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### The MacPherson Talks

# THE PLUSES OF PULSES: SCALING UP PULSES VARIETIES IN SOUTHERN ETHIOPIA FOR SUSTAINABILITY, AND IMPROVED FOOD SECURITY

Ethiopia suffers from one of the highest rates of food insecurity in the world, which has had a profound effect on health and mortality rates, particularly for women and children. For twenty years, a partnership of the University of Saskatchewan and Hawassa University has worked to help address food and nutrition security in Ethiopian communities through improved pulse crop innovations and nutrition educational programming to promote high yield pulse crops like chickpeas and haricot beans. A significant thrust of the project's work was its efforts and success in empowering women through training in marketing, finance, and the setting up of cooperatives to sell nutritious pulse foods as well as high-yielding seeds. This talk shares the story of these cooperatives and how they created markets for low-income and unemployed women to improve their income capacity and nutrition within their household.

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Dr. Carol Henry is a recognized international scholar-pracitioner in community-engaged research, international development, and teaching and learning. Over the past 15 years, her team has worked on nutrition-related research, teaching, and development projects at home and abroad, including but not limited to Africa, the Carribean, and Southeast Asia. Her research interestes include school and community health, child nutrition, children's and consumer literacy and health, food security, and food systems.

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