Global Gender Workshop on NDC Process
“Gender-Equality in National Climate Action: Working towards Gender-responsive NDCs”
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Stage of NDC
Paraguay submitted its INDC in October 2015 and currently it is in process of revision and update.

The Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development is the National Focal Point of UNFCCC and is responsible for NDC process and coordination at all levels.
Gender analysis of the national context, or specific sectors

Paraguay has a National Gender Strategy on Climate Change that has as mission to be the frame of reference to institutionalize gender perspective in the process of preparation, coordination, monitoring and evaluation of climate change public policies.

The strategy was carried out in consultation with all institutions that conform the National Commission on Climate Change (CNCC).
Gender analysis of the national context, or specific sectors

The gender analysis has included the gender perspective in the priority sectors for the NDC, such as:

- Trainings and capacity building on gender.
- Research of different areas in governmental institutions.
- Gender perspective strategic planning / tools for planning from the gender approach.
- Legal framework and mandates of the Paraguayan State regarding gender mainstreaming and climate change.
The main finding deal with information on the level of incorporation of a gender approach and climate change in their planning.

The results of the gender analysis are useful because they made visible gender gaps even climate change planning gaps.
Governance and Institutional coordination

The CNCC is composed by representatives of public institutions at central, regional and local level, academic institutions, private sector and non-governmental organizations.

The CNCC is an inter-institutional body to deliberate and consult the National Climate Change Policy (PNCC), and they have the task to incorporate the PNCC in their institutions.
There are ad-hoc working groups under the CNCC.

The Ministry of Women is a member of the CNCC, but no formal gender working group has not been created up today.
Planning

• Consultation

The Ministry of Women is the governmental, normative and strategic instance for gender policies. It fosters action plans to promote equal opportunities and equity between women and men.

They are key in the process of NDC.

An example of a consultation process is the National Gender Strategy. BUT it is still pending for implementation.
• **Resources / funding**

There are initiatives ongoing to generate information on gender and climate change.

- **Fourth National Communication**
  ✓ Analysis of the relationship between gender and vulnerability: reporting risks of woman whose condition deteriorate in to areas incorporated in the gender analyses (socio-economic factors influencing vulnerability and resilience of women and men access to education, employment, health, information, technologies, landownership, finance).
  ✓ Assessment of socio-economic impact of climate variability by sector (food security and agricultural production, health and epidemiology, water resources) conducted, including gender approach.
- **NDC Support Programme**

  ✓ Promotion the application of the National Gender Strategy through the training program focused on the CNCC.
  ✓ Gender analysis for implementing NDCs.
  ✓ Increase number of plans/policies and monitoring instruments including a gender perspective.
  ✓ Action plan of the National Gender Strategy on Climate Change and its incorporation into the roadmap for implementing of NDCs.
Policy

One of the main challenges is how to incorporate gender approach and climate change effectively into the sectorial and local plans and mainly the implementation on the field.

The key is to work with all stakeholders and reach all levels (from decision makers to citizenship.

The leader Ministry in gender issues is the Ministry of Women, but it has to work along with all stakeholders. A good mechanism of coordination could be the CNCC.
Capacity

Capacity-building initiatives on gender and climate change include conducting workshops:

• The National Gender Strategy on Climate Change was presented to representatives of institutions of the CNCC.
• The National Forest Strategy includes women`s participation in all instances of its socialization.

However, it is still necessary to increase capacities in:

• An Implementation Plan is necessary to establish a roadmap for incorporating the gender approach in the actions.

Some issues related to gender-sensitive climate action cause a lost of confusions are:

• Concepts of gender, climate change and their relationship.
• More information about SDG.

In terms of capacity building on gender and climate change, all stakeholders are important, but, maybe it should begin with decision makers at all levels.
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