Trend 1
WOMEN ARE PLAYING A GROWING ROLE IN AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

The number of women agricultural researchers rose in both absolute and relative terms between 2008 and 2014; however, the share varies widely across countries. Fewer women than men are trained, recruited, and employed in the agricultural sciences. Where they are employed, women researchers are often young and less likely to have postgraduate qualifications than their male colleagues.

Trend 2
SPENDING ON RESEARCH IN AFRICA LAGS BEHIND AGRICULTURAL SPENDING INCREASES

Countries in Africa south of the Sahara have made progress in honoring regionwide commitments to support agriculture, as outlined in the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP). However, many African countries are overlooking research in favor of spending on other agricultural areas such as farm support, subsidies, and irrigation—slowing progress toward sustainable development.

Source: Data on agricultural spending are from ReSAKSS (www.resakss.org); data on agricultural research spending are from ASTI and various secondary sources.

Note: Agricultural spending only includes funds derived from national governments; agricultural research spending includes funds derived from governments, donors, development banks, producer organizations, and revenues generated internally by research agencies.