

Regional Workshop

Supporting the integration of gender considerations into MRV/transparency processes in the Western Balkan Countries

When: 5-6 December 2017

Where: Skopje, Macedonia (Hotel TBD)

Introduction

The UNDP/UNEP Global Support Program for National Communications and Biennial Update Reports - the [GSP](#) - elaborated in 2015 a “*Gender responsive National Communications Toolkit*”¹ aimed at providing suggestions and guidance on integrating gender issues into National Communications (NCs) and Biennial Update Reports (BURs). The toolkit seeks to make the process of reporting more transparent in terms of who is involved, whose views are represented, gender-differentiated risks and the types of support men and women need to influence climate adaptation, mitigation, policymaking and reporting. This guidance document can also be used to build capacity of key stakeholders, including Governments and civil society, for gender analysis of key climate change issues that are reported on the NCs and BURs.

Purpose

The main objective of the meeting is to bring together the Climate and Gender Focal Points from the Ministries and Institutions in Western Balkan countries to discuss the opportunities and the challenges to mainstream gender into the development process of national communications and biennial update reports to the UNFCCC, also in the light of the enhanced transparency framework established by the Paris Agreement and the Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT). In addition, countries will be able to identify key elements of an action plan to support achieving their commitment to work on this issue by applying the Toolkit with support from UNDP and other relevant partners.

Expected outcome

At the end of the meeting, countries are expected to identify key elements of a gender roadmap/climate action plan, which will provide concrete steps - and identify responsibilities - aimed at integrating gender considerations into the next NC/BUR. While funding for the development of such roadmaps/work plans should come mostly from national NC/BUR resources, the GSP would facilitate South-South collaboration in 2018 among countries as well as provide technical support.

The GSP would be keen to sponsor a second meeting in the second semester of 2018 for countries that have integrated-or are in the process of doing so- gender considerations into their next NC/BUR. During this meeting, the country representatives will present the roadmaps/action plans elaborated and share lessons learnt.

¹ The toolkit can be downloaded here: <http://www.un-gsp.org/news/gender-responsive-national-communications-toolkit>

Outputs

- Regional network of climate change and gender focal points initiated
- A draft outline of key elements to develop an action plan for each country identified/developed
- Consolidated draft outline of key elements for a regional roadmap/action plan developed

Prior-to-workshops preparations

- Carefully review the Gender Responsive National Communications Toolkit
- Review the NC/BURs (for the Gender Focal points)
- Prepare 5 min presentation on Gender and Climate Change institutional frameworks, and the progress of both topics in each participating country

Participants

- NC and/or BUR coordinator
- one representative from the Ministry in charge of gender issues and
- one representative from the Ministry of Environment (or the Ministry in charge of climate change, if different from the Ministry of Environment)
- One representative from each UNDP Country Office is also invited to attend².
- Global Support Program coordinator
- UNDP expert on gender and environment

Invited guests

- UNFCCC gender expert
- Gender expert from the Government of Belgium
- Gender expert from the Government of Canada
- One representative from the Government of Lebanon

The meeting is going to be hosted by the Republic of Macedonia and will be kindly supported by the UNDP/UNEP Global Support Programme for NCs and BURs.

² To be funded by UNDP COs resources.

Agenda

Tuesday, 5 December 2017

- 09:00 – 09:30** **Registration and networking w/ coffee/tea**
- 09:30 – 09:45** **Welcoming remarks – there is no action without commitment and dedication, alternative session – introductions – breaking silos**
- *Damiano Borgogno, Coordinator of UNDP/GEF Global Support Program for NCs and BURs*
 - *Anita Kodzoman, UNDP*
- 09:45 – 10:15** **Gender and Climate change – how they go along**
- Ten most important facts about the MRV and Enhanced Transparency Framework
- *Damiano Borgogno, Coordinator of UNDP/GEF Global Support Program for NCs and BURs*
- Five steps of mainstreaming gender into the process of development of NCs and BURs- the Gender Responsive Toolkit
- *Verania Chao, Gender expert, UNDP*
- 10:15 – 11:00** **Where do we start from – national contexts**
- *Presentations from all (5) participating countries' Climate Change and Gender Focal Points*
- 11:00 – 11:30* *Coffee/tea break*
- 11:30 – 13:00** **Challenges and opportunities – mapping exercise**
- How the process looks like now? What are views and opinion of key stakeholders? What is the policy makers commitment? What are the opportunities? What are the main barriers? What are the areas where quick win-win can be achieved?*
- 13:00 – 14:00* *Lunch break*
- 14:00 – 15:30** **Session 1: Gender-inclusive stakeholders' engagement**
- This session will aim to understand who should be involved in the process, what are their motives, views, obstacles or stereotypes, what they know, are skilled in, what are their needs and what is the best strategy for their active involvement in the process*
- Refreshments to be served during the session*
- 15:30 – 16:30** **Session 2: Social data, qualitative data, never enough data**
- This session will aim to understand and map the availability of different types of data needed for the analysis in the preparation of the documents.*

16:30 – 17:00 **Reflections and day 1 wrap-up**

19:00 – 21:00 *Joint dinner*
Venue: Makedonsko Selo Restaurant

Wednesday, 5 December 2017

09:00 – 09:15 **Morning warm-up and reminder on day 1**

09:15 – 12:30 **Session 3: Integrating gender in National Communications/BUR Reporting**
This session will aim to help participants to understand all relevant gender aspects, what do these mean and how all aspects could be integrated in the process.

- *Gender responsive stock-taking*
- *Gender-equitable decision-making*
- *Coordinating gender and climate change mainstreaming efforts*
- *Monitoring Reporting and Verification*
- *Socio-economic factors in GHG measurement*
- *Budgeting*

11:00 – 11:15 *Coffee/tea break*

12:30 – 13:30 *Lunch break*

13:30 – 15:00 **Session 4: Drafting an outline including key elements to develop an Action plan**
1. Country outline including key elements to develop an action plan
2. Consolidation into a regional action plan

15:30 – 16:00 **The way forward and workshop closure**