

# AFRICANS FOOD SOVEREIGNTY WORKING GROUP

Tuesday August 2, 2016 at 5:00pm

460 Stephens Hall, UC Berkeley

August meeting topic

## What Role do Female Farmers Play in Africa's Food Systems?

Female farmers make up close to 50% of the agricultural workforce across the African continent, yet they are often excluded from access to land, credit, extension programs, and other valuable resources made available to male farmers. Since the agricultural sector can be a powerful vehicle for poverty reduction, this imbalance has direct consequences on gender equality, household food security, climate change resiliency and rural incomes. Come join us in conversation as we discuss the challenges African female farmers face and how these obstacles can be overcome.

We will be showing a short clip from a lecture by Dr. Brylyne Chisunge, an internationally acclaimed expert on sustainable agriculture, facilitator of the Nigeria-South Africa Group on Agriculture and advocate for small-scale farmers in her native South Africa.

### Links

- The Female Face of Farming (<http://goo.gl/qLzXj4>)
- Transforming Gender Relations in Agriculture in Sub-Saharan Africa, Chapter 5: Household Methodologies pp 45 - 54 (<https://goo.gl/0PXWA8>)
- "How resilient are farming households and communities to a changing climate in Africa? A gender-based perspective" (<http://goo.gl/AnFtzG>)

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The working group is an informal monthly-guided discussion and open to the public on a wide range of issues related to Africa's food systems.

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