



# Kenya's Experience Mainstreaming Gender into The National Adaptation Plan 2015-2030

Successes, Challenges and Solutions  
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# Outline

- Critical Opportunities
- Subjecting NAP to basic principles of gender responsiveness and Adaptation Good Practice Checklist
- Omissions and challenges
- Solutions





# Critical Opportunities

- Kenya Constitution provide opportunities for:
  - Integrating gender in all spheres of life
  - Creates the climate change act
  - Multiple climate change policies at county and national levels
- The Constitution installs an accountability asset for monitoring integration of gender principles in development



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# The KNAP



- Costed Plan authored by stakeholders with leadership of Ministry Environment and Natural Resources
- Developed through extensive participatory process-a five year
  - Grounded on international climate treaty, regional commitments, national laws, development blue print and other climate policies
  - Anchored on National Fiscal Planning Framework
  - Analytical of the recent past, current and predictive climate change circumstances
  - Outlines coordination mechanisms and critical actors: (National, county, media, public benefit agencies, CSOs, private, academia)
  - Presents vulnerability analysis and climate hazards
  - Identify and details priority sectoral adaptation actions
  - Adaptation results framework





# Gender Responsiveness-1

- KNAP is explicit on all 9 AGP pillars- correlated with entry points for gender responsive plans
- Has clarity on analysis of country context: differential vulnerability, impact of climate change actions, and adaptation responses and capacities of men and women
- Employ disaggregated data by sex, age and ability
- Advocate for gender responsive adaptation strategies in the priority sectors

*'...adaptation actions be implemented with gender considerations and all data collected for monitoring and evaluation purposes is gender disaggregated and analyzed accordingly',  
KNAP, pp 21*





# Gender Responsiveness-2

- Ministry headed by a woman; and 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of lead drafters -women
- Eight occurrence of gender referencing
- Identifies gender, vulnerable groups and youth as a stand alone sector with adaptation actions, targets and budget
- Embraces social inclusion with adaptive measures for orphans and vulnerable children, the elderly and persons with disabilities
- Assigns gender implementation machineries overall role for strengthening the adaptive capacity of vulnerable groups
- Gives opportunity for integration with national planning cycle and county investment and development plans
- Subjected the plan for review by oversight agency for gender equality





# Omissions/Challenges

- Inadequate inclusion of gender dimension in budgeting
- Limited understanding of gender and reluctance to have gender experts integrated into science of climate change
  - Genders issues are still appendices .
- A gender blind ‘adaptation change theory’.
- Fail to assign gender equality oversight body monitoring role
- Lack of model tool for integrating gender perspective in climate change actions





# Solutions-1

- Invest in simple tools and guidelines to help mainstream gender at country level.
  - Although UNFCCC has developed such guidelines but they cannot be understood at country level without guidance.
- The review of INDC presents opportunity for ambitious gender responsive NDCs
  - Anticipate that Gender Plan of Action will facilitate this process
- Kenya will develop a gender and intergeneration responsive public education strategy to open space for greater integration of gender issues



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# Solution-2

- Kenya has developed County/National Gender Responsive Budgeting Guidelines instrumental in the implementation and review of the KNAP actions
- Replicate and scale up best practices on gender responsive climate actions from the AWGCC and AYICC
- County governments' accelerated efforts in design and implementation of climate change programs and actions will reposition gender issues at local levels
- Tap onto vibrant civil society and bilateral partners' commitment on gender issues in climate change





# Discussions and Comments

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