



## GENDER, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND NUTRITION INTEGRATION INITIATIVE (GCAN) NEWSLETTER 1 | May 2017

Welcome to the GCAN Newsletter

### Launch of the GCAN website

The GCAN website has been launched! The website can be found [here](#). It describes IFPRI's work for Feed-the-Future on climate-nutrition-gender integration along the key work streams of GCAN:

- 1) Direct support to [USAID missions](#) in Feed-the-Future countries on integrating climate, gender and nutrition into programming;
  - 2) [Visualization](#) and [standardization](#) of Feed-the-Future datasets focusing on the linkages between climate, gender and nutrition, including a hackathon;
  - 3) New [research and tools](#) on climate-gender-nutrition linkages; and
  - 4) Advisory services in the areas of climate, gender and nutrition for USAID.
- Stay tuned for regular updates on events and

### The GCAN framework

To support programming around climate, gender and nutrition GCAN held several meetings and consultations to develop the [GCAN Framework](#). This framework serves as a tool to help better understand the linkages among climate, gender, and nutrition at multiple scales and over different time horizons. The framework also serves to identify entry points for policies, technologies and institutions that enhance synergies and reduce tradeoffs across the three development goals of nutrition, women's empowerment and resilience that all form part of the 2016 Global Food Security Act. Elements of the framework were co-developed with USAID and USAID partners at the October 2016 [GCAN start up workshop](#) in Washington DC. The draft framework was then presented at a November [2016 Agrilinks](#) seminar. This was followed by presentations of

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framework elements at various mission visits as well as at the [Cambodia GLEE event](#) in December 2016. Stay tuned for the publication of the final framework!

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## GCAN in May

### NAIP Refresh meets GCAN

On May 8-10, 2017, several members of the GCAN team participated in the “CSA Clinic: Technical Training on Climate-Smart Agriculture for National Agricultural Investment Plan (NAIP) Design & Appraisal” held in Dakar, Senegal. The Clinic was organized by IFPRI’s West and Central Africa Office for 10 participants representing 9 countries in sub-Saharan Africa, contributing to the ongoing NAIP Refresh Process.

NAIPs are developed under the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) under the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) of the African Union. It is crucial that this continent-wide agenda to transform Africa’s agriculture and stimulate growth, which includes a commitment by each country to increase public resources for agriculture to ten percent of government spending in order to achieve a six percent average annual agriculture sector growth, incorporates climate, gender and nutrition aspects.

GCAN climate expert [Alex de Pinto](#) focused on climate smart agriculture and its role in agricultural development. GCAN experts [Carlo Azzarri](#), [Elizabeth Bryan](#), and [Jowel Choufani](#) presented on weathershocks and the GCAN conceptual framework, respectively.

### What else is happening in GCAN?

- The Student Challenge is open! GCAN is looking for up to 4 students (advanced MA or PhD level) who are interested to work on the intersection of climate, gender and nutrition using [Feed-the-Future datasets](#). Please send your CV plus a 1-2 page summary with research question/s, hypothesis, methodology and identified Feed the Future dataset no later than June 9 to [ifpri-gcan@cgiar.org](mailto:ifpri-gcan@cgiar.org). Selected studies get a stipend of up to \$5,000 upon successful delivery of a publishable research paper. The deadline for the final draft is October/2017.
- During May 22-26, a GCAN team is visiting the Nigeria USAID mission to work with the mission on integrating climate, gender and nutrition into Feed the Future Programming.
- The Gender and Resilience Working Group will hold its next meeting at IFPRI’s Headquarters in Washington DC on June 26 to discuss frameworks linking climate change and gender. Among others GCAN experts will introduce the GCAN framework at the event.

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## About GCAN

Achieving the goals of the Feed-the-Future Program and [Global Food Security Strategy](#) requires careful consideration of the impact of climate science on agricultural production and livelihoods, while at the same time considering other cross-cutting issues that influence agricultural growth, poverty alleviation and resilience, especially gender and nutrition. To address these challenges the Gender, Climate Change and Nutrition Integration Initiative (GCAN) initiative works with USAID headquarters, field missions, and partners to enhance understanding of the linkages between climate, gender, and nutrition in order to achieve increased resilience, women’s empowerment and improved nutrition.

The GCAN newsletter provides periodic updates on GCAN activities for USAID, USAID missions and partners and those interested in research for development around climate, gender and nutrition.

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