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## The Role of Women in Cotton – A Questionnaire

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Promotion of gender equality and empowerment of women is one of the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) for 2015 – set up by the United Nations.

Under this framework and with the endeavour to promote cotton production, productivity, quality, increased earnings, improved working conditions and more influence in decision-making processes for women, it is vital to understand the role of women at all levels in the Cotton sector.

In that context the International Trade Centre (ITC)<sup>1</sup> is conducting a survey of the role of women in the Cotton sector in producing countries.

The data is used in discussions with donors of possible assistance to women in the Cotton sector in various countries. Without relevant data, organizations and donors would not know how and on what basis to assist gender mainstreaming in the cotton sector.

We therefore kindly request you to respond to the following few questions regarding your country.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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<sup>1</sup> International Trade Centre (ITC) is the technical cooperation agency of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) for operational, enterprise-oriented aspects of trade development.

## Questionnaire

### I. The role of women in the Cotton sector

Kindly indicate in percentage terms the role of women as compared to men in the various domains listed in the table. If you have absolute figures (e.g. 110,000 women) kindly also indicate.

Not applicable, i.e. does not need to be filled in:

	% of women of total workforce	% of women in decision making positions	% of women who own fields and businesses	Comments
<b>Field</b>				
Decision of what crop to plant				
Planting				
Field management				
Use of fertilizer				
Use of pesticides				
Picking				
Machine harvesting				
<b>Ginning</b>				
Gin stand and bale pressing				
Light work at gin				
Administration work				
<b>Trading</b>				
Domestic agent: buying cotton from farmers and selling to ginneries				
International trading				
Administration work				
<b>Support Services</b>				
Banking				
Domestic Transport				
Catering to cotton workers & farmers				

## 2. Renumeration and salary

What is the average salary of a woman working in the cotton sector compared to men, assuming that the men salary is 100.

<b>In farming:</b> _____
<b>In ginning:</b> _____
<b>In trading:</b> _____
<b>In support services:</b> _____

## 3. Women Association(s)

Is there an association of women or informal group of women in the Cotton sector in your country?

**If the answer is Yes, please provide more details as described below:**

Name of the association

Full address including e-mail and website (if available)

Contact person

Number of members/individuals in each association

Year of establishment

Other information you may think relevant (mission, purpose, main activities, etc.)

Sources of funding (membership fee, donors, government, sale, etc.)

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Your participation in this questionnaire is highly appreciated! Kindly provide your personal details (optional) below.

Name: _____
Name of association: _____
Address: _____
Tel/Fax: _____
Email: _____
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