Gender equality and climate action

Leverage points and building blocks

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Gender equality, climate change and the 2030 Agenda

• The 2030 Agenda and the commitments for gender equality in the Paris Agreement offer an opportunity for countries to co-ordinate actions and progress

• Gender, climate and social goals are inter-linked and can strengthen each other: women are significant actors in climate adaptation and mitigation
  • They are active in agriculture, disaster risk reduction (DRR), forestry, water management and health
  • They make up 2/3 of the world’s 600 million small livestock managers
  • They are energy users and suppliers through cooking, household energy use and provision and transportation

• Supporting women to take climate action increases resilience, social development and gender equality
Gender in the INDCs

**Chart 1. National Climate Change Priorities**

- Adaptation: 35 references
- Gender Mainstreaming: 32 references
- Vulnerability: 30 references
- Mitigation: 18 references
- Capacity Development: 15 references
- Resilience: 12 references
- Human rights: 11 references
- Decision making: 8 references
- Agents of change: 6 references
- Finance: 3 references
Key entry points for integrating gender into the NDCs

1. Analysis of the national context
2. Assess institutional climate change and gender equality frameworks and coordination mechanisms
3. Integrate gender equality into climate change policy and planning
4. Engage in multi-stakeholder consultations
5. Support capacity development of different groups
6. Monitoring, evaluation and reporting
7. Gender-responsive climate finance mechanisms
Examples of integrating gender into NDCs

• In Uganda, Makerere University conducted a series of studies on impacts of climate change on vulnerable groups.

• Georgia developed the first gender-sensitive NAMA on low-cost water heating solutions for households, based on community energy cooperatives with a high involvement of women in leadership.

• The Philippines People’s Survival Fund (PSF) requires sex-disaggregated data in proposal consultations and beneficiary analysis. Board members include the Chair of the Philippines Commission on Women.

• Costa Rica is training personnel in the Ministries of Agriculture and Transportation on the importance of gender equality and climate change to those sectors as well as how they can be integrated into planning.
Building blocks for gender-responsive NDCs

- National analysis and consultations
- Institutional frameworks and coordination mechanisms in place
- Alignment of national policy & planning instruments
- Monitoring and evaluation
Thank you

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