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## GCAN Highlights

**GCAN local partners are selected to lead policy engagement and capacity strengthening activities in Ethiopia, Kenya and Nigeria.**

Through a rigorous process, the GCAN partner selection committee identified partners in three of the five focal countries to work with relevant stakeholders to enhance the integration of gender and nutrition objectives into national and state-level climate action. Among other activities, GCAN local partners will lead in-country convenings with the government and other key actor groups, provide in-country training and advisory services and identify research and evidence gaps.

Meet our selected partners!

- Ethiopia: Forum for Social Studies. Link: [FSS](#)
- Kenya: Inclusive Climate Change Adaptation for a Sustainable Africa. Link: [ICCASA](#),
- Nigeria: University of Science and Technology, Wudil. Link: [KUST](#) and the Environmental Care Foundation. Link: [ECF](#)

## Institutional Mapping Workshop in Senegal

In June 2024, GCAN held an institutional mapping workshop in Senegal, drawing on the knowledge of key stakeholders across the climate change institutional landscape. The Net-Map approach was used to identify key actors involved in designing and implementing climate policies and actions, describe their linkages, and highlight opportunities to integrate gender and nutrition in climate policy processes and interventions. Results of the workshop will be presented in a IFPRI discussion paper and will support the engagement of GCAN with key actors in the country working on climate change, gender, and nutrition issues.



## Events

- July 1, 2024, Elizabeth Bryan moderated a panel on the “Gendered implications of climate shocks and stressors” at the FAO workshop “Accelerating feminist pathways in agrifood systems” at FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy.
- June 27, 2024, Muzna Alvi gave a presentation on “[Gender, climate change and resilience: Old challenges, new solutions](#)” at the World Bank-FAO Knowledge Exchange Series on the Nexus of Food Systems, Nutrition, and Climate Change in South Asia; Session on “Bridging Divides: Addressing Systemic Inequality and Social Inclusion in South Asia’s Agrifood Systems.”
- June 18, 2024 IFPRI-FAO Policy Seminar on “[The Unjust Climate: Measuring the impacts of climate change on rural poor, women, and youth](#)” highlights the findings of a recent [FAO report](#) with contributions from GCAN.
- May 21, 2024, Ruth Meinzen-Dick gave a presentation “[From Victims to Agents: Gender Equality for Climate Change Response at a World Bank Seminar on Gender in Climate Policies and Climate Finance for Agriculture.](#)”
- May 16, 2024, Ruth Meinzen-Dick gave the presentation “[Collective Action and polycentric governance for climate resilience](#)” at the World Bank Land Conference 2024.
- May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, GCAN together with the CGIAR GENDER and Environmental Health and Biodiversity Platforms participated in the Africa Fertilizer and Soil Health (AFSH) Summit with

a session on “[Improving Soil Health and Optimizing Plant Nutrition through Empowering Women Farmers](#).” A key outcome from the Conference is the [Nairobi Declaration](#). Going forward, it will be important to ensure that climate, gender and nutrition challenges associated with the implementation of the African Fertilizer and Soil Health Action Plan are explicitly considered and addressed. A blog discussing some of these gender issues can be found here: [To improve Africa’s soil health and plant nutrition, empower women farmers](#)

## Publications

### **Empowering Women through Beekeeping: The Humble Bee’s Ambitious Approach**

This blog presents the work of Women for Bees (also known as The Humble Bee) which was selected as the GCAN winner of the 2023 ICTforAg Inspire Challenge for empowering women in rural areas through beekeeping. The Women for Bees program works with women beekeepers in remote villages, helping them access real-time advice and support through their mobile phones, using AI-driven apps to manage their hives more effectively. [Read the blog](#).

## Announcements

GCAN partner ICCASA will present in the session “Gender in Agriculture and Food Systems: African Perspectives” at the [Africa Food Systems Forum](#) on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.

## Of Interest

Recent publications that may be of interest to the GCAN community include:

- A review on “[Addressing gender inequalities and strengthening women’s agency to create more climate resilient and sustainable food systems](#),” which was a background paper to the 2023 FAO report on the [Status of Women in Agrifood Systems](#).
- A perspective on “[Women’s leadership in climate-resilient agrifood systems: Defining a future research agenda](#),” which was produced under the CGIAR Research Program on Gender Equality.

More information on GCAN: [GCAN: Gender, Climate Change and Nutrition Integration Initiative](#)

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