

# Strategic Niche Gender Responsive Participatory Research

**PRGA Program Workshop**  
**Repositioning PR&GA in Times of Change**  
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# Vision and Pathways

Three major groups were represented at the workshop. The following colors are key to report each group expectations and perspectives:

- NGO Community (Blue)
- NARS Community (Black)
- CGIAR Centers (Red)



# Vision (NGO Group)

- Advocacy, research and development need to be part of a whole for gender responsive participatory research to be institutionalized.
- This is urgent because of the impact of climate change



# Vision (NARS Representatives)

## Gender Responsive Participatory Research:

- is institutionalized in an inclusive multi-stakeholder international agricultural innovation system
- is included in all stages of the research cycle in the context of multi-stakeholder partnerships
- Is enabled by critical mass, mechanisms, multidisciplinary teams and resources targeted, M&E
- Should result in major benefits including empowerment and avoid harm to women.
- Is mainstreamed and driven by end users
- A new breed of scientists/leaders with gender sensitive research practice and evaluation



# Vision (CGIAR Centers)

- PRGR is institutionalized and Research is driven by people/gender/participatory approach to effectively reduce poverty and enhance food security and nutrition
- Sound PRGR responds to new trends and challenges such as human, plant and animal diseases, globalization (market chains) smallholder transition-demographic transition
- PRGR is used for policy making and for empowering local communities to be active agents of change



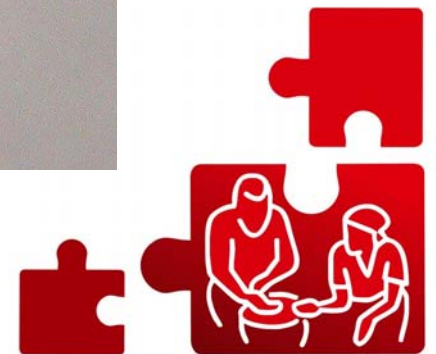
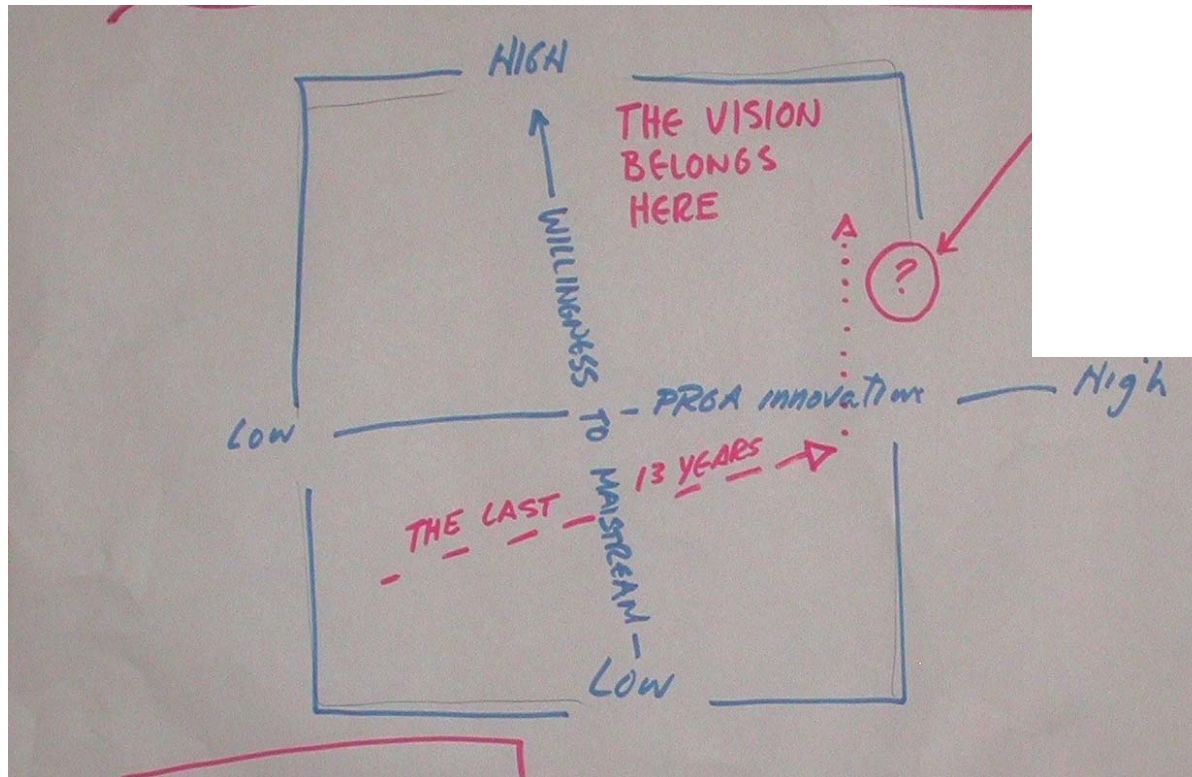
# Pathways to Success

The transformation calls for:

- Integration of research, development and advocacy:
- Reflecting on context (organization, champions, long term commitment)
- Valuing women champions
- Insuring representation of women farmers in advisory bodies



# Framework for the Path



# Pathways (cont.)

- Make visible what the enabling environment needs to look like for CG researchers to champion GRPR
- Work with partners who can complement or complete the integration of research, development and advocacy
- Find partners who already integrate research, development & advocacy (high on vertical axis of graph)



# Pathways (cont.)

- Find partners with an organizational culture that celebrates GRPR
- Use partnerships as a means of internal reflection (an honest ongoing challenging of assumptions)
- Make the terms of 2-way exchange partnerships explicit – a negotiated relationship



# Pathways to Success

- Identify new change agencies, champions and diverse stakeholders in effective networking (existing + building new), bridging boundaries
- Foster collaboration and alliances beyond research teams
- Develop institutional arrangements for culturally sensitive situations
- Develop evidence, demonstrate impact, lobby and advocate
- Form gender relevant interdisciplinary groups
- Build capacity in GRPR for critical mass of practitioners
- Strengthen enabling conditions for GRPR



# Pathways (cont.)

- Pool expertise from different parts of the world to enhance capacity-building
- Create political will through:
  - partnership between the CGIAR and local governments.
  - within the CGIAR itself, how do we deal with it?
- Develop a policy framework, a strategic plan and budget for gender and participation.
- Tune in on community-level dynamics in order to improve quality of research and ensure more realistic interventions
- Enhance capacity at local level to make choices



# Pathways to Success

- Raise awareness of gender mainstreaming at all levels of decision making
- Strengthen linkages among CGIAR centers, NGOs, NARS, universities and development organizations for information sharing.
- Build opportunities for cross agency research programs and projects
- Build capacity at all levels
- Conduct participatory monitoring and evaluation (gender related indicators)



# Pathways (cont.)

- Include gender and participation specific budget for each mega-program
- Budget for gender and participation experts in programs and projects
- Analyze past experiences: lessons learned and harvest best practices
- Establish mechanisms of transparency and accountability



# Pathways (cont.)

- Identify priority areas/subareas for GRPR research based on demand of communities and countries
- Disaggregate data/analysis by gender to inform sound policy making and future research
- Identify best channels, strategies and tools for effective advocacy promoting gender responsive participatory research
- Design interventions for empowerment (model)
- Foster an interdisciplinary and holistic approach



**Thank You !!!!!**

