

Fostering Collaboration between UNESCO in the Field and Networks towards the Agenda 2030

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KANITA: Gender Matters

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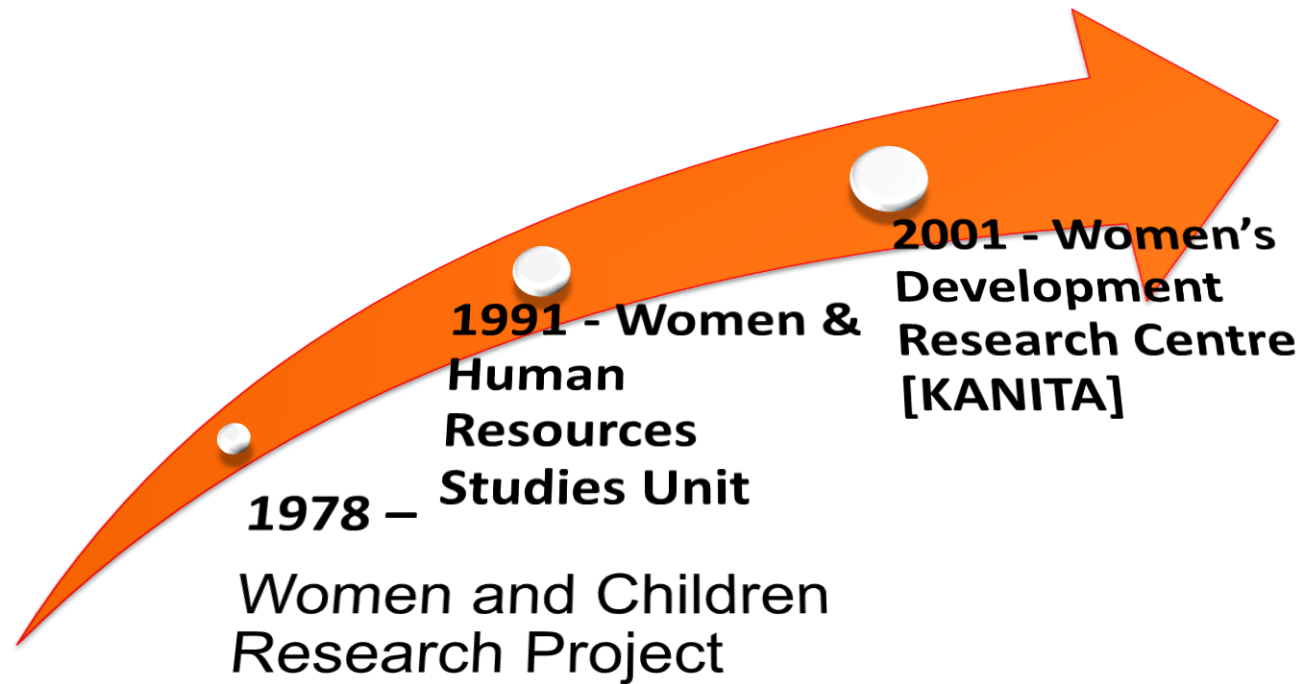
VISION & MISSION

- **Vision:** Transforming society towards gender equality and social justice
- **Mission:** As a Centre of Excellence, KANITA is committed towards **research, transfer of knowledge, advocacy and community engagement, utilising and promoting a gender and social equality framework.** It strives to impact on the academe, the state, women and the society at large.

KANITA: BACKGROUND

2016

Centre for Research on Women and Gender (KANITA)



LOOKING BACK

- **1978: Began as a research project on women and children**
 - >> context: massive outflow of young women from rural to urban as a response to Malaysia's push for industrialisation.**
 - >> grounded in real social concerns**
 - >> produced data/input for government policy.**
- **Vibrant social sciences and government link**
- **Return of foreign trained graduates**
 - >>feminists**

RESEARCH...gender lens, gender analysis
>>critical epistemology for knowledge creation

- **First national prevalence study on Women's Well-being and Domestic Violence Against Women using WHO multi-country questionnaire.**
- **Family e.g polygamous, single mothers, single women**
- **Microcredit and empowerment**
- **Entrepreneurship and innovation**
- **Laws and policies**
- **Gender and development**

Gender Matters...

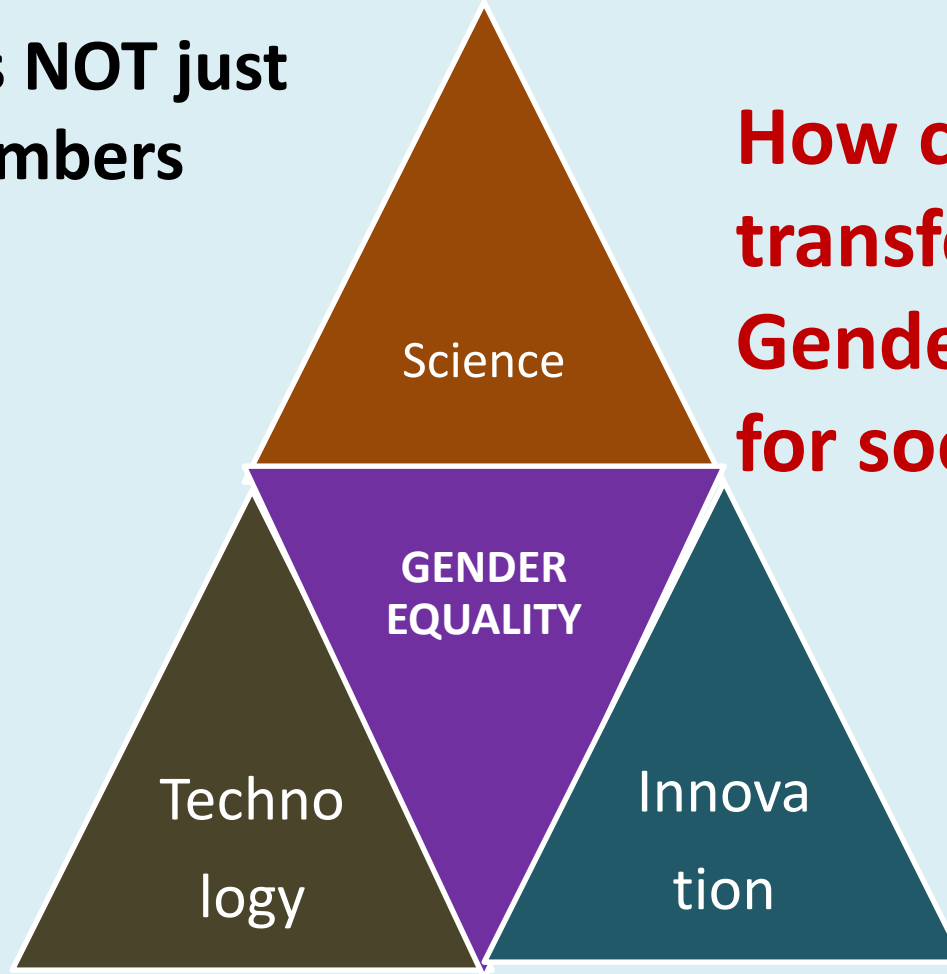


Gender Matters

- **SDG 5 : Gender Equality**
- **But Gender should be integral in all goals**
- **Integral to UNESCO's work**
 - **STI**
 - **Natural Science Programme**
 - **Social Science Programme**
 - **Man and Biosphere**
 - **Issues of climate change, water security, disaster**

Gender Matters

- **SDG 5 : Gender Equality** ++
- **Gender is NOT just about numbers**



**How can STI
transform
Gender Inequality
for social justice?**