



Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resource Management Innovation Lab

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Trip Report: South Africa

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Purpose: The purpose of this trip was to present a paper on the gender labor impacts of CAPS and attend the Annual Symposium of the International Food and Agribusiness Management Association (IFAMA).

Sites Visited:

- Cape Town International Convention Centre, Cape Town, South Africa

Description of Activities:

The paper “Understanding gender-based labor constraints for the implementation of conservation agriculture” was presented at the 2014 Annual Symposium of the International Food and Agribusiness Management Association held in Cape Town, South Africa. The paper presented the results of a labor study on the effects of conservation agriculture practices focused on the gender-based distribution of labor as compared with conventional practices at the study sites in Nepal. The paper also compared the information networks for new agricultural technologies between men and women, as well as the structure of agricultural decision-making between male and female heads of household. The major findings showed that labor would increase for women with the integration of the conservation agriculture practices of intercropping and strip tillage, though at a relatively low increase of 1-2% of overall labor. Furthermore, these labor increases were found to occur at specific points during the cropping season, as a result of increased demands for land preparation and harvesting. In general, women were less connected to sources of new information regarding agricultural technologies and many had less than equal participation in decision-making regarding farm practices. The paper was presented to a mixed audience including individuals from the fields of agribusiness, agriculture development and academics. In general, the presentation received good feedback and interest.

Additionally, the IFAMA conference for this year had a strong focus on agribusiness development, smallholder farmers, and specific issues of women in agriculture and development. The conference sessions provided a great opportunity for learning and discussing current issues in the field and on the broader perspective of smallholder farmers in the value chain and agribusiness sector.

Training Activities Conducted:

Program type (workshop, seminar, field day, short course, etc.)	Date	Audience	Number of Participants		Training Provider (US University, host country institution, etc.)	Training Objective
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Presentation	June 16, 2014	Agribusiness professionals, NGOs, researchers, students	15	10	University of Hawaii, USA	To share results of a gender labor study comparing labor demands with CAPS to conventional labor; and to discuss differences in gender-based information networks and decision- making

Suggestions/Recommendations:

- None at this time

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