



Harmonising Gender and Climate Change within the NDC Process: Jamaica's Experience

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Presentation Outline

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- Proposed Policy & Planning Framework of the NDC & Gender in Jamaica
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- **Highlights of initiatives of several institutions and MDAs of the Government of Jamaica**
- **3 best practices/approaches/entry points for integrating gender into national climate change planning, policy and programmes**

What is Jamaica's NDCs?

- Jamaica's nationally determined contributions (NDCs) are **mitigation and adaptation actions** aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions as well as improving cost savings and social and environmental benefits for the country.
- mitigate the equivalent of 1.1 million metric tons of **carbon dioxide** per year by 2030 versus the BAU scenario.
- **Milestones:**
 - Submitted an INDC to UNFCCC in Nov 2015
 - Became a Party to the Paris Agreement in May 2017
 - INDC became the country's 1st NDC on ratification
 - Developed several mitigation initiatives in the energy and transportation sectors

Proposed Policy & Planning Framework of the NDC & Gender

International

- Sustainable Development Goals
- UNFCCC Gender Action Plan
- Beijing Platform for Action

Regional

- Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility (CCRIF)
- CARICOM Plan of Action
- Regional Framework for Achieving Development Resilient to Climate Change, 2011-2021

National

- Vision 2030 Jamaica National Development Plan
- National Policy for Gender Equality (NPGE)
- Climate Change Policy Framework for Jamaica

Key public sector bodies working on gender, climate change & DRM

- Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation (MEGJC)
- Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment & Sport - Bureau of Gender Affairs (BGA)
- UWI - Institute for Gender and Development Studies (UWI-IGDS)
- Ministry of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries (MICAF)
- Ministry of Local Government and Community Development (MLGCD)
- Ministry of Finance and the Public Service - Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ)
- Rural Agricultural Development Authority (RADA)
- National Environment Planning Agency (NEPA)
- Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM)
- UWI - Disaster Risk Reduction Centre (UWI-DRRC)



Key initiatives and activities of Jamaica

Public Sector Entities

Ministry of Economic Growth & Job Creation (MEGJC)

- Coordinated and hosted the Gender and Climate Change Workshop, September 18-20, 2018 [**Tools: CGA & PA**]
- Established the Climate Change Focal Point Network (CCFPN) [**Tools: PPDI & TA**]
- Supported the implementation of Urban Ecosystem-Based Adaptation initiatives [**Tool: PPDI**]

Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ)

- Provided oversight for the implementation of pilot programmes and projects under the Sub-Committee of the Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR). [**Tool: PPDI**]
- Integrated gender considerations in several national development policies. [**Tools: CGA & PA**]

National Environmental Planning Agency (NEPA)

- Implementation of the 'Conserving biodiversity and reducing land degradation using an integrated landscape approach Project', a GEF/UNDP supported initiative (2019-2024) [**Tool: PPDI**]
- Community consultation, gender discussions and transect walks took place during the planning phase and are expected to be fundamental to the other phases. [**Tool: CGA & PPDI**]

UWI-Disaster Risk Reduction Centre (DRRC)

- The 'Enhancing Knowledge and Application of Comprehensive Disaster Management (EKACDM) Initiative, under the Caribbean Disaster Risk Management Programme (CDRMP) and in support of the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) developed:
- An enhanced regional network which generates, manages, and shares knowledge on CDM, including gender issues;
- The increased use of standardised gender-sensitive educational and training materials for CDM by professionals and students in the Caribbean; and
- The enhanced mainstreaming of gender-sensitive decision-making for CDM in the public and private sectors; Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).
[Tools: DAD, CGA & TA]

Bureau of Gender Affairs

- Facilitated gender discussions and sits on the TWG for the NEPA's GEF/UNDP's project. **[Tools: PPD, CGA & TA]**
- Facilitated community consultations on gender, climate change and disaster risk management for several environmental/climate change projects. **[Tools: CGA & TA]**
- Trained and certified 29 Gender Focal Points (GFPs) in various MDAs since 2011, including PIOJ, MICAF, RADA, UWI-IGDS. **[Tools: CGA & TA]**

Best Practices /Tools/Approaches

- Best practices in gender mainstreaming from Jamaica:
 - Policy and Programme Development and Implementation (PPDI)
 - Critical Gender Analysis (CGA)
 - Technical Assistance (TA)

Entry Points for Integrating Gender in Climate Change

- 3 progressive entry points for enhancing the harmonisation and coordination of gender and climate change actions across ministries and sectors:
 1. Coordinate greater collaboration between the Gender Focal Points (GFPs) and the Climate Change Focal Points (CCFPs);
 2. Synthesise public policies on gender, climate change and disaster risk management that outline key priorities of ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs); and
 3. Engage the active participation of educational institutions as research hubs to contribute to the collection and dissemination of data on gender, climate change and disaster risk management.

