



*Female youth in Mwamishali village, Meatu District, Tanzania. Photo courtesy of D. Ceplis.*

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## Opportunities and Upcoming Events

### 1. Top 20 finalists of the 3rd Africa-wide women and young professionals in science competitions

[http://knowledge.cta.int/en/content/view/full/17768?utm\\_source=K4DNewsletterEN&utm\\_medium=Link&utm\\_campaign=K4D\\_EN\\_March2013](http://knowledge.cta.int/en/content/view/full/17768?utm_source=K4DNewsletterEN&utm_medium=Link&utm_campaign=K4D_EN_March2013)

CTA and its partners, FARA, IFS, ANAFE, RUFORUM, NPCA, AGRA are pleased to announce the top 20 finalists of the 3rd Africa-wide women and young professionals science competitions 'Feeding 1 billion in Africa in a changing world' which was launched in 2012.

All semi-finalists will also be fully supported to attend the **6th Africa Science Week** and FARA General Assembly from **15-20 July 2013 in Accra, Ghana**. The Award ceremony to recognize the winners as well as all the semi-finalists for their contribution to science and development on the continent will be held during the FARA General Assembly.

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### 2. Conference: MCWESTT\* 2013!

\* **Manitoba Community for Women in Engineering, Science, Technology and Trades**

<http://www.mctestt.com>

We are inviting women and men to attend the **MCWESTT 2013** in the Fairmont Winnipeg (2 Lombard Place), **Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada on May 10, 2013**.

MCWESTT 2013 will:

- Highlight and share programs and research that improve the recruitment and retention of women in science, engineering, trades and technology,
- Celebrate achievements and success stories,

- Provide networking opportunities, and
- Offer professional and leadership development

The conference is organized by the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of the Province of Manitoba (APEGM)'s Committee for Increasing the Participation of Women in Engineering and the NSERC Chair for Women in Science and Engineering (Prairies).

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## This Month's News

### 1. New professorship in agricultural risk management and insurance

<http://www.teatronaturale.com/article/4194.html>

The governments of Canada and Manitoba have recognized the creation of a new Guy Carpenter Professorship in Agriculture Risk Management and Insurance in the Asper School of Business at the University of Manitoba.

"Just like the Asper Business School itself, the professorship is an important bridge between business and agriculture. The Asper Business School is very much looking forward to working with **Professor Lysa Porth** as the inaugural Guy Carpenter Professorship," said Michael Benarroch, Dean and CA Manitoba chair in business leadership. "Her background and expertise in agricultural risk management will be a great addition to our university and faculty."

The Professorship position will also include supervision of graduate students in the newly created Master of Actuarial Mathematics program in the Warren Centre of Actuarial Studies.

Dr. Porth was awarded her doctorate in 2011 from the University of Manitoba and the Warren Centre for Actuarial Studies and Research in the Asper School of Business. She holds an MBA with a thesis option in management science and a Bachelor of Commerce (Hons.) in financial and actuarial studies from the Asper School of Business. Since August 2011, she has been an assistant professor in the department of statistics and actuarial science at the University of Waterloo. Porth started her role in the professorship on February 1, 2013.

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### 3. Michelle Bachelet to Step Down As Head of UN Women

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=44406&Cr=bachelet&Cr1#.UUcHqI5Q3BY>

15 March 2013 – Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today said that Michelle Bachelet had informed him of her intention to step down as head of the United Nations entity mandated to promote gender equality.

The Secretary-General expressed his "tremendous gratitude for her outstanding service" as the Executive Director of UN Women, an entity created in 2010 to oversee the Organization's programmes aimed at promoting women's rights and full participation in global affairs.

"Michelle Bachelet was the right person in the right job at the right time," Mr. Ban said in a statement.

"Her visionary leadership gave UN Women the dynamic start it needed. Her fearlessness in advocating for women's rights raised the global profile of this key issue. Her drive and compassion enabled her to mobilize and make a difference for millions of people across the world."

Mr. Ban said Ms. Bachelet's achievements include new steps to protect women and girls from violence, new advances on health, and a new understanding that women's empowerment must be at the core of what the United Nations does.

"This is a stellar legacy, and I am determined to build on it," he noted.

Earlier in the evening, Ms. Bachelet had spoken to the closing session of the Commission on the Status of Women where more than 130 Member States agreed on a document to prevent and eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls.

International media reported her saying this would be her last Commission and that she planned to return to Chile, where she had served as president from 2006 to 2010.

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## 4. UN Goes Global to set Post 2015 Agenda

<http://www.ipsnews.net/2013/04/u-n-goes-global-to-set-post-2015-economic-agenda/>

**UNITED NATIONS, Apr 2 2013 (IPS)** - The United Nations apparently lacked the online resources of the fast-growing digital age when it created its highly-touted Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in 2001, with a targeted deadline of 2015.

But as it readies to formulate its post-2015 economic agenda, the world body says it is one step ahead this time around.

Olav Kjørven, assistant secretary-general and director of the Bureau for Development Policy at the U.N. Development Programme (UNDP), told IPS, "The United Nations has so far engaged more than 200,000 people from 189 countries through a mix of digital media, mobile phone applications, conferences, and paper ballot surveys."

The "global conversation", as the U.N. dubs it, is an initiative which was officially launched last month and will continue through the end of 2015.

Kjørven said U.N. teams based in the field are making sure that groups usually absent from participation in global processes – for example, women, indigenous communities, the youth, people with disabilities – are consulted on what they see as priorities for development of their communities.

The eight MDGs included specific targets on poverty alleviation, universal education, gender equality, child and maternal health, HIV/AIDS reduction, environmental stability and a global partnership for development.

The proposed Sustainable Development Goals SDGs, which could range anywhere between 10 to 20 or even more, are expected to include sustainable production and consumption, revitalised global governance, protection of the global environment and strengthening of goal-implementation.

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## 5. Getting Past Aid to Develop

<http://www.ipsnews.net/2013/04/getting-past-aid-to-develop/>

**PARIS, Apr 5 2013 (IPS)** - With the level of Western aid to the world's poorest countries declining amid the global financial crisis, economists are calling for "innovative" means of development that range from proper taxation of multinationals to laws that ensure gender equality.

“The game changers are inclusive growth, regional integration and gender equity – making sure women have property and inheritance rights,” said Prof. Mthuli Ncube, chief economist and vice-president of the African Development Bank in an interview with IPS.

Ncube was in Paris this week to attend the Global Forum on Development hosted by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). Much of the focus was on Africa, with former Nigerian president Olusegun Obasanjo being a keynote speaker.

“There must be fairer and more transparent relationships between investors and the African people. The whole issue of negotiating fairer royalty fees is crucial because we’ve seen commodity prices going up, but revenues for African governments are not increasing,” Ncube told IPS.

“Africa has huge natural resources, and the investors in these natural resources are mainly from outside. We have to examine how these investments can benefit the African people through job creation, protecting the environment, developing African entrepreneurs and using the revenues from resources to diversify African economies,” he said.

The Global Forum followed the release of the annual OECD report which showed that development aid fell by four percent in real terms in 2012, after a two percent decrease the previous year.

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## **6. Harper Government Increasing Participation of Women on Boards**

<http://www.newswire.ca/en/story/1141381/harper-government-increasing-participation-of-women-on-boards>

**TORONTO, April 5, 2013 /CNW/** - The Honourable Rona Ambrose, Minister of Public Works and Government Services and Minister for Status of Women, today introduced an advisory council to promote the participation of women on public and private corporate boards.

"Increasing opportunities for women to serve on corporate boards makes good business sense for Canadian women and for Canada's economy," said Minister Ambrose. "Businesses with more women on their boards are more profitable and routinely outperform those with fewer. The role of the advisory council will be to advise our government on how industry can increase women's representation on corporate boards."

While many women lead successful businesses and are active members of corporate boards, they remain under-represented. Through Canada's Economic Action Plan 2012, the Harper Government announced the creation of an advisory council of leaders from the private and public sectors to promote the participation of women on corporate boards. The Harper Government will work with the private sector to promote the participation of women on corporate boards and champion their leadership.

The role of the advisory council is to:

- Provide advice on how industry can increase women's representation on corporate boards.
- Suggest how industry and government can track and measure progress in this initiative and what tools, if any, government should employ to achieve this goal.
- Make recommendations on how the government could recognize leaders in industry and applaud companies that have succeeded in reaching their targets. The advisory council will come back with recommendations by the fall of 2013.

The new advisory council is comprised of women and men representing a wide range of experience within the corporate sector. All have distinguished themselves as inspired, forward-thinking leaders and decision-makers committed to the principles of equality, diversity and excellence in our country's boardrooms.

The Harper Government is committed to strengthening Canada's economy with initiatives that create jobs while supporting families and communities. The federal government's support through Status of Women Canada for community-based projects has nearly doubled since 2006-2007, from \$10.8 million to close to \$19 million, its highest level ever.

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## **7. Federal government unveils power panel to boost number of women on corporate boards**

<http://www.canada.com/Federal+government+unveils+star+studded+panel+boost+number+females+corporate+boards/8200445/story.html>

OTTAWA — The Conservatives are making good on a budget promise from last year to create an advisory council to promote and boost the participation of women on corporate boards, a move welcomed by the official Opposition as a “step in the right direction” by a government it says has regularly let women down.

Status of Women Minister Rona Ambrose announced the names of the first panel members in Toronto on Friday, a list that includes notable figures such as former auditor general and Bombardier director Sheila Fraser, Venture Communications CEO and Dragons’ Den judge Arlene Dickenson, former Ontario finance minister Janet Ecker, Canadian Federation of Independent Business chairwoman Catherine Swift and Sen. Linda Frum.

Of the 23 council members, 16 are women.

The council will report back with its recommendations in the fall of this year.

The board also includes a number of prominent men, including Rogers CEO Alan D. Horn, Suncor chairman John Ferguson, Council of Canadian CEOs president and former deputy prime minister John Manley and Open Text Corp. executive chairman Tom Jenkins.

Statistics suggest women hold 14.5 per cent of board seats at Financial Post 500 firms, while 40 per cent of them have no women. Meanwhile, women represent just two per cent of Canada’s top 100 CEOs, according to Financial Post Magazine’s 2011 “CEO Scorecard.”

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## **8. FCC honours five women who are leaders in agriculture**

[http://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/AboutUs/Media/rda\\_2013\\_ab\\_e.asp](http://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/AboutUs/Media/rda_2013_ab_e.asp)

Calgary, Alberta, March 27, 2013 – Farm Credit Canada (FCC) is pleased to announce the five recipients of the 2013 Rosemary Davis Award. The award recognizes five outstanding Canadian women for their leadership and commitment to the Canadian agriculture and agri-food industry.

The 2013 winners are:

**Colleen Younie** – farm management extension specialist, business advisor and community leader from Morell, Prince Edward Island

**Julia James** – dairy farmer, opportunistic networker and youth in agriculture leader from Harley, Ontario  
**Rhonda Driediger** – berry producer, marketing specialist and agriculture industry leader from Langley, British Columbia  
**Sylvie Cloutier** – geneticist, professor and scientific leader from Winnipeg, Manitoba  
**Pierrette Desrosiers** – work psychologist, speaker and coach from Saint-Herménégilde, Quebec

The winners from across Canada will attend the 2013 Simmons School of Management Leadership Conference in Boston, in April. The internationally renowned conference provides a forum where women can learn from others and be inspired to achieve personal and professional goals.

“These five women are a real inspiration to all women, especially those in our industry. Each moment they devote to working and volunteering is a contribution that advances the business of Canadian agriculture and agri-food,” said Kellie Garrett, FCC Senior Vice-President, Strategy, Knowledge and Reputation. “We applaud the passion of these leaders and are encouraged to see the future of our industry shine even brighter through their dedication.”

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## 9. April 2013 GenderCC newsletter

<http://www.gendercc.net/html-newsletter/gendercc-newsletter-april-2013.html#c1928>

This edition of the GenderCC newsletter has a special focus on new publications emerging on the topic of gender and climate change. We would also like to encourage you to contribute to the newsletter – please send your articles to [newsletter@gendercc.net](mailto:newsletter@gendercc.net).

### Content

#### News from GenderCC

- GenderCC Online Activities
- Handbook on Climate Change, Gender and Cities
- Making Climate Finance Work for Women in South Africa

#### Gender @ UNFCCC

- Opportunity to Integrate Gender Concerns in Loss & Damage Discussion
- Gender in the Green Climate Fund
- Momentum for Change Call for Applications

#### Activities of the Gender and Climate Change Community

- Center for Human Rights and Climate Change Research Workshop in Nigeria
- National Workshop for Grassroots Women in Kenya
- New Projects on Gender and Climate Change include the following:
  - 'Harnessing Climate Change Mitigation Initiatives to Benefit Women'  
This project is being implemented in Cambodia, Lao PDR and Vietnam over the next three years. It

will pilot a model to develop low carbon projects with gender-equality benefits and demonstrate how climate financing can provide benefits to women for their contributions to GHG reductions.

- Project launching workshop ,Climate Change Project for Improving Livelihoods of Rural Women’  
On 13 March 2013 a workshop took place with the purpose of introducing a new 15 month project from the Cambodian Climate Change Alliance (CCCA), called ,Climate Change Project for Improving Livelihood of Rural Women’, which is being implemented by the Cambodian Ministry of Women’s Affairs. The main objective of the project is to improve the livelihood and adaptive capacity of rural women in six communes in Cambodia through capacity building and improved access to information on climate change and natural disasters.

• New Publications include the following:

- Rajendra Bhandari & Kalyan Pantha (2013): [Climate Change Impacts on Women of Central Mid-Hills of Nepal: A Case Study from Mahadevsthan VDC of Nepal](#). In this report, 31 years long data of temperature and precipitation recorded in Mahadevsthan VDC, Nepal are analyzed along with questionnaire survey to assess the impacts of climate change on women.
- Nathalie Holvoet & Liesbeth Inberg (2013): [How gender-sensitive are the National Adaptation Programmes of Action \(NAPAs\) of Sub-Saharan African countries? A gender-scan of 31 NAPAs](#). Through this study, an investigation has been made on the 31 available Sub Sahara African NAPAs, looking at whether and to what extent they integrate a gender dimension into the different phases of the NAPA cycle and the different sectors that are especially related to climate change. Additionally, they analyse the degree of participation of women and gender experts in diagnosis and decision-making as well as the gender sensitivity of the format used for participation.

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## 10. Earth Day and Women’s Environment and Development Organization

[http://www.wedo.org/wp-content/uploads/GenderImpacts\\_Graph-WEDO.jpg](http://www.wedo.org/wp-content/uploads/GenderImpacts_Graph-WEDO.jpg)

This year, the theme of Earth Day is **The Face of Climate Change** - "harnessing the power of Earth Day to personalize the massive challenge that climate change presents, while uniting people around the globe into a powerful call to action."

At Women’s Environment and Development Organization WEDO, climate change has been a priority issue for many years. The impacts of a warming planet not only exacerbate existing inequalities, but efforts to combat climate change will not be effective without the realization of gender equality and the protection of human rights.

From Bangladesh to New Orleans, those with the fewest resources are the most susceptible to climate change's negative effects- and that means a tremendous impact particularly on women. In many parts of the world, women still face unequal access to decision-making, formal financial systems, land ownership, reproductive health care and education and information, undermining their well being in addition to that of their families and communities. At the same time, as innovators, organizers, leaders, educators and caregivers, women are positioned to help curb the harmful consequences of a changing climate. Incorporating gender equality into climate change policies, projects and funds is crucial in ensuring that women contribute to and benefit from equitable climate solutions.

Around the world the integral links between gender equality and climate change impacts can be seen clearly. The graph at the link highlights some global gender gaps and the impacts of climate change.



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## 11. Smallholder Enterprise Development – Fish Processing

**Smallholder Enterprise Development - Moving women out of poverty through the development of small fish processing enterprises in Malawi**

<http://www.egfar.org/news/smallholder-enterprise-development-moving-women-out-poverty-through-development-small-fish-proc>

Malawi, located in southern Africa, is one of the countries in Africa which is highly dependent on fish as a source of animal protein. Malawi produces about 70,000 tons of fish annually from its lakes, rivers and swamps. The fishing industry supports the livelihoods of 1.5million people in Malawi and contributes about 4% to the national GDP. Due to poor processing and packaging, 30% of fish caught is lost through post-harvest losses. These losses reduce financial returns to actors in the fish value chain.

Past efforts to improve fish processing include introduction of drying racks and concrete slabs, improved smoking kilns and treatment of processed fish with natural insecticides. Most of these introduced technologies failed to reduce post-harvest losses because they failed to meet the needs of fish processors. In particular drying racks could not be used during the rainy season when fish spoilage is highest. These interventions also did not address post-harvest losses in the retailing stages of fish value chain.

Lake Chilwa is one of the lakes which is experiencing high fish post harvest losses in Malawi. A fish value chain and socioeconomic studies conducted in the basin has shown that enhanced participation of women in the lucrative USD17million per year, Lake Chilwa fish industry can increase their incomes and reduce fish post harvest losses.

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## 12. Women Make Flowers Pay

<http://www.ipsnews.net/2013/03/women-make-flowers-pay/>

**HONIARA, Solomon Islands, Mar 30 2013 (IPS)** - In Honiara, capital of the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific, women are taking the lead in developing a burgeoning floriculture industry. At the same time, their enterprise is contributing to community resilience as rapid urbanisation exceeds employment opportunities and challenges the economic wellbeing of many urban families.

“I always have flowers around my house and I decided it was a good idea to grow them to sell at the market,” Patricia Rahiva, a flower grower at Honiara’s central market told IPS. “I have six children and this is an important income which pays for food, clothes and school fees.”

Situated on the main island Guadalcanal, Honiara is attracting an influx of people from the surrounding archipelago of more than 900 islands which make up the Melanesian country. Located east of Papua New Guinea and northeast of Australia, the Solomon Islands have a population of 552,000 and a national urban growth rate of 4.7 percent. Honiara’s population of 64,600 is growing at 2.7 percent with only a quarter of residents working in the formal sector.

Women play a major role in rural agricultural production in a nation where 80 percent of people are engaged in subsistence agriculture and cash cropping. But in the capital they comprise 44 percent of the unemployed.

While flowers are a familiar sight in villages, homes and household plots, their commercial production, notably by smallholders, has only developed since a five-year civil war fought over the access of communities to land and resources on Guadalcanal ended in 2003.

*Refer to the link for the full article.*

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## **Reports, Publications and Resources**

### **1. POLICY PAPER: Gender Equality in the Post-2015 Development Agenda: Where Does it Stand?**

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Women’s groups were critical of the Rio + 20 Conference because it failed to make a stronger link between women’s rights and the environment, and to bring more women experts and activists into the official dialogue and meeting structure. While feminist ecology and gender and sustainable development were central to the Earth Summit and its Agenda 21, they were barely visible in the official Rio + 20 agenda.

That said, leaders did agree to establish a post-2015 development agenda that is more comprehensive and people-centered. They generally expressed their support for human rights values, equality and sustainability in a global development agenda. They also acknowledged that gender violence is one of the worst forms of inequality and discrimination. And they committed to develop Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that, in theory, will build on the Millennium Development Goals, making them more relevant to today’s challenges. Herein lies an opportunity to strengthen the international development paradigm, and within that to ensure women’s rights, gender equality and sustainable development are prioritized.

This paper analyses the role gender equality plays in the post-Rio+20 process for a new development agenda centered around a set of SDGs. It looks at proposals and efforts to integrate gender equality and women's rights into efforts to define the SDGs and argues that a new global women's coalition of committed advocates and women's rights activists to focus more aggressively on governance and policy reform in the post-2015 development agenda, particularly on macro-economic policy reform.

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### **2. Report: Missing Women: The G20, Gender Equality and Global Economic Governance**

[http://www.boell.org/web/group\\_of\\_20-Heintz\\_Missing-Women.html](http://www.boell.org/web/group_of_20-Heintz_Missing-Women.html)

The Group of 20 (G20) has declared itself the “premier global economic forum” and was created to tackle the most pressing challenges confronting the world economy today, including reducing instability and preventing future financial crises. The G20 has committed itself to a goal of shared and inclusive growth. Given this commitment, it is striking how little attention has been paid to issues of gender equality in its policy frameworks, summits, and declarations.

This report examines the G20’s strategies and their effects on gender equality. It finds that the G20 has not seriously considered the consequences for women and men when formulating policies and setting its agenda. There are indications that this situation has changed somewhat, with a commitment to gender equality made at the 2012 Los Cabos Summit in

Mexico. Nevertheless, questions remain over whether gender equality will be taken seriously. Representation within the G20 is unbalanced – only 25 percent of the heads of state of the G20 member countries are currently women. The figure for the official government representatives, the “sherpas,” is lower – just 15 percent are women.

Broad-based economic policies have gender-specific effects because sources of gender inequality interact with changes in the economic environment to produce distinct outcomes for women and men. Gender-blind policies are rarely gender-neutral. Gender bias must be identified within the G20’s approach to economic governance if the commitment to inclusive growth is to be realized.

This report analyzes the policy areas identified in the G20’s *Framework for Strong, Sustainable and Balanced Growth* and subsequent summits and processes, including fiscal policy, monetary policy, global rebalancing, financial regulation, trade, social protection, and employment. Although the G20 has committed to policy positions in each of these areas, actual implementation frequently falls far short of the mark.

Based on this analysis, the report makes five concrete recommendations.

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### ***3. Book: Women Scientists in the Americas: Their Inspiring Stories***

[http://www.ianas.org/books\\_women.html](http://www.ianas.org/books_women.html)

The National Academy of Sciences hosted the U.S. book release of *Women Scientists in the Americas: Their Inspiring Stories* from the Inter-American Network of Academies of Science (IANAS) on April 17 This compilation of short biographies addresses gender issues in science and aims to inspire students, especially young women, to pursue science and technology careers.

Produced in both English and Spanish, the book includes the stories of eminent female scientists from 16 IANAS member academies throughout North, Central, and South America. The event featured the U.S. scientist included in the book, Eugenia Kalnay, an Argentinean-born professor of atmospheric and oceanic sciences at the University of Maryland and member of the National Academy of Engineering (NAE).

***The book can be downloaded in either high or low resolution at the link provided.***

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### **4. The Hunger and Nutrition Commitment Index**

<http://www.hancindex.org/>

The Hunger and Nutrition Commitment Index (HANCI) measures political commitment to tackling hunger and undernutrition in 45 developing countries. Produced by the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), it is the first global index of its kind showing levels of political commitment to tackle hunger and undernutrition in terms of appropriate policies, legal frameworks and public spending.

The full HANCI 2012 Report is now available on Eldis Agriculture and Food Resource Guide, and the HANCI website contains an infographic showing the full index country scores, interactive tools to explore the data and video interviews with communities affected by hunger and undernutrition

Annex 3 in the Full Report includes indicators of hunger & nutrition; these include women's access to agricultural land and women's economic rights.

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## **5. Prioritizing the Intersection of Women's Rights and Empowerment, Gender Equality and Sustainable Development**

<http://www.wedo.org/library/prioritizing-the-intersection-of-womens-rights-and-empowerment-gender-equality-and-sustainable-development>

In early January 2013, Women's Environment and Development Organization WEDO drafted this Discussion Note as input to the UN Thematic Consultation on Environmental Sustainability. It includes a reflection on key issues to shape the post-2015 development agenda but is by no means intended as an exhaustive list of gender equality, nor environment, issues to include.

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## **6. Discussion Paper: Data Needs for Gender Analysis in Agriculture**

<http://www.ifpri.org/sites/default/files/publications/ifpridp01261.pdf>

A newly-released International Food Policy Research Institute IFPRI Discussion Paper written by Cheryl Doss offers guidelines on how to collect better gendered data through surveys. It details who should be interviewed; how the interview should be structured; and what kinds of questions should be asked, both at the individual level and also more broadly at the household, community or regional levels. The paper was written as part of an edited volume of background papers for the *State of Food and Agriculture 2010-2011: Women and Agriculture: Closing the Gender Gap for Development*.

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