Proposing gender research for the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

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Korea pledges US$200 million aid for "Better Life for Girls” initiative
“Just to have one of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals devoted to gender equality, I think this is not enough... every SDG must have a gender dimension. I would like to suggest that gender is the overarching goal of all the sustainable development goals.”

- Lee Yee Cheong at the GS6-AP
Malaysian Chairman, UNESCO (ISTIC).

**MDG1:** 24.8 percentage point difference between men and women in employment-to-population ratio (2012)- need to tackle “feminized poverty.”

**MDG2:** Girls more likely to be out of school than boys in 63 developing countries; only 2 of 130 countries had achieved gender parity at all education levels.

**MDG3:** gender equality goal targets have been criticized by the UN for not capturing all elements of gender discrimination.

**MDG6:** Though incidence of HIV is declining globally, women aged 15-24 have a 50% higher risk of infection than male peers.

**MDG8:** indicators on cell phone use did not include gender desegregated data.

Better Science & Technology for Creative Economy: Enhancing the Societal Impact through Gendered Innovations in Research, Development and Business
Seoul, August 27-28, 2015

Seoul Gender Summit Declaration to Advance Gendered Research, Innovation and Socio-economic Development in the Asia Pacific

10 Principles can inform mainstreaming of gender research into Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) implementation
Links to the SDGs in 182 scientific briefs in UN open crowdsourcing exercise
1. **COLLABORATE**: national/regional alliances for dialogue on common gender problems in science

2. **ASK**, if and how sex-gender differences are relevant in the objectives and methodology of projects

3. **ESTABLISH** research and innovation protocols, etc. where evidence demonstrates need to ensure safety/efficacy of results for both women and men

4. **AGREE** on terminology, schema and models for representing the role and effects of sex-gender in scientific contexts

5. **CREATE** opportunities for new markets for science knowledge via gendered innovation ecosystems

6. **INVOLVE** more women in innovation value chains - idea creation, development, & implementation

7. **IDENTIFY** statistics, indicators, and methods for collecting sex-disaggregated data to understand the situation on gender equality in science

8. **EDUCATE** students, researchers, research managers and science communicators on including gender perspectives in research and innovation

9. **JUDGE** individual and scientific quality and potential of women and men using clear and fair assessment criteria, monitor selection for gender bias

10. **CREATE** conditions for gendered research and innovations through funding policies and programs
Report proposing gender research for the SDGs

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They have:
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• highlighted research topics linking gender and the SDGs that could be promoted via the Gender Summit platform; and
• suggested previous literature on mainstreaming gender research into SDG implementation.
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Research questions

• 1. What are the basic guiding principles/indicators of gender responsive agricultural research?
• 2. What are 5 key strategies to empower women and girls as food producers & processors in sub-Saharan Africa?
• 3. How can women access market opportunities equitably in agricultural value chains?

Research sources

• IFPRI Discussion Paper: “Engendering Agricultural Research”

Links to Seoul Declaration

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• 2. ASK, if/how sex-gender differences are relevant in projects
• 3. ESTABLISH R&I protocols to ensure result safety/efficacy for both women & men
• 4. AGREE terminology for sex-gender in science
• 7. IDENTIFY sex-disaggregated data to understand status of gender equality in science
• 8. EDUCATE all on gender perspectives in R&I
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• 1st draft of the report will soon be available here https://gender-summit.com/
• The final version will be published in December.

• To provide feedback, email: gendersummit@wiset.or.kr

• Sign Seoul Gender Summit Declaration on Gendered Innovation here: http://bit.ly/1KGP1iy
Thank you

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