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People, Power, and Soil: **Applying GESI and Conflict Sensitivity in Integrated Landscape Management**

Integrate GESI and conflict sensitivity into landscape management. Share approaches for inclusive and sustainable soil fertility interventions.

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THURSDAY,
**SEPTEMBER
10, 2026**

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BACKGROUND

Across the Sahel, declining soil fertility, land degradation, climate change, pressure on natural resources and increasing competition over land and water continue to undermine agricultural productivity and rural livelihoods. These challenges are not only environmental or technical; they are also shaped by social relations, gender norms, power dynamics, unequal access to productive resources, and the ways in which decisions about land and natural resources are made.

Women, youth and other socially excluded groups often face structural barriers to accessing and controlling land, finance, agricultural inputs, technologies, information, extension services and markets. They may also have limited influence over household, community and landscape-level decisions, despite playing important roles in agriculture and natural resource management.

At the same time, competing interests and unequal power relations around land, water and other natural resources can create or reinforce tensions and conflict. The Soil Values Programme recognizes that sustainable soil fertility management therefore requires more than technical solutions.

Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI), conflict sensitivity and Integrated Landscape Management (ILM) provide complementary approaches for understanding and addressing the social, institutional and resource governance dimensions that influence sustainable land and soil management. GESI helps programmes understand who participates, who decides, who has access to and control over resources, and who benefits.

Conflict sensitivity helps actors understand how interventions interact with existing tensions, power relations and conflict dynamics and supports the application of the Do No Harm principle. ILM provides a platform for bringing diverse stakeholders together to negotiate priorities, coordinate actions and collectively manage landscapes and natural resources. Against this background, the Soil Values Programme proposes a webinar to facilitate dialogue and learning among programme practitioners, government institutions and partners on translating GESI and conflict sensitivity commitments into practical action within ILM and wider agrifood systems

WEBINAR OBJECTIVE

The webinar aims to deepen understanding and facilitate exchange on how GESI and conflict sensitivity can be practically integrated into Integrated Landscape Management and sustainable soil fertility interventions, drawing on programme experiences, institutional perspectives and cross-programme collaboration



PROPOSED PANEL SESSIONS

Panel 1 – Soil Values/SNV Experience (15 minutes)

From GESI Strategy to Action: Innovations and Collaborations for Inclusive Agrifood Systems
Speaker: Mary, Multi-Country GESI Expert – Soil Values Program, SNV. The session will present the Soil Values experience of translating its GESI Strategy into programme implementation and integrating GESI and conflict sensitivity across interventions and ILM processes. **Key question:** What does it take to move GESI and conflict sensitivity from strategy and commitments to practical action within soil fertility and landscape interventions?

Panel 2 – Institutional and Policy Perspective (15 minutes)

GESI in Agricultural Policies: Challenges, Opportunities and the Way Forward
Proposed Speaker: Mariam Balima, Soil Values GESI Expert, Burkina Faso. This session will provide an institutional perspective on the integration of GESI within agricultural policies, strategies and programmes. **Key question:** How can agricultural policies and institutions create an enabling environment for meaningful gender equality and social inclusion in agriculture and natural resource management?

Panel 3 – ACRoSAL Experience (15 minutes)

From Collaboration to Action: ACRoSAL's Experience in Gender Equality and Social Inclusion
Proposed Speaker: Zainab Baba: Representative, Agro-Climatic Resilience in Semi-Arid Landscapes (ACReSAL) Project. The session will provide a practical programme perspective on integrating gender equality and social inclusion into landscape restoration, climate resilience and natural resource management. **Key question:** What can we learn from practical programme collaboration about translating GESI principles into actions and results at community and landscape levels?

TARGET AUDIENCE

The webinar will bring together Soil Values staff and partners, government ministries and agencies, consortium and knowledge partners, agricultural and landscape programmes, civil society organizations, research institutions, GESI and conflict sensitivity practitioners, ILM practitioners, and organizations working on soil health, climate resilience, gender equality, youth inclusion and sustainable agrifood systems.



EXPECTED OUTCOMES

At the end of the webinar, participants are expected to have:

- A stronger understanding of the connections between GESI, conflict sensitivity, ILM and sustainable soil fertility management.
- Increased knowledge of practical approaches for integrating GESI and conflict sensitivity into programme implementation.
- Greater understanding of institutional and policy opportunities and constraints for advancing GESI.
- Identified opportunities for cross-programme learning, collaboration and scaling of promising approaches.

PROPOSED RUN OF SHOW

Total Duration: 90 minutes

- 8 mins Welcome and Opening Remarks by IFDC Communications team and introduction of Webinar topic, panel speakers and session duration.
- 15 mins: Setting the Scene: From GESI Strategy to Action – Soil Values experiences, innovations and lessons Mary, Multi-Country GESI Expert – Soil Values/SNV 4
- 15 mins: GESI in Agricultural Policies: Challenges, opportunities and the way forward Ministry of Agriculture Representative/Gender Focal Point – GESI Expert Burkina Faso- Soil Values
- 15 mins: From Collaboration to Action – ACREsAL's GESI experience Senior Communications, Gender & Advocacy Specialist
- 30 mins: Audience Questions and Discussion Moderator and all panelists
- 7 mins: Key Takeaways and Closing Soil Values

