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Opportunities and Coming Events

1. Online: Mobilizing Women’s Rights in Bangladesh

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/mobilizing-womens-rights-in-bangladesh-lunch-learn-tickets-109166335448>

Join MCIC and special guest David Bruer of Inter Pares, for an online discussion about rights-based work in Bangladesh. David will share how Inter Pares is working with local partner Nijera Kori to bring together landless women and men to learn about and demand their rights.

Wed, September 2, 2020, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM CDT

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2. SSHRC doctoral scholarship grant writing workshop

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/grant-writing-workshop-sshrc-doctoral-scholarship-applications-tickets-114209993164>

Are you a Canadian or Permanent Resident seeking funding for your graduate degree? Society For Canadian Women In Science And Technology (SCWIST) has organized a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) doctoral scholarship grant writing workshop to help you get started on your application! Whether you're a current doctoral student, finishing your masters, or have been out of school for a while but are interested in returning, if you're interested in applying for this upcoming funding cycle, we invite you to join us for an afternoon to go over some writing tips and story-telling strategies from a past SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarships – Doctoral (CGS D) recipient. Free for SCWIST members. \$5* for non-members.

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3. Gender Equality Week 2020

<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/G-2.3/page-1.html>

Now in its third year, Canada's Gender Equality Week highlights and brings awareness to the inequalities experienced by women, men and people of all gender identities. It also celebrates Canada's accomplishments and advances to date. This year, Gender Equality Week takes place from **September 21 to 25**.

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4. Online: 2020 International Conference on Community-based Adaptation to Climate Change

<https://www.iied.org/cba14-14th-international-conference-community-based-adaptation-climate-change>

The online conference programme will focus on five key themes and will aim to address these questions:

- Climate finance: how can public and private sector finance be accountably and transparently mobilised to scale up climate action, while remaining inclusive?
- Adaptation technology: how can technology be used to bring about adaptation at the national level, and be integrated through policy and finance?
- Responsive policy: how can social movements inform policy that is ambitious enough to meet the Paris Agreement targets and improve climate adaptation for communities?
- Nature-based solutions: how can nature-based solutions be made to work for people, nature and climate?
- Youth inclusion: how can we transform our institutions so that they can take advantage of young people's participation in delivering local-level adaptation?

We are offering a range of registration fees and asking participants to pay what they can afford. Ticket prices range from £50, £100, £150 to £200. In addition, we have a 'solidarity' ticket for larger organisations. This is priced at £300 and includes a contribution to our sponsored places fund. **Date: September 21-25, 2020**

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5. Online Workshop: Using LQAS (Lot Quality Assurance Sampling) in Monitoring and Evaluation

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/using-lqas-in-monitoring-evaluation-tickets-111015321816>

Join the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC) in learning new monitoring & evaluation skills online, from other development pros, **September 29th** from 10am-Noon CDT.

The purpose of this 2-hour skills-building session is to provide participants with a step-by-step approach in conducting cost effective, rapid, population-based surveys using LQAS (Lot Quality Assurance Sampling) for annual monitoring of immediate and intermediate outcomes. LQAS helps to identify low and high performing areas, discover the source of problems, redirect resources and improve overall program performance.

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6. AIAEE Professional Development

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/AIAEE/posts/>

The Association for International Agricultural and Extension Education AIAEE has published a list of professional development workshops taking place over the next few months. Members are eligible to participate.

Our first session entitled “Negotiation Across Diversity: Application for Extension Work” by Suzanna Windon, Pennsylvania State University, will be held on Friday, **Sept. 18th** from 12-1pm (EST).

Upcoming Events:

October 16th at 12-1pm (EST). Culturally Relevant Community Building, Cecilia Suarez, University of Florida.

Nov. 20th at 12-1pm (EST). Gender: Developing a Critical Perspective, Jera Niewoehner-Green & Mary Rodriguez, Ohio State University

Dec. 4th at 12-1pm (EST). Ignite Sessions:

- Rethinking Food Insecurity: Enabling Military Leaders to Conduct Agricultural Assessments in Conflict Zones, Shannon L. Norris, Texas A&M University
- Communication Skills: A Key Piece for International Agricultural Development, Theresa Murphrey & Shannon Norris, Texas A&M University
- Shining a Light on the Role “Invisible Stakeholders” in Agricultural Value Chains: An Example of Gender Mapping in the Wheat Value Chain, Carmen N. Benson-Byce, Texas A&M University

Jan. 15th at 12-1pm (EST). Participatory Rural Appraisal: Tools for Rapid Community Engagement in program Design and Evaluation, Carmen N. Benson-Byce & Kim Dooley, Texas A&M University

Feb. 19th at 12-1pm (EST). Evaluation Capacity Building (ECB): Insights from an Evaluation Capacity Model and Experiences of Evaluation Specialists, Anil Kumar Chudhary, Pennsylvania State University, John Diaz, University of Florida, K.S.U. Jayaratne, NC State University, Vikram Koundinya, University of California, Nav Ghirmire, University of Idaho, & Scott Chazdon, University of Minnesota.

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This Month’s News

1. Retired dean recognized by UM for distinguished service

<https://news.umanitoba.ca/retired-dean-recognized-by-um-for-distinguished-service/>

Dr. Karin Wittenberg has been appointed Dean Emerita, a recognition awarded by the University of Manitoba for her distinguished service as Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, University of Manitoba.

Dr. Karin Wittenberg began her distinguished academic career at the University of Manitoba in 1985. She served as head of Animal Science, associate dean research, and acting dean of the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences (FAFS) before her appointment as the first female dean of the Faculty (2014-2019).

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2. Canadian Beef Industry Award

<https://www.producer.com/2020/08/beauchemin-research-recognized-by-industry/>

Agriculture Canada research scientist Dr. Karen Beauchemin is the winner of the Canadian beef industry award for outstanding research and innovation.

The Agriculture Canada researcher has done extensive work on ruminant metabolism and greenhouse gas emissions. Beauchemin specializes in ruminant digestion, a field that has led her to study feedlot cattle fibre requirements, ruminant metabolism, cattle methane emissions, lifecycle analysis and cereal processing.

The award was announced Aug. 12 during the Canadian Beef Industry Conference, held on-line, amid praise from fellow researchers as well as the Beef Cattle Research Centre.

In addition to her work based at the Lethbridge Research Centre, Beauchemin is an adjunct professor at the universities of Saskatchewan, Alberta and Utah State. She is a member on the science advisory committee for the Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef and has published 390 peer-reviewed scientific papers, plus other articles, book chapters and abstracts.

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3. Why Diversity and Inclusion Matter

<https://www.catalyst.org/research/why-diversity-and-inclusion-matter/>

Research from Catalyst and around the world has found that diversity and inclusion benefit individuals, organizations, teams, and society. The following data and findings are selected from a vast body of research on the benefits of diversity and inclusion in the workplace, with an emphasis on studies published in the last few years. This list is not exhaustive. For a selection of earlier research on this topic, see: Catalyst, Why Diversity Matters (July 23, 2013).

Catalyst has organized these findings into four areas in which diversity and inclusion have significant impact: talent, innovation and group performance, reputation and responsibility, and financial performance.

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4. Fighting farming inequality: COVID-19 brings existing gender stereotypes to surface for women in agriculture

<https://www.saltwire.com/lifestyles/regional-lifestyles/fighting-farming-inequality-covid-19-brings-existing-gender-stereotypes-to-surface-for-women-in-agriculture-477248/>

Lockdowns and disruptions from the COVID-19 pandemic have affected women disproportionately. And for those working in the agricultural sector, which feeds and adds massive value to the economy in Atlantic Canada and beyond, these surfacing gender disparities lie at its root.

When daycares and schools closed for the year, parents had few options for their children's care. The struggle for childcare has been a persistent issue for farming families across Atlantic Canada before the pandemic. The other concern for family farms is the safety risks when children are around heavy equipment, machinery, chemicals, livestock and large numbers of employees.

VanderHeide and Keddy are fighting for protection and support from gender discrimination within the industry. They want interventions to improve work and life balance, through programs or financial help with childcare so farm families can continue to produce food efficiently and safely for Canadian families.

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5. News and Views from the Global South – Women ‘Deliver for Good’ Campaign

<https://www.ipsnews.net/topics/women-deliver/>

The empowerment of women and girls is central to inclusive and sustainable growth around the world. Achieving this is complex and challenging and it starts with investments not just in health, education and the rights of women and girls but also in socio-economic factors. Access to resources and finance, the ability to safeguard the environment and participation in decision-making and politics are essential.

Deliver For Good is a global campaign that applies a gender lens to the Sustainable Development Goals and promotes 12 critical investments in girls and women to power progress for all.

Powered by Women Deliver, a global advocacy organisation that champions gender equality and the health and rights of girls and women, more than 400 organisations have joined the Deliver for Good Campaign.

The latest series of articles by Inter Press Service (IPS), with support from Women Deliver, illustrates the progress and achievements made across the globe. With the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, IPS reporting also highlights the widening of inequalities for girls and women across every sphere.

Includes articles in English and some in French, such as:

- COVID-19 Impact Means Women and Girls Will Still Eat Last, Be Educated Last
- COVID-19 Pandemic Could Widen Existing Inequalities for Kenya's Women in Business
- Senegalese Women's Participation in Energy Sector equals Empowerment
- For Love or Land – The Debate about Kenyan Women's Rights to Matrimonial Property
- Q&A: COVID-19 Means we Must Innovate Data Collection, Especially on Gender
- How Some Pacific Women are Responding to Climate Change and Natural Disasters

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6. Youth Rural-Urban Migration Hurts Malawi's Agriculture

<http://www.ipsnews.net/2020/08/youth-rural-urban-migration-hurts-malawis-agriculture/>

The Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) says in its Small Family Farms Country Factsheet for Malawi that farmers account for 80 percent of the total population of 17.5 million in Malawi. Out of that population of farmers, around 75 percent are small family farms that depend on family labour.

However, like the rest of Africa, Malawi suffers a high rate of rural-urban migration, mostly by youths seeking a better life in towns. When youths, who make up the majority of Malawi's population, migrate to urban centres, the productivity of family labour farms declines, according to findings of a study commissioned by the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) in Malawi in 2018 under its Enhancing Capacity to Apply Research Evidence (CARE) in Policy for Youth Engagement in Agribusiness and Rural Economic Activities in Africa.

Under the CARE programme, IITA is working with young researchers across Africa to promote understanding of the impact of poverty reduction and employment and factors that influence youth engagement in agribusiness and rural farm and non-farm economy.

To support African governments in stemming the tide of youth rural-urban migration, IITA is implementing a number of agriculture-specific programmes, besides CARE. For instance, the Start Them Early Programme (STEP) aims at changing the mindset of young people in primary and secondary schools by providing them with basic understanding in agriculture to direct them toward agriculture-related careers. IITA is also implementing Enable Youth project. This provides opportunities for underemployed young people, motivating them to establish agricultural enterprises and improve their agribusiness skills.

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7. First all-woman crew at the helm of Atlantic Aqua Farms boat

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prince-edward-island/all-women-crew-shellfish-farming-1.5695118>

For years, women have been employed by Atlantic Aqua Farms, which has several locations across Prince Edward Island and a main processing plant in Orwell Cove. The manager confirmed this is the company's first all-women crew on the water, a shellfish farming boat run by an all-women crew in North Rustico.

A profile of the industry from 1994 to 2006 indicates there was a strong male presence in the industry, with women making up about one-third of workers in the industry as a whole on P.E.I. And only 21 per cent of aquaculture jobs were held by women.

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8. How Women-led Agribusinesses are Boosting Nutrition in Africa

<http://www.ipsnews.net/2020/08/how-women-agribusinesses-are-boosting-nutrition-in-africa/>

A small but growing number of women are heading up agribusinesses in Africa, some of which are producing innovative products to combat malnutrition.

In the State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World report, the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) says healthy diets, including fruits; vegetables and protein-rich foods cost more than \$1.90 a day — the global poverty threshold. Estimates show that more than three billion people cannot afford a healthy diet and in sub-Saharan Africa and Asia, 57 percent of the population is affected.

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the fragility of current food systems and has amplified poverty, inequalities and food insecurity, according to the BCFN, which has outlined 10 bold interdisciplinary actions for the transformation of food systems.

Women face a combination of challenges in starting and running an agribusiness because of their disproportionate access to information and technology to access agronomic advice and payments.

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9. How Women & Girls are Forced to Trade Sex for Water

<http://www.ipsnews.net/2020/08/opinion-women-girls-forced-trade-sex-water/>

NAIROBI, Kenya, Aug 21 2020 (IPS) - There is an intimate connection between corruption and COVID-19. This pandemic is making everyday life more desperate, especially in poorer communities, and that means more opportunities for those preying on vulnerable people.

Measures to manage the coronavirus has put millions of people out of work and increased the demand for water to maintain good hygiene – and in most low-income settings, fetching water is women’s work.

Where official services are insufficient or non-existent, this means women and girls are chasing a scarce resource and often do not have enough money to pay for it.

The all-too-common result is ‘sex for water’: unscrupulous water suppliers, almost exclusively male, from informal vendors to utility staff, demanding sexual favours as payment for water.

Before the pandemic, getting enough water for basic needs was a daily struggle. Women and girls would spend hours each day collecting water from the nearest source or waiting in long queues at the local tap or pump.

For females living in these circumstances, there has always been the threat of verbal abuse, physical attack or sexual assault while gathering water for their households. Now, with squeezed incomes, weak governance and huge burdens on limited government resources, the danger has got much worse.

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10. Cookstove advocates must place gender and violence at the centre of research designs

<https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/africaatlse/2016/10/26/cookstove-advocates-must-place-gender-and-violence-at-the-centre-of-research-designs/>

Ignoring domestic violence is problematic because cookstoves are widely promoted as having an impact on domestic gender relations. Moreover, cookstove interventions are sometimes coupled with financing or entrepreneurship programmes, which can aggravate gender relations leading to increased domestic violence.

Additionally, it is well known that when camps are located in highly insecure settings, the form and risk of gender violence may be pervasive yet context specific. There is a plethora of anecdotal evidence suggesting that displaced women and girls risk gender violence within households, inside and near camps, or while traveling long distances (which is done for many reasons, not simply to collect fuel for cooking).

Although women and girls may risk exposure to violence while collecting fuel, it is incorrect to assume improved cooking will reduce gender violence.

By emphasising non-partner and fuelwood-related violence, cookstove advocates propagate the myth that more efficient cooking reduces the risk of violence. This masks the very real risks conflict-affected women and girls face every day, not only while collecting fuelwood.

Cookstove advocates must place gender and violence—not cookstoves and fuel—at the centre of research designs. Gender violence should be defined and measured comprehensively, and the impact of interventions on household gender dynamics assessed critically. This is by no means an easy task, but the totality of risks facing poor and conflict-affected women and girls compels it.

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Reports, Publications, Resources

1. Report: Boosting Economic Growth: A Report on Women Ag Entrepreneurship in Saskatchewan

Report <https://wekh.ca/research/boosting-economic-growth-a-report-on-women-ag-entrepreneurship-in-saskatchewan/>

Article <https://theconversation.com/how-to-combat-the-sexism-faced-by-women-farmers-143666>

Agriculture and agri-food industries represent approximately 10% of Saskatchewan’s gross domestic product. Despite increasing interest in women in ag, the representation of women entrepreneurs in these industries remains low in the province and across the country. For example, only 25% of farm operators in Saskatchewan, and approximately 30% nationally, are women. Underrepresentation of women entrepreneurs in ag is a missed opportunity.

This report examines the current status of women ag entrepreneurship in Saskatchewan in 2020. Data for this report was gathered through secondary and primary sources. Secondary sourced data included a review of available statistics, programs devoted to women in ag, and both academic and non-academic research. Primary sourced data included interviews with 32 individuals employed in ag in Saskatchewan.

This report has been prepared by the Saskatchewan regional hub of the Women Entrepreneurship Knowledge Hub (WEKH) at the Hill and Levene Schools of Business, University of Regina.

Recommendations for change

Our report presents several recommendations to facilitate and support women’s agricultural entrepreneurship.

To address under-representation and lack of recognition, a clearer definition and effective documentation of women’s presence in the sector is required, including in formal business ownership agreements.

Childcare is needed, especially childcare tailored to the unconventional schedules of farming and business ownership, along with child-friendly spaces at agricultural meetings and conferences. Men can play a supportive role by engaging equally in childcare and domestic work and by challenging sexism.

Finally, we recommend training, networking and financial supports designed specifically for women in the agriculture sector.

Addressing deeply ingrained gender inequality creates more equitable participation in policymaking and leadership for our land and food — and that benefits everyone.

2. Gender Equality Guide for Covid-19 related projects

<https://www.canwach.ca/sites/default/files/2020-06/Gender%20Equality%20Guide%20for%20COVID-19%20Related%20Projects%20-%20Global%20Affairs%20Canada%20-%20ENG.pdf>

Guidance <https://www.international.gc.ca/development-developpement/partners-partenaires/bt-oa/guidance-covid-guide.aspx?lang=eng>

Global Affairs Canada GAC has released a Gender Equality Guide for Covid-19 related projects, offering considerations and guiding questions ensuring the importance of gender-responsive programming in crisis. On their website, they also share Guidance on Eligibility of COVID-19 Potential Costs for development assistance projects and related Q&A. Please note, there is also new Guidance to Partners on COVID-19 Temporary Approach to Holdbacks available.

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3. Research Report: Climate Change, Agriculture and Gender in Gaza

<https://policy-practice.oxfam.org.uk/publications/climate-change-agriculture-and-gender-in-gaza-assessing-the-implications-of-the-621024>

A look at how gender inequality and the changing climate exacerbates existing inequalities faced by small scale grape and olive farmers in Gaza.

Women and men working in smallholder olive and grape sectors in Gaza face many difficulties in eking out a living, many as a result of a long blockade that restricts free movement of people and goods and access to land needed for agriculture, severely hampering any economic prospects. Climate change exacerbates the crisis, with rising temperatures and sea levels causing further shocks, stresses and uncertainty. This research assesses smallholder farmers' capacity to absorb, adapt and transform their livelihoods in the face of these challenges – with a particular focus on women, who bear the brunt of climate change and inequality – and suggests a range of actions that should be taken to address the crisis.

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4. Study: Integrating gender and nutrition in Ugandan policy: An assessment

<https://ccafs.cgiar.org/research-highlight/integrating-gender-and-nutrition-ugandan-policy-assessment#.XyixBihKjIU>

The challenges notwithstanding, Uganda is still considered the “regional food basket” due to its high agricultural production. However, undernourishment has been on the rise, despite recent improvements in child nutrition. Adult obesity has also somewhat increased in the last few years, adding to the issue of malnutrition in the country.

Adequate focus on gender and nutrition in climate change and food security policies could help tackle these challenges. A recent study carried out by the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) shows that there is evidence of government efforts to include gender and nutrition perspectives in national policies, but that these are not consistently mainstreamed across climate change and food security policy documents.

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5. Guide: Step-by-step process to mainstream gender in climate-smart agricultural initiatives in Guatemala

https://ccafs.cgiar.org/publications/step-step-process-mainstream-gender-climate-smart-agricultural-initiatives-guatemala#.Xyix_ChKjIU

Within the framework of the projects “Generating evidence on gender-sensitive climate-smart agriculture to inform policy in Central America” and “Shaping equitable climate change policies for resilient food systems across Central America and the Caribbean”, during 2018 and 2019, a series of workshops was held at the national level with the purpose of strengthening the capacities of stakeholders to develop and implement agricultural projects integrating gender and climate change perspectives. The need to strengthen the inclusion of gender equality considerations in all phases of agricultural program and project design and implementation was emphasized during these activities, including the need to create more robust monitoring systems integrating gender indicator and measures focused on enhancing the adaptive capacity to cope with the impacts of climate change and variability. Within this context the Guatemalan Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food (MAGA) and CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS) joined efforts to prepare this guide as a practical tool to orient stakeholders at the national or sub-national level in designing, implementing, and monitoring interventions seeking to promote a climate-smart agriculture (CSA) so that they consider and reflect a gender equality approach.

This guide is divided in four sections that may be used jointly or separately, as required:

- The Basics: What does mainstreaming a gender perspective mean and what key questions should I ask?
- Module 1: How can I design and develop my intervention to ensure the mainstreaming of gender considerations?
- Module 2: How can I ensure that the implementation stage mainstreams gender considerations?
- Module 3: How can I design a gender-responsive monitoring and evaluation system?

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6. Webinar Report: Sustaining coffee producers’ agency in the context of COVID-19

<https://www.iied.org/sustaining-coffee-producers-agency-context-covid-19>

Vava Coffee is a social enterprise in Kenya that aims to tackle barriers to an inclusive, fair and sustainable coffee sector. Its main focus is promoting access and agency for women and young people in the coffee supply chain. With the advent of COVID-19, Vava Coffee faces unprecedented challenges.

IIED hosted a webinar to consider how the global pandemic has impacted Vava Coffee and its producers, and how they can overcome those challenges.

Vava Angwenyi said that agriculture is an important sector in Kenya, but there are many barriers to entry for women, including the fact the men own nearly all the land. Eighty per cent of the population is below the age of 35 and the vast majority are unemployed. Young people are leaving rural areas, and the average age of coffee producers is gradually increasing, which is an issue for the future of the industry.

It was in this context that Vava Angwenyi started a social enterprise with the aim of disrupting the coffee sector and enhancing sustainable livelihoods for smallholder farmers, focusing on women and young people. Vava Coffee seeks to integrate more women and youth into the coffee supply chain by directly linking them to markets. Vava Coffee seeks to create strong relationships with the coffee-producing communities and support them with a range of initiatives.

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7. Forestland management and empowerment: A phenomenological inquiry into the experiences of women forestland managers in the state of Georgia, USA

<http://agdevresearch.org/index.php/aad/article/view/43>

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.37433/aad.v1i2.43>

Abstract

Women are increasingly becoming the primary decision-makers of forested properties throughout the United States. The purpose of this study was to understand the experiences of women forestland owners in Georgia. A qualitative phenomenological research design was used to interview nine female forestland owners. Three themes emerged from the semi-structured interviews. Participants stated that land management involved: (a) initial feelings of inadequacy (an imposter syndrome), (b) personal and professional resources, and (c) genuine relationships. The theory of empowerment provided a basis for interpreting the findings and aided in the development of recommendations for future practice and research. We found that women experienced a temporary imposter stage early in land management that gave way to feeling empowered as their experiences with managing land increased. Access to trustworthy information, as well as genuine relationships with forestry professionals and other landowners, played key roles in such advancement. We recommend strategies for natural resource professionals to consider, including encouraging formal and informal networking opportunities when working with female audiences, including at educational outreach events like those hosted by Extension.

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8. Videos: Access Agriculture

<https://www.accessagriculture.org/newsletter>

Access Agriculture is a group of passionate people devoted to promoting effective agricultural training videos for the benefit of farmers and rural businesses. To develop local language versions, mass multiply and disseminate agricultural training videos, Access Agriculture collaborates with more than 200 communication professionals across the globe.

This monthly e-newsletter gives a bird's eye view of all the exciting updates from Access Agriculture, a world-leading organisation for quality agricultural training videos in international and local languages, working across the Global South.

The Access Agriculture Panorama features information on new videos, audio podcasts, blog posts, articles contributed by experts, partner highlights, voices from the field and upcoming events.

Videos are available in Hindi, Fon and Wolof languages, among others.

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9. Literature Review: Gender-Based Violence in Humanitarian Settings: Cookstoves and Fuels

<https://www.cleancookingalliance.org/resources/478.html>

As aid agencies and NGOs worldwide increase their focus on providing lifesaving aid, the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves wants to ensure that the critical energy needs of crisis-affected people are met, especially those of the women and girls, who risk their safety just to collect the fuel needed to cook their families' meals. This paper outlines evidence and highlight gaps in knowledge on the impact that adoption of clean and/or efficient cookstoves and fuels can have on reducing the risk and incidence of gender-based violence (GBV). The purpose of this literature review was to examine existing project data and research in order to evaluate the evidence base, better understand whether humanitarian energy programs intending to reduce GBV measured their impacts, and learn whether these projects actually reduced risk or incidence of GBV.

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10. Report: Gender dynamics and solar electricity: Lessons from Tanzania

<https://www.inclusivebusiness.net/node/5039>

https://www.ashden.org/downloads/files/Insights-from-Tanzania_Gender-and-Energy.pdf

This report presents a case study of how women and men in rural Tanzania are affected differently by the arrival of off-grid electricity in their homes, and the extent to which access contributes towards women’s empowerment. It aims to inform work by enterprises, as well as funders and policy makers so that women in Tanzania and beyond are meaningfully included in the sustainable energy transition. In order to do this, our study tests assumptions about the impact of household solar technologies on women’s lives so that companies can ensure their products and services are inclusive and avoid reinforcing gender inequality.

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11. OPINION Clean Cooking Transition: Pathways as Seen by Kenyan Villagers

<http://www.ipsnews.net/2020/08/clean-cooking-transition-pathways-seen-kenyan-villagers/>

The backcasting research with the Kenyan community showed once again that the clean cooking transition should start by empowering villagers, by supporting early saving and working with early adapters, and by building the know-how and confidence to engage with government entities to access key services.

Governments and development partners, in turn, are called upon to spur progress on multiple levels, from public services and large-scale infrastructure to full electrification, to improved education and health facilities. All these sectors are profoundly interlinked and require cross-sectoral cooperation.

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12. IDRC Digital Library Books

<https://bit.ly/2YMxEPE>

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13. Film: Women Reclaim Farming in Documentary “Rise, Root, Revolution!”

<https://foodtank.com/news/2020/08/women-reclaim-farming-in-documentary-rise-root-revolution/>

In her feature-length documentary “Rise, Root, Revolution!” filmmaker and multimedia journalist Kate Walker tells the story of Rise & Root Farm in Chester, New York, and the four women co-founders who are reclaiming the power of farming.

Founded in 2015, Rise & Root Farm is an interracial, intergenerational, collectively owned farm led by Black, white, queer, and straight women. They strive to model a more just and representative model of farming while providing abundant and nutritious food for their community.

The film also explores the legacy of early 20th century policies that prevented people of color and women from accessing loans and land. Over the last century, discriminatory lending and subsidizing practices by the U.S. Department of Agriculture drove Black farmers off their land. In 1910, about 14 percent of American farmers were Black, but by 2012, the number of Black farmers dwindled to less than two percent, according to the Center for American Progress.

14. Webinar Report: ‘What Works For Women’s Land And Property Rights?’

Discussion Paper <https://landwise.resourceequity.org/records/3170-what-works-for-women-s-land-and-property-rights-what-we-know-and-what-we-need-to>

Webinar <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EbqbVkk0Qxo&feature=youtu.be>

On Wednesday 22nd July, Resource Equity hosted a webinar in collaboration with LandPortal, building on our recent discussion paper ‘What Works for Women’s Land and Property Rights? What We Know and What We Need To Know.’ That paper summarizes the strength and availability of evidence on the effectiveness of different interventions to improve land rights for women.

Around 300 people joined us from all over the world for a vibrant discussion about improving women’s land rights: what’s known to work and what’s next for research in the field. On reflection, a few things stood out for us.

First, the World Bank’s Africa Gender Innovation Lab is looking at specific interventions that will encourage joint titling of land in the land titling programs. In Uganda, it found that persuasive video clips about the value of joint titling increased joint titles by almost 50%. Involving both men and women in education and information campaigns is critical, a point highlighted by Nana Ama. Both Nana Ama and Dr. Cheryl Doss emphasized the importance of context in designing interventions to improve women’s land rights. There should be no place for a ‘one-size-fits-all’ approach.

Another issue highlighted by both Joao and Nana Ama is the need for sustained effort on women’s land rights. Changes take time, and other kinds of assistance – like extension services and credit – are needed to help them take hold.

All three panelists believe that for women to improve their rights to land, they must organize and work together to push for those rights.

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15. Resources: Collecting gender-sensitive data on assets/land rights

<http://datatopics.worldbank.org/gender/guidelinesandtraining>

From The World Bank, a list of guidelines and resources on how to collect gender-sensitive data on assets/land rights.

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16. Gender Data Series: Mitigating the impact of COVID-19 on women and girls

<https://pages.devex.com/gender-data-covid19.html>

The COVID-19 outbreak has uncovered pressure points impacting women and girls across an array of key issues including rise of gender-based violence and inequality, increased risks faced by female health workers on the frontline of the fight, and limited access to sexual and reproductive health services.

This series, produced in partnership with Devex, Facebook and WFP, is designed to create a better understanding of the gender-related issues highlighted by the current pandemic and to share important lessons learned about how data can help inform better responses to the current crisis.

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17. **Webinar Report: Fostering Sustainable Livelihoods for Adolescent Girls and Young Women: Emerging Models from Sub-Saharan Africa**

<https://seepnetwork.org/Webinar-Post/Fostering-Sustainable-Livelihoods-for-Adolescent-Girls-and-Young-Women-Emerging-Models-from-Sub-Saharan-Africa>

This webinar featured several models and donor perspectives for facilitating market linkages for vulnerable adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) in Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda and Zimbabwe. These models are critical in fostering their economic empowerment and agency to stay HIV-free and safe from violence. We heard from program implementers and donors about the key challenges young women in these settings face and the pathways that can enable them to become successful entrepreneurs and employees- even in traditionally male-dominated trades and sectors. Panelists also discussed the implications of COVID-19 for economic strengthening.

This webinar provided attendees with a keen understanding of what models work and can be adapted to similar contexts for economic empowerment of AGYW. They also walked away with clarity on how COVID-19 is both increasing the economic insecurity of young women and opening up new opportunities for virtual work in the digital economy.

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18. **Workshop Report: Lessons for gender in seed systems**

<https://www.cimmyt.org/multimedia/lessons-for-gender-in-seed-systems/>

Seed systems are complex and dynamic, involving diverse, interdisciplinary actors. Women play an important role in the seed value chain, although underlying social and cultural norms can impact their equal participation. Gender-sensitive seed systems will create more opportunities for women and increase food security.

The International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) convened a multi-stakeholder technical workshop titled, “Gender dynamics in seed systems in sub-Saharan Africa and worldwide lessons” on December 2, 2019, in Nairobi, Kenya. Researchers and development practitioners operating in the nexus of gender and seed systems shared lessons learned and research findings to identify knowledge gaps and exchange ideas on promising — and implementable — interventions and approaches that expand opportunities for women in the seed sector.

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19. **Influential Women in Canadian Agriculture series**

<https://www.agwomen.ca/iwca-series-kristen-phillips/>

By day, Kristen Phillips is a farmer, agronomist, and general manager of Manitoba Ag Days. But she’s also a wife and a mom, raising the fifth generation of farmers on her family’s land in Roseland, Man. In this episode of AgAnnex Talks, the sixth and final interview in our Influential Women in Canadian Agriculture series, Phillips shares what keeps her excited about agriculture, the profound advice she carries with her through her career, and her thoughts on the future of the Canadian industry.

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