Agricultural Policy Research in Africa	HISTORICAL, ETHNOGRAPHY AND SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW ON WOMEN'S AGRARIAN SYSTEMS IN AFRICA: THE CASE FOR THE NIGERIAN COCOA INDUSTRY Olutayo O, KA Thomas, Adeyemo T.A and Olajide O. Adeola	
INTRODUCTION		
This review explores the		
roles played by women		
in agriculture with		

reference to the APRA

mandate crop - Cocoa.

The potentials of women

to agricultural growth are highlighted as well as the factors limiting their

to

contribution

agricultural

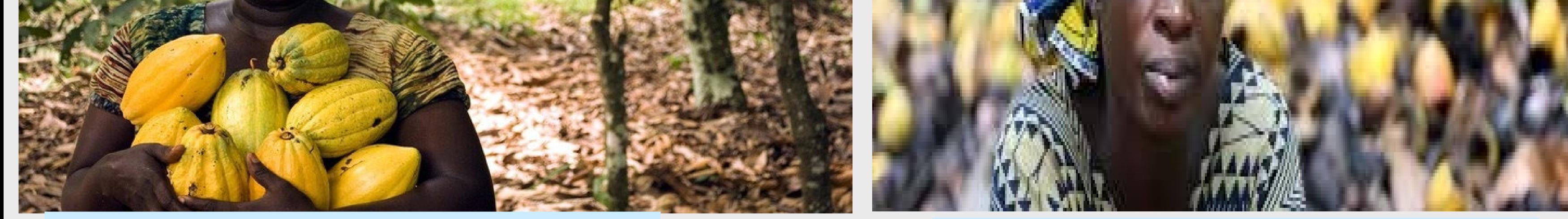


Plate 1 1: Woman with harvested cocoa pods

plate 2: Small scale cocoa farm

WOMEN IN NIGERIA'S COCOA INDUSTRY

- Men's involvement in cocoa production appears high, But women indeed contribute more.
- Women achieve 20 to 30 per cent lower agricultural productivity than men, partly due to child dependency.
- The argument for targeting women in agricultural productivity are:



CONCLUSION

Literature on gender and agriculture have shown that participation and its impacts are not gender blind. approach gender to A development is necessary in priority to give order to women. This is essentially important owning to the multiple roles played by women in the society.

development.

FEATURES OF AGRARIAN FARMING SYSTEMS



agricultural Advocacy for commercialisation is the on

Their productive potential

- They represent an important group of beneficiaries of agricultural development efforts. BUT:
 - Women farmers have less access to essential inputs Iesser control over land financing.

Lower wages when hired Non-payment on family farms Less opportunities for training

They are involved in : Small scale cocoa plantations Post harvest processes especially pod breaking, fermentation and drying Processing:

Black soap

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GOVERNMENT

Cocoa product is a niche commodity.



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Three models of commercial

agriculture:

Large-scale plantations;

Contract farming; and

Small and medium commercial

farms.

Nigeria's farmers cocoa





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