

Profile



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Biotechnology

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Born and raised in the drylands of Kenya, Rebeccah Nenkai has always been curious about how dryland landscapes are affected by biodiversity loss in terms of species extinction and reduced productivity. Now as a research scientist at the Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI) her work is focused on breeding and molecular science for the generation of quality germplasm and conservation.

Rebeccah joined the AWARD Leadership Program for Emerging African Women in Science with the hope of growing her confidence as a woman in science and also to interact with other women who were on similar paths. Reflecting on her growth since the program she says, "My confidence is built and can now argue matters relating to women in science with proper understanding and facts."

To younger women considering the program, Rebeccah says, "The program is very informative with a lot of knowledge sharing, inspiration. It will create room for you to network and grow."