

GEM Digest of the Month for December 1, 2011

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Typha sp. along shoreline amidst first snowfall of the winter season in Manitoba. Photo courtesy of C. Murray.

The Gender Equality Mainstreaming (GEM) Working Group of the Agricultural Institute of Canada (AIC) gathers information and articles on an ongoing basis on gender equality mainstreaming within agriculture, scientific research, rural development, climate change and organizational development. Information is shared with members, partners, scientific societies and member organizations. The views and opinions presented are not necessarily representative of AIC.

If you have information to share, please send it to me at dinah.ceplis@gmail.com and I will compile it to re-distribute once a month. Back issues of the GEM Digest are available at <http://www.aic.ca/gender/resources.cfm>.

Regards,
Dinah Ceplis, GEM Committee Member

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Opportunities

1. Africa Initiative Graduate Research Grant

<http://www.africaportal.org/exchange>

Graduate students from Africa and Canada will have the opportunity to benefit from \$300,000 (CAD) in funding, as the Africa Initiative announces a call for applications for the 2012 graduate research grant program.

Grants of up to \$10,000 (CAD) will be awarded to as many as 15 African students applying to study in Canada and 15 Canadian students to conduct field-based research in Africa. Applications for the Africa Initiative Graduate Research Grant must be submitted by **January 15, 2012**.

As part of the Africa Initiative, a joint undertaking by The Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) in cooperation with Makerere University and the South African Institute for International Affairs, the Africa Initiative Graduate Research Grant will give special consideration to proposals that present new and policy relevant research, and that cover one or more of the areas of conflict resolution, energy, food security, health, migration and climate change.

Successful applicants who are currently enrolled in an African university will spend up to three months at a Canadian university undertaking research funded by the program. The research will lead to a major paper to be considered for publishing.

Successful applicants who are currently enrolled in a Canadian university will spend up to three months in an African country undertaking field-based research funded by the program and produce a major research paper that will also be considered for publishing.

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2. Nominations open for the 2012 FCC Rosemary Davis Award

<http://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/AboutUs/Responsibility/rosemarydavis/index.asp>

Nominations for the 2012 FCC Rosemary Davis Award are now open **until January 23, 2012**, as Farm Credit Canada (FCC) seeks to recognize and honour Canadian women for their leadership and commitment to agriculture.

Agriculture matters and women positively impact the industry and their communities. FCC is looking for five women who deserve recognition for their achievements. Past nominees range from producers and educators to agrologists and veterinarians.

Individuals are encouraged to take time to recognize a woman that they see making a difference in the agriculture industry. Self-nominations are also encouraged. Candidates are selected based on their demonstration of leadership - through giving back to their community and the agriculture industry - as well as their vision and passion for the industry. Since 2006, FCC has honoured 25 outstanding women with the Rosemary Davis Award.

Created and named after a successful Canadian agribusiness owner and operator - and the first female chair of the FCC Board of Directors, the FCC Rosemary Davis Award is testament to the growing number of women who are choosing to make a career in agriculture.

Winners will be announced in March 2012.

FCC Rosemary Davis winners must be 21 years of age or older, and actively involved in Canadian agriculture.

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3. Call for Papers: Fifth World Congress of Agronomists and Agrologists

<http://www.worldagro2012.com/index.php/call-for-papers/?lang=en>

From September 17-21, 2012, Québec City will host the fifth World Congress of Agronomists and Agrologists. This event, which is held every four years, brings together professionals from around the world and offers them a forum for exchanging on issues pertaining to the profession and provides for discussion on the challenges they face. Appropriately, the theme of the 2012 Congress is “Feeding the World”.

Deadline to submit an abstract: February 12, 2012.

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4. Call for Papers - Climate Change and Agriculture in Africa

<http://www.africa-adapt.net/AA/Uploads/news/Call%20for%20Papers%20-%20Climate%20change%20and%20agriculture%20in%20Africa.pdf>

The African Crop Science Journal (ACSJ) invites submission of papers with a focus on climate change work and effects on agriculture in Sub-Saharan Africa. Papers, in English or French, should be submitted to the Journal’s Secretariat by **31 December 2011.**

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5. Webinars: Equity-Focused Evaluations

http://mymande.org/index.php?q=equity_focused_evaluation&x=cl

A series of live webinars on “Equity-focused Evaluations” will address the challenges in evaluating the effects of policies, programmes and projects to enhance equitable development results, with a special focus on the effects to the most excluded, marginalized and deprived groups. Some upcoming sessions:

- December 6, 2011: Michael Quinn Paton, Founder and Director of Utilization-focused Evaluation, on Developmental Evaluation
- January 24, 2012: Donna Mertens of Gallaudet University on Methodological Guidance in Evaluation for Social Justice and Bagele Chilisa of University of Botswana on Indigenous Approaches to Evaluation
- February 15, 2012: Jennifer Greene from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign on Values-Engaged Evaluation

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6. Event: UN Climate Change Conference (COP-17)

<http://www.cop17-cmp7durban.com/>

The United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP-17) takes place in Durban, South Africa from **November 28 to December 9, 2011**. The conference, Durban 2011, will bring together representatives of the world's governments, international organizations and civil society. The discussions will seek to advance the implementation of the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol, as well as the Bali Action Plan, agreed at COP 13 in 2007, and the Cancun Agreements, reached at COP 16 last December.

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7. Event: Women's Roundtable Discussion in Winnipeg

<http://www.aic.ca/>

The Agricultural Institute of Canada (AIC) and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council Chair for Women in Science and Engineering for the Prairies (NSERC-CWSE-Prairies), Dr. Annemieke Farenhorst, are jointly extending an invitation to academic and professional women working in agricultural sciences in Manitoba to participate in a roundtable discussion. This will be a great opportunity to network and discuss programs, activities and action items relevant to women in agriculture. We invite participants from government, industry and academia (including staff and students) to attend the event on **December 6, 2011**.

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This Month's Articles: News

1. News: Research Chair for Women in Science and Engineering

<http://umanitoba.ca/news/blogs/blog/2011/11/10/research-chair-women-in-science-and-engineering/>

http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Chairholders-TitulairesDeChaire/Chairholder-Titulaire_eng.asp?pid=770

The University of Manitoba has a new Chair devoted to encouraging girls and women to take up science and engineering careers. Annemieke Farenhorst has been named the prairie region's new Chair for Women in Science and Engineering by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC).

Dr. Farenhorst is a Professor of Soil Science, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, University of Manitoba.

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2. News: Attracting Aboriginal Women into Science and Engineering

<http://www.universitynews.org/f2ShowScript.aspx?i=23716&q=New+Programs+Intended+to+Attract+Larger+Numbers+of+Aboriginal+Women+into+Science+and+Engineering>

Aboriginal high school students will be among those targeted by new projects aimed at attracting increased numbers of young women into the field of science and engineering.

Several new projects being developed to attract increased numbers of young women into the field of science and engineering are planned over the next five years in the prairie region as part of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada's Chairs for Women in Science and Engineering program.

Dr. Annemieke Farenhorst, a professor in the University of Manitoba's Department of Soil Science and the newly named NSERC Chair for Women in Science and Engineering for the Prairie Region, says one of the projects will be conducted in partnership with the University of Manitoba's aboriginal student recruitment officer.

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3. News: Nairobi Declaration on Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services

<http://extensionconference2011.cta.int/sites/default/files/NairobiDeclaration30112011.pdf>

<http://extensionconference2011.cta.int/>

As a product of the November 2011 international conference on *Innovations in Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services: Linking Knowledge to Policy and Action for Food and Livelihoods*, the 400 delegates from 75 countries produced this declaration. It calls on all stakeholders to:

- Develop clear policies and strategies for extension and advisory services in a participatory manner and put coordination and quality assurance mechanisms in place;
- Advocate for increased funding within national budgets and develop and implement public, private and donor funding mechanisms that ensure sustainability, risk sharing and efficient use of funds to provide high-quality demand-led services;
- Promote and facilitate continuous capacity building, learning and foresighting as well as greater use of ICTs and the media which take into account culture and gender in the provision of advisory and extension services so that millions of smallholder farmers can move up the value chain;
- Develop and implement participatory processes for monitoring, evaluation and impact assessments and for conducting research on extension to facilitate learning, accountability, efficiency and empowerment.

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4. News: Grassroots Women’s Conference on Climate Change

http://www.gendercc.net/network/gendercc-news/news-details/article/grassroots-womens-conference-on-climate-change/9.html?no_cache=1

GenderCC – Women for Climate Justice, in cooperation with LAMOSAs, is pleased to host an international conference for grassroots women in Durban, South Africa, on **24 and 25 November 2011**. The conference took place just prior to the UNFCCC's COP 17 and focussed on how grassroots women can take part in the global movement towards achieving a fair, just and legally binding international climate change agreement. The conference will bring together grassroots women from various world regions and representatives of development organisations, NGOs and other groups working on the issues of gender and climate change.

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5. News: On the Move: IDE Canada

<http://www.ide-canada.org/>

International Development Enterprises (IDE) Canada has moved its office within Winnipeg, Canada.

IDE uses a market oriented development model to increase the income of the rural poor by improving market access, increasing agricultural production, and creating sustainable local businesses. IDE's projects are country specific, aimed at increasing income for those living on less than a dollar a day in the most efficient and viable manner possible according to each region's unique opportunities.

To date, IDE staff throughout the world has helped more than 19 million farmer-entrepreneurs lift themselves permanently out of poverty.

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6. News: Women’s business growth can provide major boost to Canadian economy, but increased support needed

<http://www.mbchamber.mb.ca/2011/11/women%e2%80%99s-business-growth-can-provide-major-boost-to-canadian-economy-but-increased-support-needed/>

The Canadian Taskforce for Women’s Business Growth is calling for governments at all levels to do more to support Canadian women entrepreneurs. Describing such efforts as an essential strategy for sustained economic growth in Canada, the Taskforce says that a 20% increase in total revenues among majority female-owned enterprises will contribute an additional \$2 billion a year to the Canadian economy.

Refer to the link for the full article.

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7. News: Expert Panel Chair on State of Industrial Research and Development in Canada

<http://www.scienceadvice.ca/en/news.aspx?id=66>

http://www.scienceadvice.ca/en/assessments/in-progress/research_development.aspx

The Council of Canadian Academies announced the appointment of Ms. Kathleen Sendall as Chair of the Expert Panel on the State of Industrial Research and Development in Canada. As Director of CGG Veritas, a leading international pure-play geophysical company; and Director and Vice Chair of Alberta Innovates - Energy and Environment Solutions, Ms. Sendall brings a wealth of expertise to the Council and to this assessment.

As Chair of the Council's Expert Panel, Ms. Sendall will work with a multidisciplinary group of experts, to be appointed by the Council, to address the following question.

What is the current state of industrial research and development (R&D) in Canada?

- *How are these strengths distributed by sector and geographically across the country? How do these trends compare with what has been taking place in comparable countries?*
- *In which scientific disciplines and technological applications are our relative strengths most aligned with Canada's economic strengths / industry needs?*
- *What are the key barriers and knowledge gaps in translating Canadian strengths in S&T into innovation and wealth creation?*

The Council, under the guidance of its Scientific Advisory Committee, is now beginning to assemble an expert panel to complete this assessment.

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Reports, Publications and Resources

1. Publication: Understanding the Complexities Surrounding Gender Differences in Agricultural Productivity in Nigeria and Uganda

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/00220388.2010.536222>

Abstract from the *Journal of Development Studies*

We investigate gender differences in agricultural productivity in Nigeria and Uganda. Results indicate persistent lower productivity on female-owned plots and among female-headed households, accounting for a range of socio-economic variables, agricultural inputs and crop choices using multivariate tobit models. Results are robust to inclusion of household-level unobservables and alternative specifications that account for decisions to plant crops. However, productivity differences depend on aggregation of gender indicator, crop-specific samples, agro-ecological zone and biophysical characteristics. More nuanced gender data collection and analysis are encouraged to identify interventions that will increase productivity and program effectiveness for male and female farmers.

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2. Publication: A Woman and Her Land

<http://ulaug.org/departments-and-programs/knowledge-management/the-land-observatory/ula-publications/>

The Uganda Land Alliance recently conducted a field study in 8 districts to establish the progress women have made vis a vis their rights to land. The districts covered were: Amuru, Apac, Gulu, Pader, Hoima, Kyenjojo, Mubende and Jinja. Between May and July 2011, a Documentation Team embarked on field trips to the study districts and visited the individuals that

were identified to have made gains in ‘fighting’ for their land rights. These persons were met in their respective homes and they shared their stories with the documentation team.

The detailed experiences captured from the cases have been published into a book titled, “A Woman and Her Land-A ray of hope beacons”. This book contains the real life stories as told to the documentation team.

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3. Publication: Gender & Agroforestry in Africa: Are women participating?

[http://www.worldagroforestry.org/downloads/publications/PDFs/OP16988.PDF?utm_source=General+Subscribers&utm_campaign=78e0f607afTransformations Online Issue 137 19 2011&utm_medium=email](http://www.worldagroforestry.org/downloads/publications/PDFs/OP16988.PDF?utm_source=General+Subscribers&utm_campaign=78e0f607afTransformations+Online+Issue+137+19+2011&utm_medium=email)

This report from the World Agroforestry Centre synthesises the results of a review of 104 studies on gender and the adoption of agroforestry in Africa, and aims to identify strategies that challenge gender imbalances in development initiatives. It explores women's participation in agroforestry, including their ability to manage agroforestry practices, access to agroforestry information, and how they benefit from agroforestry.

The results highlight the substantial benefits that agroforestry can offer to rural women in Africa, mainly because it requires fewer resources than alternative enterprises. But women's participation is low, with limited access to information and markets, and a mixed record of successful management of agroforestry technologies.

The report provides several technological, policy and institutional recommendations for improving the efficiency of women's participation in agroforestry. They include domesticating important tree species, and ensuring that women have access to market information and microfinance. The report concludes by suggesting further research in areas such as measuring the income that women generate from agroforestry, and identifying the key ingredients of success stories across Africa.

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4. Publication: International Forestry Review: Special Issue on Forests and Gender.

<http://www.cifor.org/nc/online-library/browse/view-publication/publication/3523.html>

The United Nations General Assembly declared 2011 as the International Year of Forests (IYOF). The IYOF is intended to raise awareness and strengthen sustainable forest management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests for the benefit of current and future generations. Yet even as the world celebrates the role of forests and trees in enhancing economic, social and environmental benefits of some of the worlds’ poorest, core challenges remain. This special feature of the *International Forestry Review* (IFR) focuses on forestry and gender. Drawn from a wide variety of contexts in Africa, Asia and Latin America, papers in this special issue explore the gendered dimensions of diverse topics from multiple empirical perspectives. They highlight advances made by women in forest resource management and benefits and consider some of the core challenges to women’s involvement in various aspects related to the use, sale and management of these resources.

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5. Paper: Gender issue in climate change discourse: Theory versus reality

http://www.bdresearch.org.bd/home/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=206:gender-issue-in-climate-change-discourse-theory-versus-reality&catid=74:gender&Itemid=111

Even though gender has become one of the themes of analysis in development policy discourse, it has received little emphasis in climate change policies. By reviewing literature related to climate change and gender, this paper finds that women are more vulnerable to climate disasters than men through their socially constructed roles and responsibilities, and their relatively poorer and more economically vulnerable position, especially in the developing world. In Bangladesh, gender inequalities with respect to enjoyment of human rights, political and economic status, land ownership, housing conditions, exposure to violence, education and health (in particular reproductive and sexual health) make women more vulnerable before, during and after climate change-induced disasters. The paper argues that enhancement of institutional capacity to mainstream gender in global and national climate change and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) policies and operations through the development of gender policies, gender awareness, internal and external gender capacity and expertise, and the development and application of relevant mechanisms and tools should be prioritized for a pro-poor development in the realm of climate contingencies.

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6. Policy Briefs: Women and Food Insecurity

http://escholarship.org/uc/search?entity=csw_policybriefs

The University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) Center for the Study of Women (CSW) is dedicated to supporting research that promotes social justice and equality and disseminating it widely. Each CSW Policy Brief presents research in support of a policy change that would substantially improve the health and well being of women and their families.

As recent reports have documented, food insecurity is rising around the world. Because this issue is pressing globally, nationally, and locally, we selected “Women and Food Insecurity” as the focus of the first set of CSW Policy Briefs. While the global recession is a contributing factor, our research shows that certain policy initiatives can have an unintended negative consequence on the food security of women and families. Because the International Food Policy Research Institute has a long history of interest and advocacy in this area, we hope that the research presented in these briefs will be useful to your group in advancing its mission.

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7. Publication: Building science and leadership skills in African women in agricultural research and development

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/14735903.2011.607609>

Mary Njenga of the University of Nairobi and the CGIAR's World Agroforestry Centre (Kenya) and Yvonne Pinto of the Institute of Development Studies (U.K.) comment in the *International Journal of Agricultural Sustainability* on the role of women in agriculture in Africa. They give an overview of the case for encouraging women and reflect on their own experiences as mentor and mentee in a mentoring relationship as part of AWARD. The *International Journal of Agricultural Sustainability* (IJAS) has granted one-year free access to this publication.

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8. Newsletter: CGIAR on Gender and Diversity: Enabling Career Development

http://www.genderdiversity.cgiar.org/newsletter/GDNews114_Nov2011_CareerDevelopment.pdf

The centrality of women in finding solutions to the problems of hunger and poverty is by now fully recognized. Recruiting women in agricultural research centers is a first - but insufficient - step. What happens after recruitment will determine whether women staff members can fulfill their potential to benefit the system from the bottom to the top. The newsletter provides recent resources and analyses on how to provide an enabling environment for women's career development, including two published articles featuring case studies of G&D and African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD).

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9. Publication: Alternative Futures: Engendering the Climate for Change

Engendering the Climate for Change - Policies and practices for gender-just adaptation.

<http://alternativefutures.org.in/userfiles/Engendering%20the%20Climate%20for%20Change.pdf>

This research report by Aditi Kapoor explicitly highlights the causes and concerns of women due to changing climate. It rightly points out that climate change would put an extra pressure on women activities ranging from agriculture, fetching water to fodder collection; and critically analyses the implications for women livelihoods generation.

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10. Publication: Power Surge: Lessons for the World Bank from Indian women's participation in energy projects

<http://www.brettonwoodsproject.org/doc/env/powersurge.pdf>

This paper highlights examples from visits to NGO projects, social entrepreneurs and social movements in five Indian states over the course of three months, as well as conversations with energy and women rights experts. It is divided in sections that draw attention to lessons in relation to:

- a) women's energy needs and access to energy;
- b) women confronting unsustainable energy projects from which they are excluded or do not accrue benefits;
- c) women's participation in alternative energy projects that deliver community solutions and put alternative energy to productive use; and
- d) the contribution of women's participation in energy projects to women's empowerment and gender equality.

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11. Publication: A Gender Policy Framework for UNCCD

<http://generoyambiente.com/arcangel2/documentos/535.pdf>

Gender mainstreaming is gaining in currency among policy makers, international organizations and donors and its importance has been recognized in a wide range of global agreements and conventions, including the United Nations

Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). In light of the importance of the role of women in efforts to combat desertification, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Gender Office has teamed up with the Secretariat of the UNCCD to develop a Gender Policy Framework for the UNCCD and its Secretariat. This report presents a summary of the main components of this Framework and suggestions for its implementation. This includes targets in the following spheres: policy, organizational, constituency, and delivery.

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12. Publication: Harmonizing Gender in the Three Rio Conventions and the GEF

<http://generoyambiente.com/arcangel2/documentos/536.pdf>

International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) is working closely with the three Secretariats and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to facilitate the process to develop a common vision and a shared roadmap to promote the advancement of gender equality and women's empowerment within and across their respective areas of work.

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13. Resource: A Toolkit for Mainstreaming Gender in Higher Education in Africa

<http://www.aau.org/?q=mghea/content/publications>

From the Association of African Universities (AAU), a Toolkit for Mainstreaming Gender in Higher Education in Africa is available in English, French and Portuguese. It is comprised of ten modules and a literature review, and provides a practical guide on how to initiate a gender-mainstreaming program and establish helpful processes. This includes how to mainstream gender in the curriculum, and gender sensitive research methods.

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14. E-Book: Land Tenure, Gender and Globalisation

http://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection_2011/crdi-idrc/E97-28-2010-eng.pdf

This book is a contribution to the literature on community and gendered experiences of globalisation. Anchored by four case studies located in the Amazon forests of Brazil, Bolivia, Peru, Cameroon, Ghana and Vietnam, it tackles globalisation as an economic process with material consequences for land tenure systems, people's livelihoods and gender relations.

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15. E-Book: Natural Resource Management: The Impact of Gender and Social Issues

http://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection_2011/crdi-idrc/E97-33-2010-eng.pdf

This online book is one of the outcomes of a series of research projects carried out through the sponsorship of the Organization for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA), with a grant provided by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada. The overall objectives of the research endeavours were:

- (i) to build capacity amongst natural resource management (NRM) researchers, with an emphasis on land and water management, for the integration and practice of social/gender analysis and participatory research;
- (ii) to develop appropriate approaches to and tools for social/gender analysis and participatory research;
- (iii) to build capacity within OSSREA and partner organisations and institutions for mainstreaming gender in NRM research activities;
- (iv) to support and increase interactive networking and information exchange amongst NRM researchers in the sub-region with a focus on gender/social analysis and participatory research; and
- (v) to document the processes and good practices used by NRM researchers in integrating social/gender analysis, and to record research results.

The goal of this book is to fulfil, in part, the achievement of these objectives.

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16. E-Book: Changing Minds: A Guide to Facilitated Participatory Planning

http://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection_2011/crdi-idrc/E97-40-2011-eng.pdf

FPP is a sophisticated technique and an always dynamic process—but it does simplify the planning task with three distinctive features:

- It amplifies the brainpower applied to planning (by involving all stakeholders).
- It gets the best out of them by engaging a professional facilitator (external specialist); and
- It reveals and resolves complex issues (by asking incremental questions).

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17. E-Book: The Knowledge Translation Toolkit: Bridging the Know-Do Gap (A Resource for Researchers)

http://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection_2011/crdi-idrc/E97-39-2011-eng.pdf

Knowledge Translation (KT) techniques and values have been used to test colloquial evidence and simultaneously form networks, spread concepts, develop tools, and promote positive global impacts, including on women’s rights.

The primary audience for this book is researchers in systems and policy research seeking to strengthen their capacity at the individual and at the organizational level, from particular research projects to larger issues of organizational development. This book emphasizes that successful publication on the part of researchers is not “job finished.” It is “job started.” And then sets out what more must be done—and how—to drive the research findings to wherever they need to be to provide real and maximum benefit to policy, to practice, to people.

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18. Podcast: **Zambian farmers blame climate change for drought**

<http://www.ips.org/mdg3/zambian-farmers-blame-climate-change-for-drought/>

Zambian farmers (male and female) say a lack of rain is putting a strain on their crops and they are starting to point their fingers at climate change. Brian Moonga reports from Lusaka.

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19. Podcast: **The New Revolutionaries**

<http://www.cbc.ca/ideas/episodes/2011/10/03/the-new-revolutionaries-part-1-1/>

Listen to this podcast from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) from October 2011. Women have been identified by economists, social scientists, politicians and pundits as key to moving forward on issues like poverty, violence and conflict. Sally Armstrong takes us around the globe, where localized acts of female emancipation are literally improving the prospects for humankind at large.

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20. Podcast: **Gender must be on COP17 agenda: SADC**

<http://www.ips.org/mdg3/gender-must-be-on-cop17-agenda-sadc/>

The head of Southern African Development Community's (SADC) gender unit, Magdeline Mathiba-Madibela, says climate change affects women in Southern Africa and their plight must be discussed at COP 17 in Durban this month. Zukiswa Zimela interviews Mathiba-Madibela in Gaborone and asked her what is needed to protect women against climate change.

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21. Organization: **Asian Rural Women's Coalition**

<http://www.asianruralwomen.net/html/events-honouring100women.htm>

The Asian Rural Women's Coalition (ARWC) honours exceptional rural women and advocates from several countries across Asia who continuously fight for survival, justice and freedom. ARWC celebrates the leadership, strength, creativity, and commitment in pushing for gender equality while improving lives of the general rural populace.

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22. Resource: **Healthy Eating at School**

<http://www.aitc.ca/bc/>

<http://healthyeatingatschool.ca/resources/lindsay-babineau-community-partner-on-knowing-where-food-comes-from>

Lindsay Babineau of British Columbia's Ag in the Classroom Foundation provides ideas on promoting food production in schools as part of a healthy eating initiative. The website includes various resources to support parents, teachers and students.