



## Dear PIM Partners, Supporters, and Colleagues,



I hope you are all enjoying the summer holidays. September will be a busy month for PIM. Several conferences are taking place in Africa including the [Livestock and Fish Value Chains Conference](#) which is being co-organized by PIM and the [CGIAR Research Program on Livestock and Fish](#) led by ILRI. PIM is also in the process of organizing a workshop on [Agricultural Extension](#) in October. We look forward to sharing the outputs of these events on the [PIM website](#).

**Karen Brooks**

**PIM Director**

## News

### New PIM Gender Research Assistant

Caitlin Kieran ([c.kieran@cgiar.org](mailto:c.kieran@cgiar.org)) recently joined PIM as a Senior Research Assistant focusing on gender. She will be working under Cheryl Doss's technical direction to support PIM's gender research efforts. Caitlin received a Masters in Public Administration from the Columbia School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) in May 2013 where she focused on Economic and Political Development and completed a certificate in Gender Policy. While at SIPA, Caitlin worked as an Economics Department Research Assistant. Prior to joining IFPRI, she also worked as a Monitoring and Evaluation Consultant for The Hunger Project and as a Gender and Evaluation Intern on a food security program with USAID and Save the Children. Her fieldwork experience includes Ethiopia and Benin and her undergraduate studies were completed at Yale University. An interview with Kieran will be featured on the PIM website in September. It is our pleasure to welcome Caitlin to the PIM administrative unit.

### Policy Processes Workshop

PIM and [A4NH](#) are co-organizing a workshop on "[Approaches and Methods for Policy Process Research](#)". The workshop will take place in Washington, DC from 18-20 November. A call for case studies has been posted on the PIM website. Submissions are being accepted until 15 September.

### New Funding Approved for the Foresight Analysis Flagship under PIM

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation recently approved a new three-year phase of funding for the [Global Futures Strategic Foresight \(GS/SF\) Program](#). Researchers under the Program model an array of potential new technologies under varying assumptions about market conditions and climate scenarios to determine which would be most effective in meeting the

needs of poor producers and consumers. The Global Futures Program was already well under way when PIM was launched, and it has been expanded and broadened as a flagship within the CRP. The new funding will allow the team to expand upon existing analyses of scenarios and ex ante technology assessments, add new crops, initiate an increased focus on livestock and fish, and incorporate farming systems. Work on gender will be deepened, and analysis at the household level will be added by linking with the ongoing work under [HarvestChoice](#) and other initiatives of the 10 partner centers of PIM.

### Past Events

- **Global Center for Food Systems Innovation Symposium**

PIM Director, Karen Brooks, attended the Michigan State University Global Center for Food Systems Innovation (GCFSI) Symposium from 22-23 August, 2013 in East Lansing, Michigan, USA. [GCFSI](#) is one of seven Development Labs which form part of the [Higher Education Solutions Network \(HESN\)](#) of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Brooks attended the symposium to explore opportunities for synergy between GCFSI and PIM.

- **Gender Methods Seminar**

The Gender Methods Task Force continued its seminar series with a presentation on “Quantitatively Measuring Gender Difference within the Value Chain” on Tuesday, 27 August, 2013. The presentation was given by [Maximo Torero](#) and [Lucia Madrigal](#) and focused on the integration of gender focused quantitative tools in research on agricultural value chains.

## Project Highlight: CAPRi

Devex will feature a month-long campaign on Land Matters in September. PIM Gender Focal Point, Cheryl Doss will contribute to the campaign in an Op-ed on Land Matters for Women. The campaign will also feature information on the System-Wide Program on Collective Action and Property Rights ([CAPRi](#)). The program is part of PIM’s research under [Theme 2: Inclusive Governance and Institutions](#). CAPRi focuses on the role of property rights and collective action in food security and draws from research in Nigeria, India, and Bangladesh. The Devex campaign will be cross-posted on the [PIM website](#) and the [INFO.info](#) website.

### Upcoming Events

- **September 5-20, 2013:** Focal Points and Theme Leaders Meeting with PIM Management - Budget Discussions for 2014, Washington, DC, USA
- **September 9-11, 2013:** [Livestock and Fish Value Chains Conference](#), Kampala, Uganda
- **September 22-25, 2013:** [African Association of Agricultural Economists Conference](#), Hammamet, Tunisia
- **September 25-27, 2013:** [3rd International Conference on Neglected and Underutilized Species \(NUS\)](#), Accra, Ghana
- **October 8-10, 2013:** 16th Steering Committee Meeting of the CGIAR Regional Program

for Central Asia and the Caucasus, Dushanbe, Tajikistan

- **October 15-16, 2013:** PIM organized [Workshop on Prioritizing Research in Agricultural Extension](#), IFPRI, Washington, DC, USA (contact Pascale Sabbagh).
- **October 21-25, 2013:** CGIAR Consortium Workshop: Towards a CGIAR Strategy on Capacity Development, ILRI, Nairobi, Kenya
- **October 23-24, 2013:** PIM Science and Policy Advisory Panel (SPAP), IFPRI, Washington, DC, USA
- **October 29-31, 2013:** First Workshop of the International Advocacy Evaluation Community of Practice, Rome, Italy
- **November 4, 2013:** CGIAR Knowledge Event, Nairobi, Kenya
- **November 5-6, 2013:** [Mainstreaming Livestock Value Chains Conference](#), Accra, Ghana
- **November 18-20, 2013:** PIM organized [Workshop on Policy Processes](#), IFPRI, Washington, DC, USA (contact Ruth Meinzen-Dick)
- **November 19-22, 2013:** International Workshop of the CGIAR Consortium Office and GIZ: The Innovation System of Demand Driven Agricultural Research - Bridging the Implementation Gap, Feldafing, Germany
- **December 16-17, 2013:** OECD Global Forum on Agriculture and Technical Workshop, Paris, France

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