias and Mr. Tree Roots.



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