



Wireless Africa
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Gender

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Diga Definition

- . Gender: socially constructed (by community, parents, TV, radio, surroundings, etc) that assign certain tasks, responsibilities, jobs for man or women



Planning

- . Planning through community needs assessments, business models, cost/benefit analysis, deployment of VoIP, WiSP.



How can your dream
contribute to
equitable gender
relationships?

Are we losing out?

- What valuable innovations/insights/economic change are missed in my community when women are excluded from the knowledge society?



Planning Strategy #1

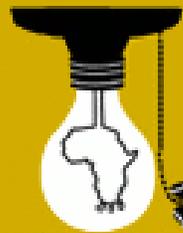
Paradigm	Research method Research design Concept of gender used
<p>Empirical Analytical</p>  An illustration of a person's head and hand in silhouette. The person is looking upwards at a glowing lightbulb. Inside the lightbulb is a map of the African continent. The hand is reaching up towards the lightbulb.	<p>Large studies with simple questions and large populations, hypothesis of researcher, codes of interpretation established by researcher, questionnaires and structured observation (e.g. time budgets), statistics, no personal contact with women necessary.</p> <p>Transference of knowledge beyond study population not possible.</p>

Planning Strategy #2

Paradigm	Research method Research design Concept of gender used
Interpretive Hermeneutic 	Qualitative interviews (one to one depth interviews), participant observation (including informal interviews), open observations. Women's interpretations are sought. Studies tend to be in-depth, small scale and somewhat long duration. Possible learning transferrable to share vital aspects with the focus area.

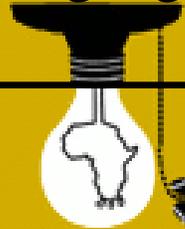
Intervention Strategy #3

Paradigm	Research method Research design Concept of gender used
Critical Emancipatory	Women's active participation is sought: gradation of participation. Studies tend to be small scale and of long duration. The studies interventions and learnings can be transferred to other contexts that share vital aspects with the study area.



Your Strategy #4

Paradigm	Research method Research design Concept of gender used
Fourth paradigm emerging	Question is not whether or when we do this research, we do it all the time, but how conscious we are of it.



Checklist of potential gender issues in ICT projects

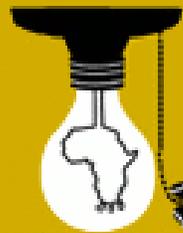
AVAILABLE :

-Information

Infrastructure strategies

-Strengthen regulatory
structure

-ICT in education and
training



GOAL?

- Acacia
Conference,
Dakar, Senegal
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Discussion

- Wireless Africa: a) uniform strategy or b) country-chosen strategy of gender research?





**Thank
you**

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