Enabling Action, Unlocking Resilience: the importance of gender data & information for NDCs

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THE OBJECTIVE

“Identifying and addressing poverty and inequality is at the core of staying within a safe and just space for humanity.”
– IPCC

What does safe and just look like?
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Women 12%
Men 88%

HEADS OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SECTOR MINISTRIES

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A KEY SOLUTION

Gender-responsive action
✓ Inclusive
✓ Participatory
✓ Cross-sectoral

awareness-raising, capacity-building, processes, strategies, plans & tools that value and champion all people as agents of change
...and that relies on data.

Today:
• What we know
• What we need to know
• How we get there
1. What we know: gender matters.

- **Women have access to:**
  - 5% agricultural extension services
  - 10% agricultural credit

- **Women produce 80% of Africa’s food**

- **Increase in farm yields if women were given the same access to productive resources as men:** 20–30%
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“"When it comes to harnessing the ability of America’s farms and ranches to combat climate change, women farmers and non-operating landowners may be the key to success..."”

- American Farmland Trust, Women for the Land initiative

“Gender barriers” among the highest-ranked challenges for women farmers in the USA
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65 of 162 NDCs [40%]

Mention “women” and/or “gender” in the context of their national priorities and ambitions for reducing emissions.

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In water projects:
Include women = 6-7x more effective

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- 13: Mention "women" and/or "gender" exclusively in their adaptation sections
- 3: Mention "women" and/or "gender" exclusively in their mitigation sections
- 5: Mention "women" and/or "gender" in both their adaptation and mitigation sections, but do not mainstream or integrate gender into all climate change actions strategies
- 33: Identify gender as a cross-cutting policy priority, or commit to either integrate or mainstream gender in all climate change actions and strategies
- 11: Mention "women" or "gender" exclusively in their introduction or national context sections

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2. What we need to know: gender data and information to inform action

At all stages, gender data and information builds a more inclusive, gender-responsive approach—key to realizing the goals of NDCs.
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Climate Change Gender Action Plans (ccGAPs)

IUCN’s ccGAP methodology has been employed 23 times to date, across numerous countries and regions.

Participatory, cross-sectoral, multi-stakeholder processes help get us there.

*Mozambique applied the ccGAP process twice: it was the first country to adopt a ccGAP in 2010 and updated it in 2014.
3. How we get there: enabling conditions for gender-responsive NDCs

Data gaps are still pervasive across the environmental sectors.

- Forthcoming IUCN-UN Environment paper, *Gender and environment statistics: Unlocking information for action and measuring the SDGs*
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- Gender & climate priorities & cross-cutting issues.

Action research with 3 countries:

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Climate change-related recommendations include:

- Proportion of total agricultural population with ownership or secure rights over agricultural land, by sex; and (b) share of women among owners or rights-bearers of agricultural land, by type of tenure (SDG 5.a.1)
- Number of deaths, missing persons and directly affected persons attributed to hydrometeorological disasters per 100,000 people, by sex
- Time spent collecting water, by sex
- Proportion of population that (a) has convenient access to public transport by location (urban/rural), sex, age and persons with disabilities; (b) use public transport by location (urban /rural), sex, age and persons with disabilities
- Women in governmental environmental decision-making
  a.) Proportion of women as heads of environmental ministries, by sector

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Building on promising practice:

- Identify and link with national gender equality laws, mandates, policy framework
- Coordination and synergy across ministries, sectors, together with statistical mechanisms
- Engage gender experts, gender ministries, gender focal points across sectors
- Capacity on gender-environment-statistical links

A range of enabling conditions for gathering and applying gender-environment data and information are clear.
4. Recommendations for next steps

Build on experiences like ours: invest in transformative processes and enabling conditions

Demonstrate gender-responsive action

Develop refined NDC-focused guidance tools – start with ours – to improve capacities on gender-climate change links, data, policymaking and programming

Continuously identify and fill data gaps – to continue to inform action and impact
More easily accessed data & information coming soon:

A renovation of genderandenvironment.org launches next month.
Over the past two decades, IUCN has developed more than 70 sector-specific gender tools.