Ensuring gender responsive livestock genetic improvement

- A conceptual framework has been developed for integration of gender considerations into livestock genetic improvement strategies.
- Adoption of this framework will ensure greater and more equitable benefit from genetic technologies.

Context
- Little consideration is often given by genetic programs to how the preferences women and men may have for species, breeds and traits, and their ability to participate in, and benefit from, livestock genetic improvement differs, as affected by gender dynamics and norms.

Our innovative approach
- In response to the above a conceptual framework has been developed, showing that gender considerations are relevant at all stages of implementation of a genetic improvement strategy.

Key components of the framework are:

- Targeting
- Choice of genetic improvement strategy
- Implementation of the genetic improvement strategy
- Adoption and use of the improved genetics
- Ensuring equitable benefit from the improved genetics

Outcomes
- Use of this framework is being promoted inside the Genetics Flagship and more broadly. It is still too early for there to be outcomes.

Future steps
- The next step is to develop a monitoring, evaluating and learning tool to accompany the framework, to assist practitioners in monitoring and adjusting implementation of the framework.