

**Summary of Remarks by Dr. Robert Bertram, Director, Office of Agriculture, Research and Technology, USAID**

women. Feed the F  
empowerment as a key outcome.

**Equalizing access to agricultural resources for men and women is key to increasing productivity, competitiveness, and inclusive growth.**

Data matters about inclusion of women. Disaggregated data to support  
-food systems.

**Even among smallholder farmers, there is about 10-point disparity between men and women in access to finance.**

Access to seeds system is also critical. Success stories in African counties in getting more resilient seeds.

inclusion, including through capacity building support.

USAID also uses digital applications to support women access to financial services. Also programmes and campaigns to support youth participation in the agri-food systems.