

HARVEST HIGHLIGHTS

Empowering Women & Youth in Seed Systems for Food Security in Africa



The Harvest Highlights series provides insights of past events and reports, and illustrates how they are relevant for ongoing discussions and developments



Major Takeaways

- **Multi-Actor Collaboration:** Policy, research, private sector, and women-led enterprises must work together to ensure equitable innovation.
- **Capacity Development:** For women and youth in seed systems, including business development, policy advocacy, and scaling production.
- **Women-Led Networks:** Driving economic empowerment and seed system resilience in West and Central Africa.



Key Context:

- **Seed Systems:** Crucial for Africa's economic growth and sustainable farming
- **Women in Seeds:** Women play a vital role in seed production, processing, distribution and conservation
- **Challenges Faced:** Gender inequalities in access to assets, finance, technologies, and markets

