

GENDER, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND NUTRITION INTEGRATION INITIATIVE (GCAN) NEWSLETTER | October 2017

DATATHON moves to Bangladesh

DATATHON-DC Winners Brown Bag Seminar at USAID headquarters



On October 26, GCAN organized a brown bag seminar with two of the DATATHON-DC Winners, Naziha Sultana (International Center for Research on Women) and Adan Silverio Murillo (School of Public Affairs, American University) at USAID headquarters in Washington DC. Tim Thomas and Jawoo Koo (both IFPRI) opened the seminar by introducing GCAN and its work on data analyses through DATATHONS, highlighting the project's overall activities and the team's effort to harmonize datasets, even preparations, and sharing lessons learned through the process. This was followed by presentations by Naziha and Adan, who both shared their additional research work and findings since the DATATHON event. To view the presentations, follow the link below.

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FEED THE FUTURE

DATATHON

OPEN DATA → INSIGHTS

10 AM – 5 PM
November 9, 2017

AGRICULTURAL POLICY SUPPORT UNIT
22, Seth Bhatan – 4th Floor
Manik Mia Avenue
Sher-e-Bangla Nagar
Dhaka 1207



DHAKA-DATATHON

IFPRI's GCAN Project invites you (and/or your nominated colleagues specialized in food security data analysis) to our second Feed the Future DATATHON on Thursday 9 November at [the Agricultural Policy Support Unit \(APSU\) Conference Room in Dhaka](#). This public event invites all avid data analysts in Dhaka to come and explore our open, gender/sex-disaggregated agriculture and nutrition datasets and develop new insights.

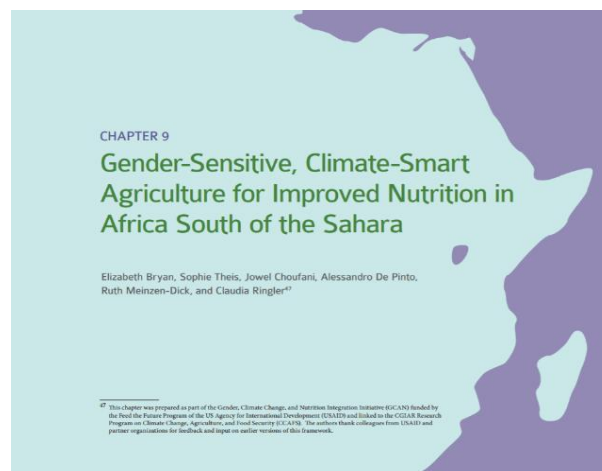
Free tickets are available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/feed-the-future-datathon-tickets-38770319068>.

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New GCAN Publications

GCAN Framework now published!

We are excited to announce that the GCAN framework is now published! The 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.



Moreover, the Annual Trends and Outlook Report features the [publication of the GCAN framework](#) (Chapter 9 of ATOR) developed consultatively as part of the GCAN project.

GCAN team member [Elizabeth Bryan](#) presented key elements of the framework at the ReSAKKS conference in Maputo, Mozambique.

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ReSAKKS Annual Trends and Outlook Conference and Report – Focused on Climate Smart Agriculture

This year's Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System (ReSAKSS) Conference, titled "A Thriving Agricultural Sector in A Changing Climate: Meeting Malabo Declaration Goals through Climate-Smart Agriculture", which took place during October 25-27 in Maputo, Mozambique, released the [2017 Annual Trends and Outlook Report \(ATOR\)](#) that reviews the evidence of the effectiveness of various CSA strategies in Sub-Saharan Africa and analyzes examples of CSA-based practices and tools.

In addition to the GCAN framework, book chapters focused on: 1) The effects of climate change on agriculture and food security in Africa; 2) Climate Smart Agriculture in Sub-Saharan Africa for Crop and Livestock Systems; 3) Insurance Opportunities Against Weather Risks; and 4) Trade, Climate Change and CSA; and on 5) Scaling up Ecosystem-based Approaches for Sustainable Development in the Region.

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GCAN in the Field

GCAN and the Cereal Systems Initiative for South Asia (CSISA) partner to study gender in agricultural technology rental markets in Bangladesh

The [CSISA Mechanization and Irrigation](#) (CSISA-MI) program seeks to promote broad-based access to agricultural mechanization through a local service provider model in Bangladesh with low cost, scale-appropriate technology. In October, GCAN and CSISA initiated qualitative data collection in Bangladesh to investigate the ways in which men and women participate in and benefit from agricultural machinery rental markets, both as local service providers and as clients. The findings will provide insights on how to include women in the benefits of technology diffusion and rural entrepreneurship.

Review underway: Promising approaches to climate resilience that promote nutrition and gender equality

Thank you to the organizations that generously shared their experiences in response to the recent GCAN call for promising practices across climate change, gender and nutrition! Over 40 organizations submitted 52 projects from more than 20 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, Central America, and South and Southeast Asia. In the coming weeks, the team is synthesizing lessons learned from approaches to integrate gender and nutrition goals into projects that strengthen rural communities' resilience to climate change. The report will draw on interviews with implementers, literature reviews, and case studies to identify promising ways to design, monitor, and evaluate different climate resilience projects, including disaster risk reduction, social cash transfers, climate information services, and climate-smart agriculture, which aim to serve men and women equally and promote nutritional security. Stay tuned for a draft report circulated for feedback before the end of 2017.

Upcoming events

GCAN in the lead up to COP23

GCAN will focus efforts on strengthening resilience with a focus on gender and nutrition in the lead up and during COP23 that takes place in Bonn, Germany, this year. We would like to highlight the following sessions:

IFPRI Policy Seminar for COP23: October 31: 12.15-13.45

[Climate resilience, sustainable food systems, and healthy diets: Can we have it all?](#)

Official Side Events in Bonn, Germany:

November 7: [Securing Women's Land Rights as a Climate Change Strategy](#) (Meeting room 7, 11:30-13:00)

November 16: High-Level Panel Discussion: [How can agroecology help countries achieve their climate commitments](#) (Meeting room 7, 13:15 - 14:45)

Additional sessions and recent publications can be found on a special COP23 site:

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Achieving the goals of the Feed-the-Future Program and the [Global Food Security Strategy](#) requires careful consideration of the impact of climate 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) works with USAID headquarters, field missions, and partners to enhance understanding of the linkages between climate, gender, and nutrition for increased resilience, women's empowerment and improved nutrition.

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