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Gender and Social Inclusion in the Sustainable Intensification of Mixed Farming Systems Initiative

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Gender and social inclusion in the SI-MFS proposal



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Challenges:

Population growth
Land pressure
Soil degradation
Climate change etc.



Deepening

Existing **social inequalities** in MFS based on inequitable norms: resource access, labor burdens etc.

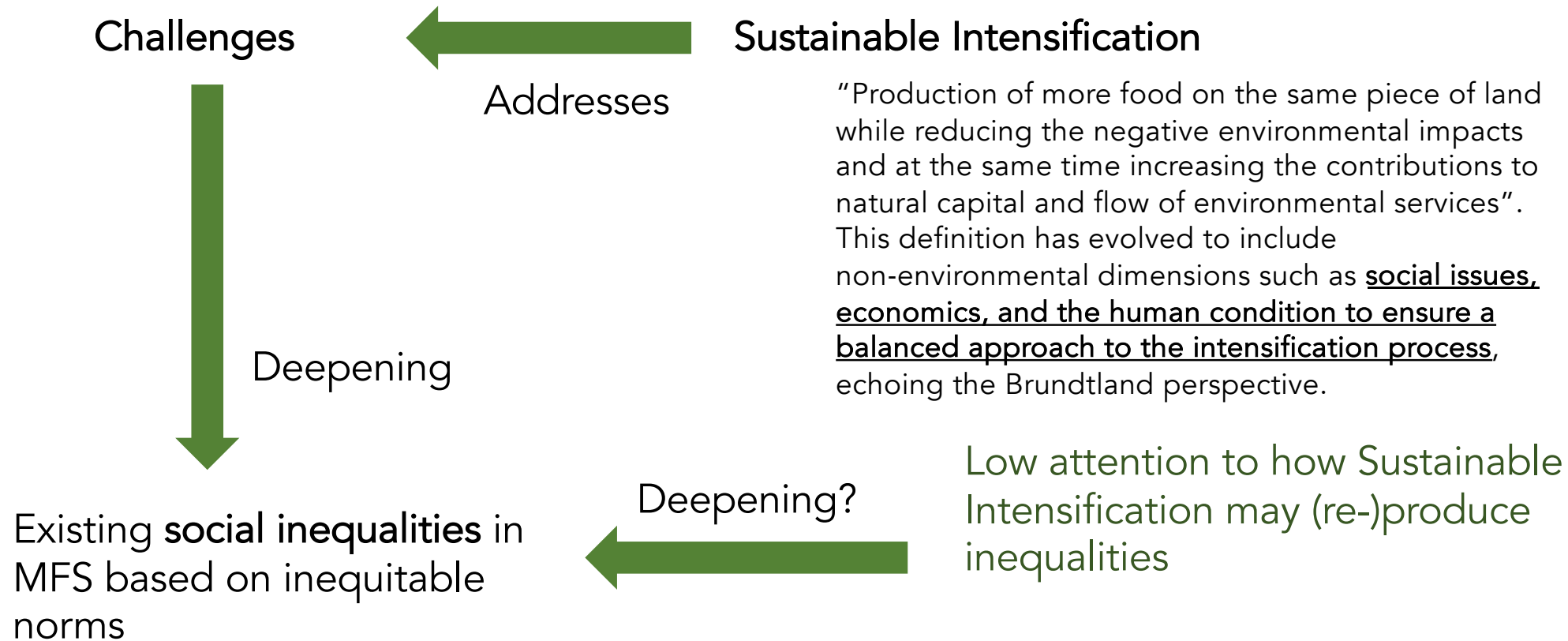
How can we reach the Sustainable Development Goals?



Gender and social inclusion in the SI-MFS proposal



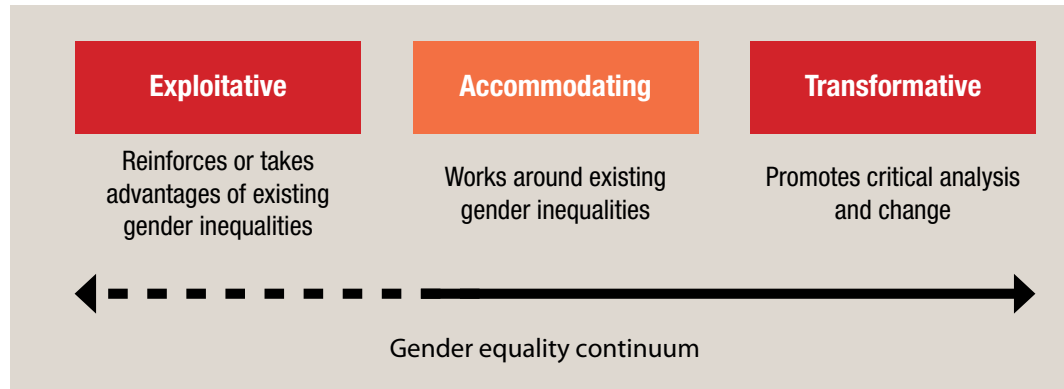
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Our gender-transformative approach



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(Adapted from IGWG 2017 in Fischer 2022)

A gender-transformative approach addresses the underlying causes of gender inequalities (in uptake of innovations) – and this includes norms and power relations.

Gender+ and Social Inclusion



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Gender+ or intersectionality

Gender intersects with age, ethnicity, religion, wealth, caste and other social criteria disadvantage is based on.

Social inclusion

“is defined as the process of improving the terms of participation in society, particularly for people who are disadvantaged, through enhancing opportunities, access to resources, voice and respect for rights” (UN 2016).

Activities and deliverables



Core gender activities and deliverables	System/Country	2022 Deliverables			
		Q.1	Q.2	Q.3	Q.4
WP1: Compendium of strategies and approaches that build equity and social inclusion within MFS in selected regions	Global				
WP2: Manual of methods and tools for gender/intersectional analysis in the DEED cycle	Global				
WP3: Manual for the sustainable, inclusive, and gender-transformative implementation of SI-MFS innovations in different contexts	All countries				
WP4: Compendium of validated approaches for scaling gender-transformative approaches	All countries				
WP5: Manual for building critical reflection sessions into SI innovation processes (including reflections on equity in processes and outcomes)	All countries				

BUT: Gender activities and considerations to be integrated into other work package deliverables (wherever it makes sense)

WP Gender team members and focal points

Work Package	Gender focal persons for 2022	Team members
WP1	Gundula Fischer	Martina Cavicchioli, Katerine Snyder, Gundula Fischer
WP2	Hom Gartaula	Dina Najjar, Gundula Fischer, Natalia Triana Angel, Hom Gartaula
WP3/4/5	WP3: Gitta Shresta	<u>Nepal</u> : Manohara Khadka, Gitta Shresta
	WP4: vacant	<u>Bangladesh</u> : Dipok Choudhury, Hom Gartaula
	WP5: (Gundula Fischer)	<u>Lao</u> : Natalia Triana Angel, Stefan Burkart <u>Malawi</u> : Katherine Snyder <u>Ghana</u> : Martina Cavicchioli <u>Ethiopia</u> : Renee Bullock, Dina Najjar

SI-MFS work package leaders and country focal points: please include respective gender focal person or gender team members in meetings



Key messages from Pre-inception meetings

- More discussions on gender and sustainable intensification? Experiences with gender-transformative approaches? Common understanding of concepts and objectives? Adjustment to local contexts?
- Strong interdisciplinary cooperation needed in all work packages; harmonization of activities.
- Gender country teams need more staff (especially on the ground).
- Work package gender focal points to be re-established in early 2023.



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Thank you

