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*Five year old trees grown from seedlings in Lake Zone of Tanzania. Photo courtesy of D. Ceplis.*

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## Opportunities and Upcoming Events

### 1. Nutrition, Health, and Gender Conference

<http://ingenaes.illinois.edu/nhg-conference/>

This two-day international conference on **Nov. 11-12, 2015** will explore from a range of disciplinary perspectives the relationship between gender and health in Sub-Saharan Africa, with a particular emphasis on nutrition and the role of agriculture.

The conference will be held at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in USA and is coordinated by Integrating Gender and Nutrition within Agricultural Extension Services (INGENAES). This conference is **free** and open to the public, but registration is required by **November 6th**.

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## 2. Share your Views on the Advancement of Women in Agriculture

<http://www.cahrc-ccrha.ca/Supportingwomeninagriculture>

The Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council (CAHRC) has launched a survey as part of our three-year project focused on Supporting the Advancement of Women in Agriculture.

We would like to hear from you about your views on barriers to women advancing to leadership roles in agriculture and what you think may be helpful to break down these barriers.

Your contribution to this process will help us more fully understand the situation so we can take steps towards improving women's access to leadership and business opportunities in our industry.

Both women and men are invited to complete the 15-minute survey. The survey is open until **November 30, 2015**.

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## 3. Global Change Leaders Program

<http://coady.stfx.ca/themes/women/gcl/>

The Global Change Leaders Program is a seven-week education program to enable women from developing countries to strengthen their leadership capacities at the Coady Institute (Canada) at St. Francis Xavier University. The program offers successful candidates a full scholarship that includes tuition, travel, accommodations, and meals. Applicants should have at least four years of demonstrated leadership experience in fields such as food security, environment, inclusive economic development, and others. The application deadline is **04 December, 2015**.

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## 4. Ag Women's Network Facebook group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/490235661074691/>

*Description:* Connecting women in agriculture through sharing, learning and personal development. This group is closed and only members of the group can see posts in it. Please note we are adding new members all the time. We strongly encourage and are looking forward to your comments so we can discuss the issues and keep the conversation moving forward on the important subject of gender equality in agriculture.

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## 5. Women in Agriculture Facebook group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/53666593039/>

Chances are, you wear a lot of hats on the farm. Maybe you're the bookkeeper, livestock manager, combine driver, head cook and bottle washer, or mom. Or maybe you're all of these things. The goal of Women in Ag is to help connect and uphold farm women in all dimensions of their farm and family life. Here, you'll find useful information for all of your jobs on the farm, from managing the business to raising kids, plus a place to talk with other farm women. Women in Ag is a project of *Successful Farming* magazine and its website, [Agriculture.com](http://Agriculture.com).

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## 6. Senior Policy Expert on Gender and Food and Nutrition Security

[http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/VA/pdf/TOR\\_Gender%20Policy%20Brief\\_final%20for%20circulation.pdf](http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/VA/pdf/TOR_Gender%20Policy%20Brief_final%20for%20circulation.pdf)

The FAO is looking for a consultant to work on developing a brief on gender and food security and nutrition as part of the “FAO guidelines on sharpening the policy focus of sector policies for greater impact on food security and nutrition outcomes”.

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## 7. International Consultant for the Country Project Documents on Climate Resilient Agriculture in Senegal and Malawi

[http://jobs.undp.org/cj\\_view\\_job.cfm?cur\\_job\\_id=60666](http://jobs.undp.org/cj_view_job.cfm?cur_job_id=60666)

Placing women’s rights at the center of all its efforts, UN Women is leading and coordinating the United Nations System to ensure that commitments on gender equality and gender mainstreaming translate into action throughout the world.

The consultant , supported by a UN Women focal point, will produce a project document for the CRA flagship programme in Senegal guided by the global concept note, “Women’s Empowerment through Climate-Resilient Agriculture: Improving Women’s Access to Land and Other Productive Resources in sub-Saharan Africa” and other documents provided, desk research, and consultations with relevant national stakeholders and potential partners (government, civil society organizations, UN agencies, women’s organizations, donors.).

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### This Month’s News

#### 1. In the American West, women farmers carry economic clout

[http://www.capitalpress.com/Nation\\_World/Nation/20150930/in-the-west-women-farmers-carry-economic-clout](http://www.capitalpress.com/Nation_World/Nation/20150930/in-the-west-women-farmers-carry-economic-clout)

The number of women who are farmers or principal operators actually declined in the latest agriculture census, but their impact is undeniable.

The percentage of Pacific Northwest and California farmers who are women easily tops the national average, according to statistics released by the USDA.

Nationally [in the USA], 31 percent of farmers are women, and they farm more than 301 million acres and have a \$12.9 billion annual economic impact, according to USDA.

Katy Coba, director of the Oregon Department of Agriculture, said the culture of the West is more receptive than other regions to women being involved in agriculture.

That can’t help but influence or change agriculture, although the women themselves may not think there’s anything special about their presence, Coba said.

“When there’s a diversity of perspectives, that’s a good thing,” she said. “Women are one element of that diversity.”

See the infographic at <http://farmprogress.com/story-usda-infographics-showcase-women-agriculture-8-132512>

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## 2. Agriculture's glass ceiling

<http://www.country-guide.ca/2015/09/30/agricultures-glass-ceiling/47343/>

If gender isn't a big issue on the farm, why are so many women signing up for women's organizations and conferences?

Women and agriculture is a big topic, and it is a real one too. It is also a topic that needs more discussion not only in our farm organizations and in our boardrooms, but also around our supper tables.

A lack of work-life balance is an issue that's raised over and over again by working women. On top of their jobs, women are spending twice as much time as their husbands doing housework and three times as much time on childcare.

The Canadian Agricultural Human Resources Council (CAHRC), a national non-profit organization focused on addressing human resource issues facing agricultural businesses, has initiated a three-year project to support women reaching higher executive roles in agriculture.

Currently in its first year, the project team is doing background and secondary research, but this fall and winter will conduct surveys and focus groups.

Then the project will develop tools to support leadership development and create opportunities for women to network, primarily through social media, together with cloud-based options for sharing and collaboration

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## 3. 2015 Advancing Women in Agriculture Conference – Eastern Canada

<http://www.farms.com/ag-industry-news/premier-wynne-at-the-2015-advancing-women-in-agriculture-conference-178.aspx>

<http://www.advancingwomenconference.ca/2015east/speakers.html>

About 450 women, all professionals in agriculture, made their way to downtown Toronto for a two-day conference on October 5-6, 2015 about women in the agricultural sector, challenges they face and strategies they can use to help move their careers along.

The conference was filled with many different speakers who shared their experiences and the steps they took to overcome challenges to become successful.

One of the women to do so was Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne. "I'm honoured to be here," the Premier said during her opening remarks. "You are leading the way forward and doing it in a sector that's critical to the health and prosperity of our entire province."

Another speaker who shared her insight about the conference and women in agriculture was Caroline Emond, the current executive director of Dairy Farmers of Canada, and the first woman to hold that role.

Other speakers throughout the conference included Dr. Marla Shapiro, who educated the attendees about how to be healthier and care for their bodies and minds, JoAnne Buth, CEO of Canadian International Grains Institute and Margaret

Hudson, President of Burnbrae Farms, who discussed how to try and balance life and work, especially when the two intersect.

Be sure to visit <http://www.farms.com> often as more videos and interviews from the *2015 Advancing Women in Agriculture Conference* will be uploaded in the coming days.

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## 4. The Beijing Platform for Action Turns 20

<http://beijing20.unwomen.org/en/step-it-up/commitments>

To mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action on Women’s Rights, 80 leaders convened at the UN on September 27 for a “Global Leaders’ Meeting on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment: A Commitment to Action.” Governments made a range of commitments, underscoring the fact that the SDGs cannot be achieved without gender equality.

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## 5. Global Team for Local Initiatives newsletter

<http://us7.campaign-archive1.com/?u=1ecca317acf656d60ee5d2547&id=1bf3421030&e=56d5757920>

The recent newsletter of the Global Team for Local Initiatives features several stories about Ethiopia and how women play a prominent role helping their communities climb out of a cycle of poverty and dependence on aid.

GTLI works to provide women a path to creatively contribute to their community, unlocking their voices that by tradition are silent. When women participate with men in our adult literacy classes and in learning new livelihood skills—like chicken farming or community gardening—they begin to participate in decision making, transforming their lives and their communities.

- *Paying it Forward: Traditional Tribal Values Support Sustainability* <http://gtli.us/paying-it-forward/> One of the ways we help communities is by introducing new and healthy foods into their diets. Chickens and eggs are not a traditional food for the Hamar people in Ethiopia, but they are a great source of protein.
- *These Women Have a Problem* <http://gtli.us/these-women-have-a-problem-2/> The women of the Wonga Bayno and Minogelti communities in the Hamar region of the South Omo Zone, Ethiopia have inspired us from the day we first met them. They work long hours to provide water and food for their families, and they want to do so much more.

And that, in a nutshell, is the problem. When all of a woman’s time and energy is spent hauling water by foot and grinding grain by hand, that is all she is valued for. Under those conditions how can she help her community climb out the endless reliance on emergency water and food aid?

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## 6. Closing gender gaps in agriculture through property rights and governance

<https://www.ifpri.org/blog/takeaways-twenty-years-gender-and-rural-development-research-ifpri-closing-gender-gaps>

The following blog by IFPRI gender experts is the second in a four-part series leading up to the Policy Seminar on "Beijing +20 and Beyond: How Gender Research Is Changing the Landscape of Food Policy," to be held on October 14, 2015 at IFPRI's Washington, DC headquarters.

To commemorate Beijing+20, we are taking stock of research at IFPRI over the past 20 years that contributed to advancing gender equality by generating evidence from action, and compelling action from the evidence produced.

This blogpost, part two in a four-part series on IFPRI gender research in the past 20 years, shares key takeaways from research on themes of:

- closing gender gaps in agricultural productivity
- access, control, and ownership of assets
- land rights
- legal institutions and governance.

Tune in to the next post in the blog series to read highlights from IFPRI gender research related to social capital, sustainability, and health. See full list of publications.

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## **7. Federal Election 2015: We have a record number of female MPs, but hold the applause**

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/life/we-have-a-record-number-of-female-mps-but-hold-the-applause/article26887164/>

Canadian voters elected 88 female MPs on October 19, 2015, putting female representation in the House at 26 per cent – a 1-per-cent increase over 2011.

That's a new record worthy of tepid applause: still well short of the 30 per cent watermark that the United Nations suggests leads to a shift in policy and practice in government. And it won't do much to improve Canada's 50th-place ranking out of 190 countries on proportion of national-level female politicians, according to the Inter-Parliamentary Union, an international organization of parliaments – particularly since other countries have made much larger strides on this issue.

The results overall are disappointing, given that going into the election, the potential existed for women to make more significant gains.

- The NDP accounted for an unprecedented 43 per cent of the party's candidates.
- The Liberals by comparison had 31 per cent female candidates.
- The Conservatives fielded less than 20 per cent, a slight drop from the last election.

This year, women accounted for one-third of the 1,427 candidates running for the five main parties, but many of them were running for the Green Party or the Bloc Quebecois, with little to no chance of winning their riding.

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## **8. More women researchers needed 'to deliver food security'**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-34551325>

Policy and business leaders have used a major food conference to highlight the need for more women in the global agriculture sector.



One of the speakers, Chelsea Clinton, told delegates that women were a "crucial, vital and necessary" part of delivering global food security.

Data shows that progress has been made in recent years, but there is still a long way to go to close the gender gap.

The call for equality was made at the 2015 Borlaug Dialogue in the US.

"Certainly, we are not on track at the moment to feed the population we expect to have around the world in 2050," Ms Clinton, vice-president of the Clinton Foundation, told the gathering.

One of the themes of the three-day event, which focused on the "fundamentals of global food security", was inspiring young women to take up careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

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## **9. Global Good Practices of Rural Advisory Services: Gender and Nutrition**

[http://ingenaes.illinois.edu/ggp-kyrg/?utm\\_source=MEAS+and+INGENAES+List&utm\\_campaign=ef09f658f7-INGENAES in October+ 20154 09 2015&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0 bc48c0e9a7-ef09f658f7-231580393](http://ingenaes.illinois.edu/ggp-kyrg/?utm_source=MEAS+and+INGENAES+List&utm_campaign=ef09f658f7-INGENAES+in+October+20154+09+2015&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_bc48c0e9a7-ef09f658f7-231580393)

In many countries women and men are extensively involved in agriculture: mainly as smallholder crop, fruit, or livestock producers or wage or family laborers. Responsibilities include growing and processing (canning and drying) food products and distributing or marketing food products in their communities. When women as opposed to men take on these roles, they are also largely responsible for family nutrition and childcare. This calls for uniquely focused extension services.

The three separate activities offered by Integrating Gender and Nutrition within Agricultural Extension Services (INGENAES) staff during the Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services' (GFRAS) annual international meeting in Issyk Kul, Kyrgyzstan during September 14-18, 2015, provided extension and RAS professionals with practical tools and approaches to understand women and men's unique roles and needs and to design agricultural programs that are gender-responsive and nutrition sensitive.

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## **10. Influence of Group Social Capital on Connecting Smallholder Farmers to Market**

<http://ingenaes.illinois.edu/connect/newsletters/>

What is the influence of group social capital on connecting smallholder women farmers to market? Integrating Gender and Nutrition within Agricultural Extension Services (INGENAES) staff is conducting research on this topic in South Asia. The research survey will measure the success and social capital of the groups going to market. This research seeks to help improve the local project's capacity to connect smallholder women farmers to markets using group marketing. Additionally, findings may help future projects determine their structure and planning.

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## **11. Men and Elder Women's Perception of Their Roles in Household Decisions around Food**

<http://ingenaes.illinois.edu/connect/newsletters/>



Integrating Gender and Nutrition within Agricultural Extension Services (INGENAES) staff spent time at agriculture development projects in two different ecological contexts and multiple villages to begin research on men and elder women’s perceptions of their roles in household decisions around food. Staff conducted interviews with men, elder women, and households. This research seeks to help in educated planning on how projects deliver nutrition messaging in Bangladesh.

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## 12. How Women Can Maximize the Nutrition and Health Benefits of Irrigation

<http://www.a4nh.cgiar.org/2015/10/26/how-women-can-maximize-the-nutrition-and-health-benefits-of-irrigation-for-all/>

In response to increasing interest in how health has bearings on the *gender-agriculture-nutrition framework*, Agriculture for Nutrition and Health (A4NH) organized a seminar on *Agriculture, Gender, and Health: Tracing the Links* on October 20, 2015. The seminar provided three case studies in how gender dynamics in rural livelihoods influence health, and in turn, nutrition.

- Kelly Jones shared an overview of gender issues in health research and then presented on recent research that traces how *livelihood shocks increase HIV transmission* through transactional sex, especially for women.
- Delia Grace introduced a *gender-sensitive participatory risk assessment framework* for addressing food safety.
- Elizabeth Bryan shared research on the *links between small-scale irrigation adoption, gender, and health and nutrition outcomes*. In this blog, Elizabeth builds on the agriculture-nutrition framework to examine the gendered pathways through which small-scale irrigation can affect nutrition and health outcomes.

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## 13. Women, Land and Food Panel

<http://usaidlandtenure.net/events/women-land-and-food-panel>

On **October 27, 2015**, from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM, USAID, the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and Landesa will host a panel event to discuss the intersection of women's empowerment, land rights and food security at IFPRI's headquarters at 2033 K St NW, Washington, DC. The panel event is open to the public and will be streamed live online. Register to attend in-person or online.

Throughout much of the developing world women have fewer rights and less access to one of the most important livelihood assets: land. While situations vary across countries and contexts, in general, women own less land than men. Moreover, the land that women do control tends to be smaller in size and inferior in quality to land controlled by men. This often limits women’s economic opportunities and leaves them more vulnerable to poverty, hunger and displacement. Yet a growing body of evidence demonstrates a profound link between stronger women’s land rights and a variety of critical development issues, including enhanced food security and improved household nutrition. Acknowledging this, in September the international community officially adopted the Sustainable Development Goals - which included ending poverty, achieving food security and gender equality as Goals 1, 2 and 5 - and all included land rights and resources as a key underlying component. In the U.S., Congress recently passed the Girls Count Act, which built on USAID’s Gender Policy of 2012 and prioritizes women’s land and property rights in development programs.

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## 14. Vet students help empower Ugandan women

<http://words.usask.ca/wcvm/2015/10/vet-students-help-empower-ugandan-women/>

The goat pass-on project started in 2006 with the goal to help alleviate poverty in rural Uganda by providing impoverished women with small-scale business opportunities. Each summer, the Veterinarians without Borders/Vétérinaires sans Frontières (VWB-VSF) selects students to volunteer on the project for three months. In 2015, the organization selected students from University of Saskatchewan and University of Montréal for the job.

They lived in the city of Mbarara and spent time attending meetings to assess problems in each of the 17 rural communities they worked with — collecting blood from goats, running tests for brucellosis, organizing vaccination campaigns and training days, and so much more. The summer wrapped up with a paraveterinary refresher training day, followed by a goat pass-out to new beneficiaries.

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## Reports, Publications and Resources

### 1. Guidelines for Integrating Gender-Based Violence Interventions in Humanitarian Action

[http://gbvguidelines.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/TAG-FSA-08\\_26\\_2015.pdf](http://gbvguidelines.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/TAG-FSA-08_26_2015.pdf)

The Inter Agency Standing Committee Guidelines for Integrating Gender-Based Violence Interventions in Humanitarian Action has been updated (from 2005) and was launched with a great, accessible new website. **See the Thematic Area Guide for Food Security and Agriculture at the link.**

In humanitarian settings, the impact of hunger and food insecurity can lead people to adopt strategies that negatively impact their well-being and increase the risk of sexual assault and sexual exploitation. For example, women and girls, who are most often tasked with finding fuel and food, may be forced to travel long distances or through unprotected areas. In addition, household tensions around food can contribute to intimate partner violence and other forms of domestic violence. Exposure to exploitation and violence, in turn, can heighten food insecurity by undermining the physical and psychosocial well-being of survivors.

By adopting appropriate measures to reduce risks and thus enhancing the safety and well-being of affected populations, food security and agriculture (FSA) actors play a critical role. Effective, safe and efficient strategies of the FSA sector can be achieved only if the risks of gender-based violence are factored into programme design and delivery. By addressing gender issues that affect food security and agricultural livelihoods, as well as actively engaging women and girls in programming decisions, these programmes can help strengthen resilience and protect the rights of all affected communities.

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### 2. Cultivating Equality: Delivering Just and Sustainable Food Systems in a Changing Climate

<http://foodtank.com/news/2015/10/cultivating-equity>

In collaboration with CARE International and the CGIAR Research program on Climate Change, Agriculture, and Food Security (CAAFS), Food Tank is excited to present our new report, “Cultivating Equality: Delivering Just and Sustainable Food

Systems in a Changing Climate.” The research shows how inequality determines diets around the world and shapes the ability of farmers to adapt to climate change.

Solutions that only focus on food production are not enough. Smallholder farmers—and especially women—deserve a new strategy to support their agricultural efforts in the face of climate change. To really achieve food and nutrition security for all in the context of a changing climate, equity must be addressed across food production, distribution, and consumption.

To realize food and nutrition security for all in the face of climate change, CARE, CCAFS, and Food Tank make the following recommendations to actors as diverse as governments, the private sector, donors, and individuals:

- Prioritize women’s empowerment and integrate climate change in all approaches to food and nutrition security;
- Ensure small-scale food producers and women have a seat at the table when policies and budgets are decided;
- Commit to ambitious action to tackle the climate crisis and keep global temperatures below 1.5 degrees Celsius;
- Commit to scaling up of finance to address hunger and climate change;
- Respect the rights of small-scale food producers and women and commit to equitable approaches in policies and supply chains;
- Know where your food comes from to make sustainable consumption choices.

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### **3. Reconsidering approaches to women’s land rights in sub-Saharan Africa**

<http://pubs.iied.org/17310IIED.html>

Discussions around gender equality in land governance in sub-Saharan Africa often highlight the fact that only a small percentage of women own land, and many projects addressing land and gender in the region focus on women’s ability to acquire land. But this framing does not fully convey the breadth of challenges women face in relation to land stewardship, such as involvement in decision making. Based on learning from an event that brought together 28 NGO practitioners and academics from East and West Africa, this briefing suggests that any attempt to tackle gender inequalities in land governance must also take into account local contexts and gender dynamics. Projects must start at a household level, put aside easy assumptions about customary practice, and — perhaps most crucially — ensure that women’s voices are solicited and heard.

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### **4. Invisible Women**

<https://genderfoodpolicy.files.wordpress.com/2015/10/bertini.pdf>

[http://www.mitpressjournals.org/doi/abs/10.1162/DAED\\_a\\_00351#.VibpcjOFPIU](http://www.mitpressjournals.org/doi/abs/10.1162/DAED_a_00351#.VibpcjOFPIU)

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**Abstract:** Women are ubiquitous and critical to the nutritional well-being of their families, yet they are often invisible to policy-makers, public officials, community leaders, and researchers. Effecting significant decreases in the number of hungry poor people, as well as the improvement of nutritional and economic outcomes, requires policy in addition to operational and research priorities that are directed at the needs of women and girls.

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## 5. Achieving the SDGs: How animals and people affect each other in development and disasters

Video at <https://icn.adobeconnect.com/p1obex4o1hj/?launcher=false&fcsContent=true&pbMode=normal>

Slides: Protecting animals protects people <https://www.slideshare.net/secret/54sdySFxwC241F>

Webinar: *Achieving the SDGs: How animals and people affect each other in development and disasters*, with presentations by Debby Cox, technical advisor at the Jane Goodall Institute (JGI) and James Sawyer, International Director of Disaster Management at World Animal Protection, hosted by the Inter-Council Network (ICN).

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## 6. About Resource Equity and LandWise

<http://resourceequity.org/>

<http://landwise.resourceequity.org/>

Resource Equity is a new non-profit organization co-founded by four gender, land, and resource rights experts. We work to advance women's rights to land and natural resources in order to promote women's economic and social empowerment.

LandWise is a free online resource connecting users to legal materials, including full-text laws, information about customary practices, and guides to help work on women's land and resource rights issues around the world. LandWise was initially created and funded by Landesa. It is now a project supported by Resource Equity.

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## 7. Video: Women in Science and Engineering

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=0x14KVDY3I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=0x14KVDY3I)

Check out this short video featuring Canada's NSERC's Chairs for Women in Science and Engineering describing the importance of mentoring and encouraging more women to build careers in science and engineering.

Also available in French here: <https://youtu.be/dd9XFKyQJXE>

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## 8. Special issue of Agri-Gender: The Journal of Gender, Agriculture, and Food Security

<http://www.agrigender.net/index.php>

### Special Issue on Gender and Policies, Markets and Institutions

The Journal of Gender, Agriculture and Food Security (Agri-Gender) is an international, open access, peer-reviewed and refereed journal published by the Africa Centre for Gender, Social Research and Impact Assessment. The main objective of Agri-Gender is to provide an intellectual platform for international scholars to publish their research work on gender, agriculture and food security. The journal aims to promote interdisciplinary research related to gender and the agricultural and food sciences. Articles include:

- Identifying women farmers: Informal gender norms as institutional barriers to recognizing women's contributions to agriculture
- Gender norms and the marketing of seeds and ware potatoes in Malawi
- Influencing Gender-Inclusive Climate Change Policies in Latin America
- Fertilizer use on individually and jointly managed crop plots in Mozambique

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