



The Gender and Breeding Initiative

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Background

- For plant and animal breeders to meet user needs: **understand priorities that women and men assign to genetically determined traits.**
- Well targeted variety profiles may lead to greater adoption of improved varieties and greater impact.
- Overlooking traits important to women can aggravate household food insecurity and poverty.

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Goals



- **Develop a strategy for gender-responsive breeding** with practical **approaches and tools.**
- Working with plant and animal breeders and social scientists: CGIAR centers, Research Programs and partners.

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- **Coordination:**



RESEARCH
PROGRAM ON
Roots, Tubers
and Bananas



- **Linking with:**



Excellence in
Breeding
Platform



Collaborative
Platform for
Gender Research

CGIAR centers
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Innovation Workshop on Gender-Responsive Breeding

- 5 – 7 October 2017, Nairobi, Kenya
- Brings together a group of social scientists, and plant and animal breeders.
- Build on the findings of earlier workshop on Gender, Breeding and Genomics held in 2016.
- Gender design principles and glossary ensure coherence





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Innovation Workshop

- **Three input papers:**
 1. Gender and social targeting.
 2. Setting breeding objectives and trait prioritization.
 3. Case studies of gender-responsive breeding programs.
- **Outputs:**
 1. Key design principles for a gender-responsive breeding program.
 2. Participant feedback captured to finalize input papers
 3. Uptake pathway for GBI outputs.
 4. Funding strategy for Gender and Breeding Initiative.