

Concrete Actions: Advancing the Integration of Gender, Water, Food Security (ref: 27101)

Convenors: AMCOW, GWP, FAO, IWMI
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Rural women are key food producers in agriculture in African and other developing countries. They possess knowledge of crop production, local biodiversity, soils and water resources and yet continue to be excluded from decision-making processes such as new agricultural water management approaches, projects and initiatives on natural resource allocation, and adoption of private technologies. Consequently, women are increasingly marginalized in the face of new technological solutions. In addition, women's domestic water chores continue limiting their time for farming and providing for household and national food security. The 2011 Gender Strategy of the African Ministers Council on Water (AMCOW) addresses these water-related livelihood spheres where gender equality is key, in a holistic manner. The strategy offers new opportunities for debating, learning, and taking action for the implementation of minimum common targets on gender, water and food security for both domestic and productive uses. Although focussed on Africa, it has relevance to other continents of the world, and can thus inform and be informed by them.

The African Ministers Council on Water (AMCOW), the Global Water Partnership (GWP), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and International Water Management Institute (IWMI) will co-convene this session, in partnership with the Water and Sanitation Programme of the World Bank (WSP/World Bank), International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) Women for Water Partnership, (WfWP), Water Research Commission of South Africa (WRC) and Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies South Africa (PLAAS) to discuss how to develop, implement, monitor and measure concrete targets on gender, water and food security in the context of the AMCOW gender strategy.



Progress on indicator development and monitoring for the more universal gender and domestic uses will be presented and similarities, synergies and differences for gender and productive water uses will be discussed at the session. A real challenge to come up with common productive water uses targets, is that the gendered organization of production and water-related opportunities is context-specific, so indicators on gender, water and production have to be based on locally specific evidence. Moreover, other factors than water play a strong role in productive water uses. In particular, in irrigated agriculture, women's access to water is often linked with their access to land, because investments in water infrastructure and water rights are often directly related to long term tenure security, where men tend to exercise control. Women's decision making capacity on water distribution is often limited as participation in Water User Associations (WUA) is determined by land ownership or headship of household, presumed to be male. Securing women's access to land can lead to securing water rights and improving access to resources which have the potential to improve their livelihoods.

By aiming towards gender equality in women's and men's holistic livelihoods, the session overcomes the water sector's compartmentalization between domestic and productive uses, a divide which is certainly

counterproductive for women. Instead, the focus will be on the gender-sensitive livelihood. This approach will also identify untapped opportunities for holistic, people-driven water services and management that provide for domestic water adds value to household food security and improve family nutritional status. A well-designed strategic policy process along these lines enables governments to better monitor implementation and to hold them accountable.

The objectives of the session are to:

- catalyse a common understanding of evidence-based and livelihood-oriented targets on gender, water and food security to support the AMCOW gender strategy implementation as well as to catalyse similar actions by other continents;
- facilitate partnering and cross-sectoral synergies to develop gender indicators;
- identify follow-up cooperation actions

The expected outcomes are to:

- agree on initial broad minimum shared indicators
- agree on follow up cooperation actions by AMCOW, GWP, FAO, IWMI, and the session cooperation partners, namely IFPRI, WSP/Worldbank, SEI, WfWP, WRC and PLAAS South Africa



AGENDA

15:45-15:55	Welcome and introduction , Hon. Betty Bigombe, State Minister for Water Resources, Uganda
15:55-16:05	Context of GWP gender strategy and cooperation with AMCOW – Dr. Mercy Dikito-Wachtmeister , Senior Officer Global Initiatives, GWP, Sweden
16:05-16:20	The AMCOW gender strategy and its 7 objectives. Mr Bai Mass Taal - Secretary General of the AMCOW, Nigeria
16:20-16:35	FAO contributions to the AMCOW gender strategy implementation: overview of gender, water and food security indicators and tools – Dr. Ilaria Sisto , FAO Gender, Equity and Rural Employment Division, Italy
16:35-16:50	The advantages of an integrated approach to implementing the AMCOW gender strategy. Gender indicators from the angle of productive and multiple water uses – Dr. Barbara van Koppen , International Water Management Institute, South Africa
16:50-17:05	Gender indicators from the WASH angle – Ms. Rosemary Rop , Water Supply Program World Bank, Kenya
17:05-17:20	Break – tea/coffee
17:20-17:35	Gender indicators for women’s empowerment strategies in water and food security – Dr. Alice Bouman-Dentener , President, Women for Water Partnership, the Netherlands
17:35-17:50	Women Empowerment in Agriculture Index: its contribution to implementation of AMCOW gender strategy – Dr. Ruth Meinzen Dick , International Food and Policy Research Institute, USA
17:50-18:30	Discussants’ and participants’ feedback on indicators for implementing the AMCOW strategic objectives on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water and sanitation: use and reuse – Mr. Linus Dagerskog, Stockholm Environment Institute, Sweden, with Water Sanitation Africa • Gender in productive water uses and water resource management – Dr. Barbara Tapela, Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies with Water Research Commission, South Africa • Gender and economic water uses– Dr. Bancy Mati, Consultant, Kenya
18:30-18:45	Way forward – concrete follow up actions and partnerships (AMCOW; GWP, IFPRI , FAO, IWMI, , Stockholm Environment Institute, Women for Water Partnership, WSP/Worldbank Closure – Dr. Ania Grobicki , Executive Secretary, GWP, Sweden

SPEAKERS



Hon. Betty Bigombe is a social scientist, a renowned politician and famous peace maker. Hon. Bigombe holds a Masters of Public Administration from Kennedy school of Government at Harvard University, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA. Previous work experience includes positions such as senior fellow at the U.S Institute of Peace, Minister for Northern Uganda, Chief Mediator in peace talks with the Lord's Resistance Army and assisted the Carter center to mediate peace talks between the Government of Uganda and South Sudan. She has also worked as a Consultant with the World Bank and is

the founder of Arcadia Foundation- a non-profit organization aiming to curb corruption in Governments worldwide. Currently she is serving in the Government of Uganda as a Minister of State for Water and a Woman Member of Parliament.



Dr. Alice M. Bouman-Dentener is the President of Women for Water Partnership (WfWP), the leading women's network on water & sanitation. She has addressed the UN General Assembly on women's role in IWRM, and organized the Major Group Women's input at the 2nd World Water Forum in The Hague. She has a degree in Natural Science, and has been a researcher and university lecturer in Peru. She is the former Secretary General of the Netherlands Council of Women, member of the GWP Steering Committee, member of the Advisory Board of the EWP, and of the Advisory Board of Gender

Concerns International.



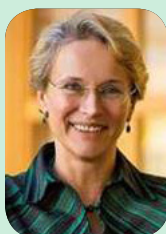
Mr. Linus Dagerskog is a research fellow at Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) on sustainable sanitation issues with focus on the profitable and productive link between sanitation and agriculture. Mr. Dagerskog has an MSc in Aquatic and Environmental Engineering from Uppsala University/SLU in Sweden. Prior, Mr. Dagerskog has worked at municipal level in Sweden with centralized as well as on-site waste water treatment. Moreover, he has worked four years in West Africa, first as a Sida "Bilateral Associate Expert" in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, assisting a regional ecological sanitation program

implemented by Water and Sanitation for Africa (WSA) and then in for WSA as the coordinator of an IFAD financed pilot project on productive sanitation in Niger.



Dr. Mercy Dikito-Wachtmeister is a Senior Officer, Global Initiatives, at the GWP Secretariat in Stockholm, and among her responsibilities is to provide leadership on gender. Prior, Dr Dikito-Wachtmeister served as Senior Network Officer for GWP Southeast Asia and GWP South Asia and has served on the Stockholm Junior Water Prize International Committee. Dr. Dikito-Wachtmeister served as an Ambassador on a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation funded project and was a co-editor of one of the series of Water Alternatives Journals. She holds a Ph.D. in the Political Sociology of Water Resources

Management and a Post Graduate Diploma in Social Science Research.



Dr. Ania Grobicki is the Executive Secretary of the Global Water Partnership and her experience and knowledge of water is extensive, and includes work on the water needs of industry, agriculture and energy, as well as research and practice related to water supply and reuse; water quality; water and health; effluent treatment technologies; and integrated catchment management. Dr. Grobicki has degrees in Chemical Engineering from the University of Cape Town and in Economics from the University of South Africa, together with a Ph.D. in Biotechnology from Imperial College, London.



Dr. Ruth Meinzen-Dick is a Senior Research Fellow at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), based in Washington DC. She leads the IFPRI Gender Task Force and is co-editor of Water Alternatives. She received her MSc and PhD degrees in Development Sociology from Cornell University. Much of her work has been in interdisciplinary research on water policy, local organizations, property rights, gender analysis, and the impact of agricultural research on poverty. She has conducted field work in Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Uganda, and India. She has over 100

peer reviewed publications, including the forthcoming volume Gender in Agriculture and Food Security: Closing the Knowledge Gap.



Prof. Bancy Mbura Mati is an expert on Land and Water Management and a Professor at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT), Kenya. She is the Director of the Water Research and Resource Center (WARREC) and a Consultant with a firm based in Nairobi. She has a PhD in Rural Land Use and GIS, a MSc in Land and Water Management and a BSc in Agricultural Engineering. She has extensive experience, with widespread knowledge on African water issues. She has over 100 publications in journals, books, book chapters, training manuals and conference papers. She has also produced 7 documentary films and made technical

presentations at various conferences and forums.



Ms. Rosemary Rop is working with the World Bank's Water and Sanitation Program, supporting countries to give priority to expanding services to the poor, incorporating gender considerations and promoting social accountability through policy. Ms. Rop is a social anthropologist and has worked for the past 18 years in the field of water and sanitation, mainly in the Africa region. Prior to joining the Water and Sanitation Program. Ms. Rosemary Rop worked with civil society agencies targeting services in urban informal settlements, and before this, with a Dutch consulting firm

managing a bilaterally funded rural water and sanitation program. Rosemary is the author of numerous field notes, working papers and publications on social approaches and lessons to sector development.



Dr. Ilaria Sisto is a Gender and Development Officer with expertise in training and capacity enhancement at the FAO Gender, Equity and Rural Employment Division. Dr. Sisto has 25 years of international experience in socioeconomic and gender analysis, natural resources management, and humanitarian interventions. She is supporting FAO's member countries in capacity development for promotion of gender equality and women's empowerment, agriculture development and food security. Dr. Ilaria Sisto has a BSc in Agriculture, a MSc in Environmental Horticulture, a Certificate in

Management and is certified as an International Facilitator.



Mr. Bai-Mass Taal is Executive Secretary of the African Minister's Council on Water (AMCOW). He is an environment and water specialist, and has served as a Cabinet Minister in the Gambia, as Secretary of State for Fisheries, Natural Resources and the Environment, and as Secretary of State for Fisheries and Water Resources. Mr. Taal has an illustrious record in civil service arenas, having occupied several top government appointments in the Gambia before joining the UNEP. As the AMCOW Executive Secretary, Mr. Taal continuously provides expertise, allowing the organization to

effectively tackle its mandate of provision, use, and management of water resources for the African continent.



Dr. Barbara Tapela is a Senior Researcher at the Institute for Poverty Land and Agrarian Studies (PLAAS), University of the Western Cape (UWC), South Africa. She has a PhD, holds an MPhil in Water Resource Studies and a MA in Geography. Dr. Tapela has a broad expertise in Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM); Sustainable Livelihoods associated with Land and Water Use; Community Based Natural Resources Management (CBNRM); Community Engagement; and Stakeholder Participation in Trans boundary River Basin Contexts. Her research interests revolve around analyses

of linkages between institutional interventions and issues of gender, poverty, water security and livelihood sustainability, particularly in Agrarian Contexts. Dr. Tapela has also facilitated capacity building work-shops on Stakeholder Participation in various river basins in sub-Saharan Africa.



Dr. Barbara van Koppen is a Principal Researcher on Poverty, Gender, and Water with the International Water Management Institute (IWMI). Her primary research focuses is on the institutional and legal aspects of the pro-poor and gender-equitable multiple use water services (MUS) in Africa and Asia. Dr van Koppen is the coordinator of the global MUS Group, and she has (co-) organized several international research conferences and fora for research and policy debate. Participants have included grassroots organisations, policy makers, and senior program managers. She is editor, author, and co-author of over 80 other international publications.