Gender Equality in the Coffee Sector

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Women contribute significantly in agriculture...
... and coffee farming...
... but are held back by constraints

- Gender productivity gap (lower yield, income)
- Less access to resources and services
  - Land, labour
  - Education & training
  - Markets for inputs & outputs
  - Financial services
  - Agency
Benefits of closing the gender gap

• Women empowerment and gender equality as goal in itself (SDG 5)

• Positive impact on farm productivity
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Unlocking productivity reserves to meet rising demand for coffee
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• Spill-overs (nutritional status and education level of children)
Addressing the gender gap

• Public policies & services
  – Land certification & property rights
  – Extension services
  – Financial literacy

• Supply-chain policies
  – Certification schemes with gender components
Next steps for the ICO

• Collect case studies and promote best practices (ICD 2018)
• Track progress towards SDG 5 (Delta Project)
• Ensure ICO facilitated projects are gender sensitive
• Investigate gender gap in coffee consumption