

GREAT LAKES ACCELERATED INNOVATION DELIVERY INITIATIVE DELIVERY HUB (AID-I GLR)

Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Training

The Great Lakes Accelerated Innovation Delivery Initiative Delivery Hub (AID-I GLR) is a two-year, multiple-stakeholder initiative with the overall goal of increasing food and nutrition security in the region through the rapid adoption at scale of proven agricultural innovations developed mainly by CGIAR and partners. Specifically, AID-I GLR aims to i) To equitably increase the availability and accessibility of proven agricultural and nutritional practices and technologies to farming households; and ii) To increase the use and adoption of good agricultural and nutritional practices and technologies to enhance productivity and consumption of nutritious food products equitably among farming households. It is slated to reach approximately 1,200,000 smallholder farmers in Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Rwanda. The initiative is funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) as part of the United States' response to address the immediate and long-term effects of the global food security crisis.

The AID-I GLR is integrating Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) considerations in scaling of agricultural innovations. This ambition is explicitly set in the USAID Global Food Security Strategy roadmap to a better future that focuses on reducing global poverty, hunger, malnutrition and rising inequality through [Feed the Future Global Hunger and Food-Security Initiative](#) (USAID, 2022). The strategy emphasizes equity and inclusion, with a particular focus on inclusive agricultural-led economic growth that empowers women, girls, youth, and marginalized communities. Nonetheless, attention to inclusive scaling stems from the long recognition of the critical role women play in agriculture and the growing attention to the role of youth in agriculture who have great potential to drive global economic development. Thus, unless deliberate actions are taken, innovation scaling teams are likely to unintentionally leave behind socially vulnerable groups such as women, youth, and poor farmers thus exacerbating social inequities.

This two-day training aims to strengthen the capacity of innovation scaling teams with knowledge and skills on the importance of GESI and how to systematically integrate it in the AID-I GLR project activities with anticipation of becoming GESI champions for the AID-I GLR Project and other related initiatives. The training has been organized by IITA in collaboration with the AGRA-CRS and One Acre Fund AID-I GLR Partnerships in Rwanda. It will take from 25th to 26th September 2023, at Hotel Chez Lando, in Kigali, Rwanda commencing each day at 8.00 AM.