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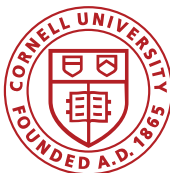
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About Gender-responsive Researchers Equipped for Agricultural Transformation (GREAT)

GREAT equips researchers to create more inclusive and effective agricultural systems by addressing the priorities of both women and men originally in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA), expanding to South Asia.

GREAT delivers courses to agricultural researchers from sub-Saharan Africa in the theory and practice of gender-responsive research, seeking to increase opportunities for equitable participation and the sharing of benefits from agricultural research and improve the outcomes for smallholder women farmers, entrepreneurs, and farmer organizations. By building and engaging communities of researchers equipped with the skills, knowledge, and support systems to develop and implement gender-responsive projects, GREAT will advance gender-responsiveness as the norm and standard for agricultural research. GREAT is supported with funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Phase 1 (2015-2021) was a collaboration between Cornell University in Ithaca, New York and Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda; and Phase 2 (2021-2022), partnership expanded to include the CGIAR GENDER Platform through the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI).

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The GREAT Vision

As co-Principal Investigators of the Gender-responsive Researchers Equipped for Agricultural Transformation (GREAT) project, we warmly welcome you to join us in our efforts to elevate gender-responsiveness in the agricultural research community.

We have a GREAT vision:

“To equip researchers to create more inclusive and effective agricultural systems by addressing the priorities of both women and men in sub-Saharan Africa.”

The GREAT vision is based on a premise that agricultural research projects are often designed with little consideration of how the research outputs, technologies and interventions will impact both men and women. Researchers are increasingly expected to design projects that deliver equitable outcomes, yet there is only limited or inappropriate gender training out there for agricultural researchers. Considering gender in research requires thinking differently, and not just applying tools. GREAT will not only teach participants how to use tools, but also how to change the way they look at their research, to be able to identify relevant gender research questions, or potential points of negative or positive impact for women and men, and how to address these.

What we strive for is changing researchers and research systems. If GREAT can change the agricultural research paradigm so that gender is the lens through which all projects are conceptualized



and implemented, research outputs will be more appropriate to the needs of both women and men farmers, and more widely adopted. Women will gain greater visibility and voice in agricultural research design and implementation.

All of this would culminate in increased benefits from agricultural research for men, women and children together.

The challenge in developing truly applied gender training courses for agricultural researchers bound GREAT proponents together, building a community of passionate supporters. We are indebted to the many visionary voices that have contributed intellectual input into the development of GREAT, and thank everyone who has generously devoted time, thoughts and resources to the GREAT vision.

Rhetoric around gender-responsive research is not new, but action and evidence is what is lacking. With GREAT intervention, we hope that the usual process of paying lip-service to gender without linking it to concrete commitments of time, budgets and personnel will change. Change is our greatest challenge. We hope you will join us as agents of change to implement this new vision of agricultural research to intelligently design research projects that maximize impact for all.

Thank you for joining the GREAT vision!

Hale Ann Tufan

Margaret Najjingo Mangheni

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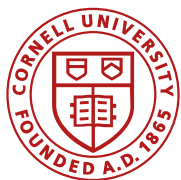
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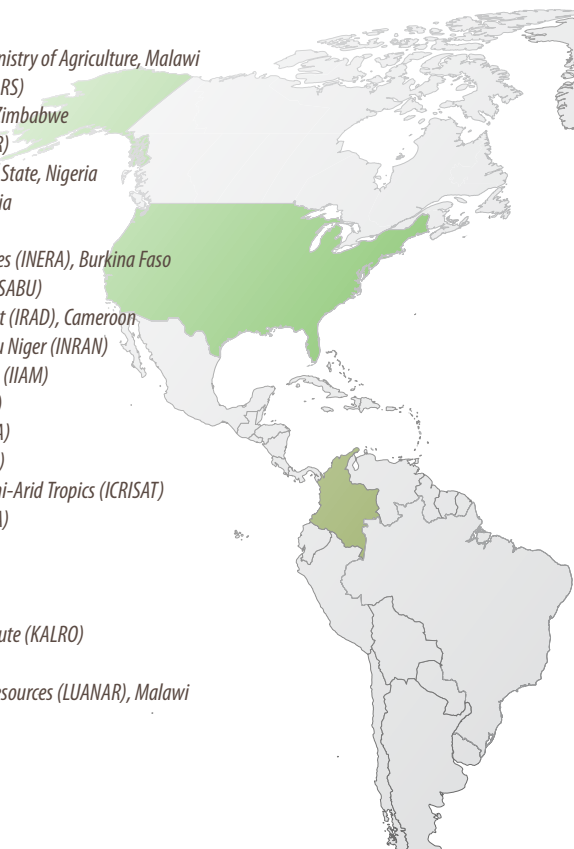
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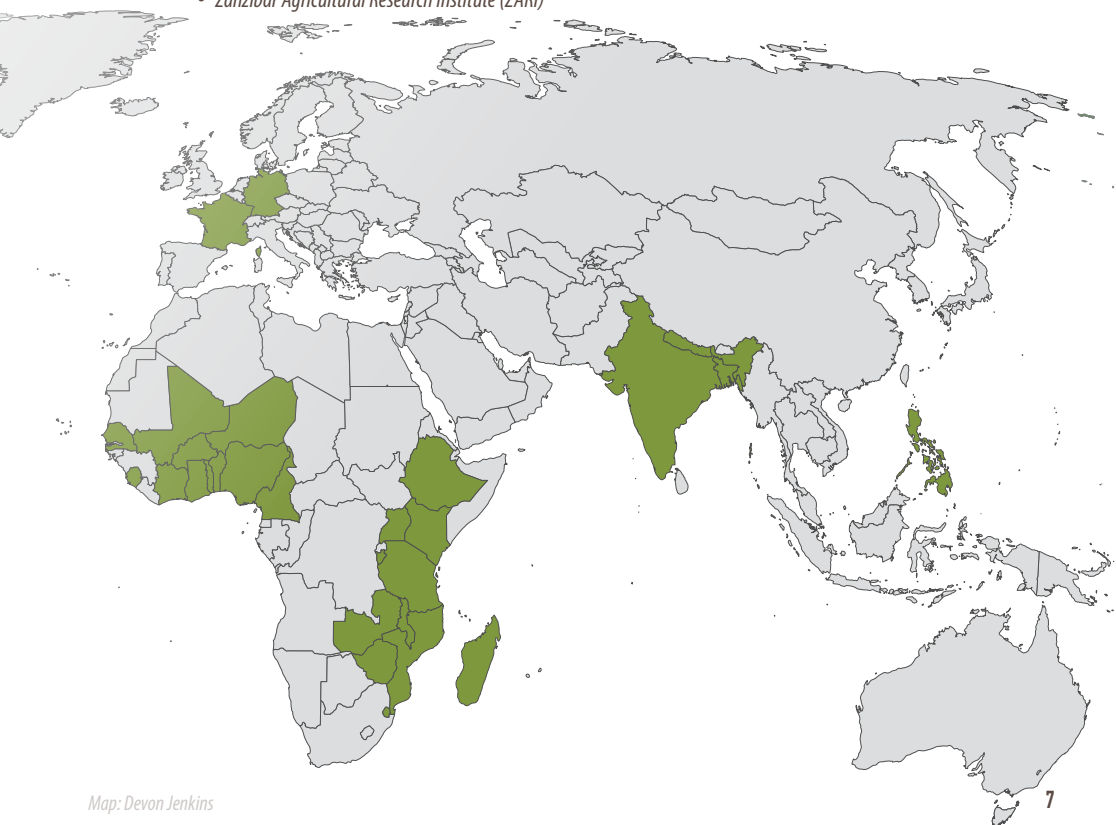
Since the first GREAT course in 2016, we've trained 296 researchers from 66 institutions and 26 countries.

The participants have come from both national and international research institutions, including:

- AfricaRice
- Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria
- Bangladesh Institute of Nuclear Agriculture (BINA)
- Bindura University of Science Education, Zimbabwe
- Bioversity International
- Busitema University, Uganda
- Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement (CIRAD), France
- Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique et Technologique (CNRST), Burkina Faso
- Centre National de Recherche Agronomique (CNRA), Côte d'Ivoire
- CGIAR Excellence in Breeding Platform (EiB)
- Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Ghana
- Crop Breeding Institute, Zimbabwe
- Department of Agricultural Research (DARS)
- Department of Agricultural Research Services, Ministry of Agriculture, Malawi
- Department of Agricultural Research Services (DARS)
- Department of Research and Specialist Services, Zimbabwe
- Ethiopian Institute for Agricultural Research (EIAR)
- Federal University of Agriculture Abeokuta, Ogun State, Nigeria
- Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (IGKV), India
- Institut d'Economie Rurale (IER), Mali
- Institut de l'Environnement et Recherches Agricoles (INERA), Burkina Faso
- Institut des Sciences Agronomiques du Burundi (ISABU)
- Institute of Agricultural Research for Development (IRAD), Cameroon
- Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique du Niger (INRAN)
- Instituto de Investigação Agrária de Moçambique (IIAM)
- Institut Sénégalais de Recherches Agricoles (ISRA)
- Institut Togolais de Recherche Agronomique (ITRA)
- International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT)
- International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)
- International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA)
- International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)
- International Potato Center (CIP)
- International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)
- Kenyan Agricultural and Livestock Research Institute (KALRO)
- Lake Chad Research Institute (LCRI), Nigeria
- Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR), Malawi



- *L'Institut Panafricain pour le Développement région Afrique de l'Ouest - Sahel (IPD/AOS)*
- *Makerere University, Uganda*
- *Michigan State University*
- *Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agricultural Research and Specialists Services (MoA-DARSS), Eswatini*
- *Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries (MALF), Tanzania*
- *Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development (MOALD), Nepal*
- *Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Climate, Water and Rural Resettlement, Zimbabwe*
- *Mulungushi University, Zambia*
- *National Agricultural Research Organization (NARO), Uganda*
- *National Root Crops Research Institute (NRCRI), Nigeria*
- *Nepal Agricultural Research Council (NARC)*
- *Sierra Leone Agricultural Research Institute (SLARI)*
- *SOJAGNON-NGO, Benin*
- *Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI)*
- *Uganda Christian University*
- *Université Dan Dicko Dankoulodo de Maradi, Niger*
- *Universite Joseph Ki-Zerbo, Burkina Faso*
- *University of Abomey-Calavi, Benin*
- *University of Zambia*
- *West Africa Center for Crop Improvement (WACCI)*
- *World Vegetable Center*
- *Zambia Agriculture Research Institute (ZARI)*
- *Zanzibar Agricultural Research Institute (ZARI)*





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*The Gender Responsive Plant Breeding Course
has helped me to always use a gender lens in a range of
activities including developing product profiles, formulating
interventions and writing proposals.*

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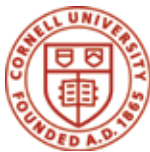
Global Plant breeder -Legumes

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GREAT Offerings | Cohort Courses

Intensive, Applied, Transformative.

The GREAT Project is centered around a unique course design.

GREAT courses are not like other gender trainings. We go far beyond gender sensitization, equipping researchers from diverse backgrounds with the skills to design and deliver research projects that result in better adoption, and more equitable and impactful results for the communities they serve.

What is the GREAT Approach?

GREAT courses are designed to make it easier for researchers to incorporate gender into their projects. We demystify gender, and provide social and biophysical scientists the theory, knowledge, tools and analytical approaches they need to bring gender into their research programs in a more grounded, realistic manner. Participants walk away better equipped to work together to increase adoption rates, and deliver equitable results that benefit men, women and children, across different crop value chains.



Theory and Knowledge. GREAT courses are grounded in applied gender theory. Participants learn how to use this knowledge to frame their research appropriately, and put it to work for the communities they serve.



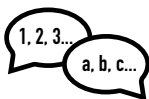
Research Tools. GREAT courses cover mixed methods research, helping researchers select, design and use tools in a holistic, integrated fashion, that will help them learn the needs, desires and constraints of different value chain actors.



Analysis and Implementation. GREAT courses cover quantitative and qualitative data analysis methods, helping research teams unpack key themes and learnings from their field work, and translate these into research that delivers more equitable and effective results.



Whole Cycle Approach. GREAT courses examine gender through each step of the research cycle, from start to finish, helping researchers both better compete for grant funding, and seamlessly integrate gender into their research, from proposal to publication.



Interdisciplinarity. GREAT doesn't aim to turn biophysical scientists into gender experts, or social scientists into crop breeders. Instead, it equips social and biophysical scientists with the skills and perspective to work better together towards common goals.

*GREAT's unique approach to gender training allows researchers of different backgrounds to work fluidly together, to design, carry out and deliver research projects as integrated teams. This enables more effective project management and development of more inclusive and effective technologies, which leads to **better adoption and enhanced outcomes** for farmers, value chain actors and consumers – including women, men and children.*



“The training has enriched my understanding of the practice of gender inclusion. It is not merely having women and men participating, it is considering the interaction between the two outside of the project, and identifying potential opportunities that we can use to achieve the goals of the project.”

*—Aman Bonaventure Omondi
GREAT Fellow, RTB Cohort Course
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Participants at a glance

- 30 course participants
- 21 men, 9 women
- 18 biophysical scientists, 12 social scientists
- 03 countries; India (17), Bangladesh (9), Nepal (4)
- 10 institutions;
 - » 19 from the National Agricultural Research System (NARS)
 - » 8 CGIAR
 - » 2 Academia
 - » 1 Government Ministry





Dr Biswajit Mondal

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Dr Nakul Gupta

Nakul Gupta is working in the capacity of scientist in Indian Institute of Vegetable research, Varanasi under the aegis of Indian Council of Agricultural Research. He obtained his MSc and Ph.D. in Seed Science and Technology from Indian Agricultural Research Institute (ICAR), New Delhi, India. He works on vegetable seeds, and handles various projects on varietal/ hybrid seed production of vegetables, seed quality assurance, seed enhancement, seed drying and storage etc. In these projects, he is working on abiotic stress alleviation through seed treatment of nano-particles in vegetables, nano-particles seed coating, seed drying and storage studies with zeolite beads, pollination management through application of nano-based pollinator attractant and honey bee, ovule conversion enhancement in vegetables to get higher seed yield etc. Gupta has published 20 research papers in various national and international journals, more than 80 popular articles/chapters in different manual/ national and international books and compiled 8 technical manuals. During vegetable seed production, he has experienced the role and contribution of women particularly in hybrid seed production of various vegetables, where hand emasculation and pollination is pre-requisite. He has not received any prior training on gender.

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Niyati Singaraju, from India, is currently working as an associate scientist in gender research at the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), based in New Delhi. She has been involved in research projects on gender and agri-food systems focusing specifically on research to improve climate and livelihood resilience for women farmers and agri-business entrepreneurs. She is also engaged in a project aided by the World Bank with the Odisha government that focuses on testing and promoting climate-resilient seed varieties of rice, pulses, and oilseeds. This research project also aims to strengthen women's entrepreneurship capacity in seed systems. Niyati obtained her PhD in Development Studies from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. As part of her doctoral research, Niyati worked on gender dynamics in rice farming in India. She has no prior training in the science of plant breeding.

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Virendra Kamalvanshi is an academician in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Institute of Agricultural Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India. As an academic practitioner in agricultural economics, his aim is to facilitate students' understanding related to core agricultural economics issues through customised tools, techniques and practical exposure. He has more than 17 years of professional experience in teaching, research and extension in the field of Agricultural Economics. In context to gender-responsive plant breeding and seed systems, he has done a project entitled "Identifying actionable entry points for more gender intentional, farmer responsive product profiles for wheat target environments and practical steps for future improvement of these practices" in eastern Uttar Pradesh, India in collaboration with Professor Conny Almekinders, Department of Social Sciences, Wageningen University, Netherlands.

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Sradhanjali Mohapatra from Odisha, is currently employed by the NIRMAN under ICARDA program and based in Bhubaneswar. Sradhanjali has for the past 5 years been involved in pulse breeding and foundation seed program under OSSC and OSSOPCA. Her work focuses on improved seed varieties are available in farmers and to improve livelihoods for women farmers in Odisha as a way to improve family health and well-being. She has no prior gender training.

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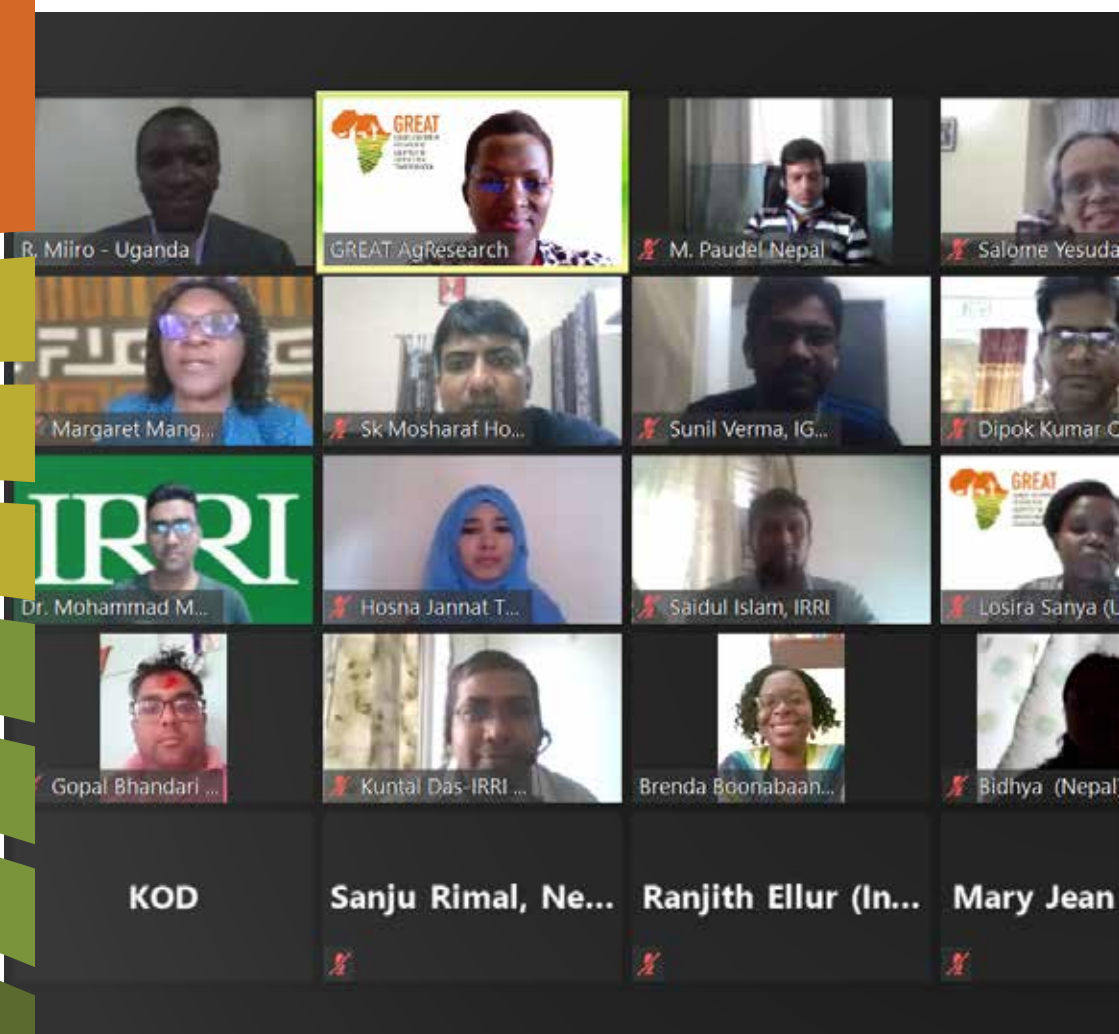
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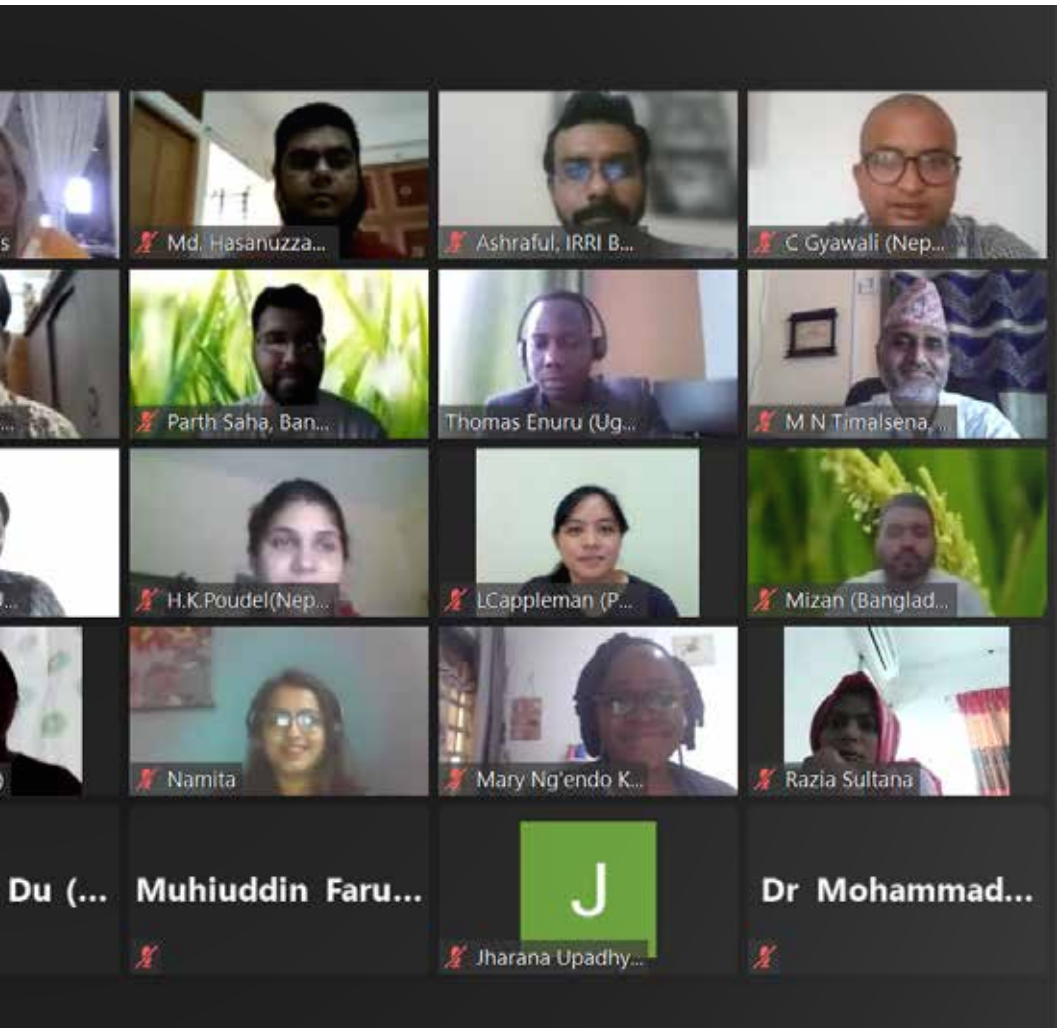
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Prof. Margaret Najjingo Mangheni

Prof. Margaret Najjingo Mangheni is an Associate Professor of agricultural extension at Makerere University in Uganda. With over 30 years of experience, Margaret's expertise spans in a range of areas including design and delivery of experiential and transformative training programs; higher education curriculum development and delivery; project administration and management; agricultural strategy and policy formulation; research and publications in gender responsive agriculture, extension systems and approaches, among others. She serves on Boards of various organizations including the African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD) and the African Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (AFAAS). She is the co-Principal investigator of GREAT. At this course, Margaret will provide overall leadership as well as deliver sessions on Principles of gender responsive agricultural research and seed systems; and mixed methods research design.

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Prof. Hale Ann Tufan is an Associate Professor in the School of Integrative Plant Science with an adjunct appointment in the Department of Global Development at Cornell University. In her work with plant breeders, social scientists, and research institutions, Tufan explores how agricultural research processes and outputs can positively contribute to gender equality and social inclusion. Through her research to develop methods and approaches she enables gender + analysis in agricultural innovation, while advocating for inclusive agricultural research by challenging power and norms in the research ecosystem. She is currently the priority setting co-lead of the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Crop Improvement, principal investigator of the Gender Responsive Researchers Equipped for Agricultural Transformation (GREAT) project, principal investigator of Muhogo Bora: Cassava for All, survey division lead of NextGen Cassava, and gender research lead of the Feed the Future Insect-Resistant Eggplant Partnership. Tufan brings a multidisciplinary background to her research spanning Ph.D level research in molecular plant pathogen interactions, plant breeding with CIMMYT, international agricultural research for development program management, and gender research and capacity development across sub-Saharan Africa. At this course, Hale will deliver a keynote session on the linkage between social science and agricultural technology design.

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Dr Ranjitha Puskur

Dr Ranjitha Puskur is a socio-economist specializing in agricultural innovation systems and gender. Her research is focused on mobilizing science and knowledge for innovation to result in pro-women and pro-poor developmental outcomes in Africa, South and Southeast Asia, and the Pacific. In her career, spanning 20 years in CGIAR at IWMI, ILRI, WorldFish and IRRI. She has led gender research programs including in the CGIAR Research Program on Aquatic Agricultural Systems which for the first time in CGIAR focused on gender-transformative approaches and led to new thinking in the system. She has led work on gender-responsive breeding and seed systems and women's entrepreneurship at IRRI, in her role as the leader of IRRI's research program on Gender and Livelihoods. She leads the Evidence Module of the CGIAR GENDER Platform and leads work across CGIAR to synthesise, generate and communicate evidence on key thematic areas to influence policy, investments and practice. She leads the Work Package on equitable seed systems in the OneCGIAR initiative 'SeEdQUAL' and the Work Package on 'Socio-technical Innovation Bundles for women's empowerment and resilience' in HER+. She holds a PhD in Agricultural Economics from IARI in New Delhi, India. At this course, Ranjitha will deliver courses on Market and gender-responsive plant breeding and seed systems.

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Prof. Grace Bantebya Kyomuhendo

Grace Bantebya-Kyomuhendo is a Professor of Women and Gender Studies; and advocate for gender equality, social transformation and respect for women's rights. She is a distinguished social anthropologist with a wealth of experience in gender/ feminist and social norms research and training . Grace has been a GREAT trainer for the last three years and has also trained other groups in gender analysis and mainstreaming .Prof. Bantebya recent research projects include the "Whole University Approach: Kicking Sexual Harassment out of Higher Education Institutions in Uganda" (KISH Project 2019 to date) and "From Promises to Actions: Shifting Gender Norms and Public Perceptions about Unpaid Care Work in Workplaces and Families in Uganda." (2021 to date) She has published widely, most recent ones include Grace B Kyomuhendo et al (2021) Teenage Pregnancy and Social Inequality: An impediment to achieving schooling for all in Uganda Routledge ; Grace B Kyomuhendo et al (2018) Empowering adolescent girls in developing countries: gender justice and norm change Routledge. At this course, Grace will facilitate sessions on Concepts of gender and social difference, personal reflections on gender as well as conceptualization of gender.

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Dr Dr. Maria G Nassuna-Musoke is a lecturer of Veterinary reproduction, Obstetrics, Gynecology & Assisted Reproductive Technologies at Makerere university. She has traversed the disciplinary boundaries to training, coaching, processes facilitation, mentoring and research. She equips and empowers professionals of Agricultural Research & Development, Higher education institutions and organizations working in Agricultural Rural development with leadership and management skills through “personal mastery and soft skills. Maria is a certified Myers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) facilitator and trainer and trains for the African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD) and for the Gender Responsive Researchers Equipped for Agricultural Transformation (GREAT). At University, she supervises PhD, Masters and under-graduate student research with interest in efficient and effective agricultural production systems. She received a grant from the Sida Funded AgriFoSe, to synthesize science and reproduce a synthesis in a format that can be used to support policy and improve practices within the agricultural sector. At this course Maria will facilitate sessions on Interdisciplinary research, Introduction to Theory of change, and Communicating gender to different audiences.

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Dr Amrita Datta

Dr Amrita Datta is an Assistant Professor of Development Studies at the Department of Liberal Arts, Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad. Amrita's research interests are in the areas of migration and mobilities, agrarian change and rural development, women's work, and gender and development. Amrita's forthcoming book, *Migration and Development in India: The Bihar Experience* (Routledge), based on empirical research, studies out-migration from rural Bihar in the context of neoliberal economic development in India. Amrita has published in several edited volumes and journals such as the *Journal of Development Studies*, *Asian Journal of Women's Studies*, *Children's Geographies*, *Indian Journal of Labour Economics* and the *Economic and Political Weekly*. Amrita has a PhD in Development Studies from the International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam, and an M.Phil in the same subject from the University of Cambridge. At this course, Amrita will facilitate a session on Why gender matters in agriculture with a focus on South Asia.

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Dr Hom Gartaula is a Social Scientist working as a Theme Leader for the gender and social inclusion research at the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT). He is an interdisciplinary social scientist specializing in gender and social inclusion, youth, agriculture, climate change and food security. His research focuses on gendered dimensions of food security, on-farm conservation of crop genetic resources, farmers' indigenous knowledge and its transmission, participatory technology development, farmer-scientist research collaboration and governance, and labor out-migration and its implications for small-scale agriculture. Gartaula holds a PhD in Sociocultural Anthropology, with a disciplinary orientation on Sociology and Anthropology of Development, and an MSc in Knowledge Management and Social Change from Wageningen University, the Netherlands. At this GREAT course, Hom will facilitate a session on gender and resilience as well as share case studies on women empowerment in agriculture programs.

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Dr Eva Weltzien is a freelance consultant whose research focused on the effective use of sorghum, pearl millet and barley genetic resources for variety development and seed systems that best meet women and men farmers' needs in dryland areas. She coordinated research on sorghum improvement in West-Africa for ICRISAT for 17 years, focusing on methodologies for participatory plant breeding and enhancing local seed systems. In 2015 she was awarded the 'Justus von Liebig Prize for World Nutrition', jointly with her husband Fred Rattunde.

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Ms Salome Yesudas

Ms Salome Yesudas, from India, holds a master's degree in Food and Nutrition. She worked more than a decade with bio diverse farmers especially with women at Farm science center managed by Deccan development Society located in a small town Zaheerabad in India, then associated as Subject expert Gender in Water and Nutrition at FAO national project. She has also worked on many action research projects in collaboration with international agencies like FAO, IFAD, UNICEF, IDRC – Canada, IIED - UK, MCGILL University Canada, Institute of French Pondicherry etc. Life member of the Nutrition society of India and served on the International Union of Nutritional Sciences (IUNS) Task Force on Indigenous Peoples' Food Systems and Nutrition for 10 years (2001- 2012).

Traveled extensively throughout India (27 states out of 29 states) 25 countries to participate in international events / workshops / conferences. She has published books, manuals, articles and also edited many documentary films related to gender, nutrition and agriculture.

At this course, Salome will facilitate a session on collecting gender data as well as share practical tips for the fieldwork in South Asia and field visit etiquette.

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Mr Godfrey Kayobyio is a socio-economist based in Uganda, who works as a consultant with Nkoola Institutional Development Associates (NIDA). His work has included research briefs and impact assessments for the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Opportunity International, Uganda's national agricultural advisory services (NAADS), CTA and others. At this course, Godfrey will facilitate a session on Gender-responsive Theory of Change, Monitoring, learning and Evaluation as well as provide external monitoring, learning and evaluation support.

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Dr Losira Nasirumbi Sanya is a result oriented social and development research professional with over 10 years of extensive strategic, adaptive and applied research experience. She holds an MS in Agricultural Economics and a BA in Social Sciences and a PhD in Agricultural and Rural Innovation, all from Makerere University, Uganda. She has attained further professional training in Integrated Agricultural Research for Development (IAR4D); designing and managing multi-stakeholder processes for rural innovation; value chains and market-oriented research; and Monitoring, Evaluation and Impact Assessment of R&D Investments in Agriculture. At this course Losira will be in charge of moderating the virtual aspect of the course.

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Mr SV Prasad Rao had worked as Senior Administrative Officer in the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), Patancheru, Telangana, India, for 37 years and retired in May 2022. During his tenure at ICRISAT, he was involved in organizing 6-months In-service Training Programs to African Participants from 1992 to 2005 that was conducted every year. He also assisted in organizing international training courses and workshops at Nepal and Sri Lanka. He had a wide range of experience in providing administrative support to training courses, workshops, seminars etc., organized at ICRISAT, Patancheru, regularly. In addition, under administrative direction, he directed, managed, supervised and coordinated the activities and operations of the Administrative division within an assigned department including purchasing, budgeting, accounting, personnel, information technology, and administrative support programs and services; supervised and directed assigned professional and administrative support staff; coordinated assigned activities with other divisions, departments and outside agencies; and provided highly responsible and complex administrative support to the department Director. At this course, he is providing administrative and logistic support to this course as a Consultant.

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Finding Resources:

The GREAT Zotero Group

Complementing the training and mentoring components of the project, GREAT also curates a collection of gender resources for agricultural researchers. This resource is freely available to anyone via the GREAT Zotero Research Group: tinyurl.com/great-zotero

Resources cover gender-responsiveness for agricultural research for a broad range of crops and come from a diverse array of sources, including articles from GREAT trainers and the broader GREAT Community of Practice (CoP), as well as a collection of essential resources for gender-responsive agricultural research.

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*— Bernice Waweru
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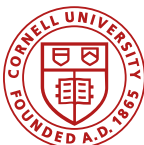


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