Strategic approach to gender and climate change and update on the gender-related outcomes of COP 25

Third Regional Workshop on Supporting the Integration of Gender Considerations into MRV/Transparency Processes in the Western Balkan Countries and Lebanon
Podgorica, Montenegro, 12 February 2020
Gender under the UNFCCC

- Increase representation and participation of women
- Two year work programme on gender to 2016
- Three year work programme on gender to 2019
- Enhanced gender work programme & action plan for 5 years

- Gender balance goal, standing item on COP agenda, reporting
- Paris Agreement: human rights language, capacity-building, adaptation
- Gender Action Plan to 2019
## Katowice climate package

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“Differences in vulnerability and exposure arise from non-climatic factors and from multidimensional inequalities...These differences shape differential risks from climate change. People who are socially, economically, culturally, politically, institutionally, or otherwise marginalized are especially vulnerable to climate change and also to some adaptation and mitigation responses. This heightened vulnerability is rarely due to a single cause. Rather, it is the product of intersecting social pressures that result in inequalities in socioeconomic status and income, as well as in exposure. Such social processes include, for example, discrimination on the basis of gender, class, ethnicity, age and (dis)ability.”

*IPCC Fifth Assessment Report, WGII*
Every anthropogenic GHG emission is connected to decisions, behaviour, choices, action or inaction of people (men, women, girls, boys)

Every climate change policy, project or programme that impacts/benefits/involves people requires a consideration of gender to be as effective (and just) as possible

Every climate change policy, project or programme needs to be as effective as possible to meet the Paris Agreement goals
Beyond vulnerability

The eco gender gap: why is saving the planet seen as women’s work?

From soap to reusable cutlery, green products are overwhelmingly marketed to and bought by women. Does this discourage men from taking responsibility?

Even arguments about meaningful action on the climate crisis are split down gender lines. Another study by Swim, published in the journal *Environmental Change* last year, showed that men preferred arguments that centred on science and business and tended to “attribute negative feminine traits” to men who argued on the basis of ethics and environmental justice - as women typically did.

*Women* tend to have less trust in institutions, Howell says, which may mean they have less faith in the ability of science, technology and the government to address the issues that face us. Men, however, having been historically well served by the status quo, “are much more inclined to believe that, if they accept there is a problem, then somebody or some technology will sort it all out - that we don’t need to change our lifestyle”.

Elle Hunt, The Guardian, 6 Feb 2020
Climate breakdown 'is increasing violence against women'

Exclusive: attempts to tackle crisis fail because gender issues are not addressed, report finds

Climate breakdown and the global crisis of environmental degradation are increasing violence against women and girls, while gender-based exploitation is in turn hampering our ability to tackle the crises, a major report has concluded.

Six in 10 respondents to a survey by IUCN, with more than 300 responses from organisations around the world, said they had observed gender-based violence among female environmental rights defenders, environmental migrants and refugees, and in areas where environmental crimes and environmental degradation were taking place. More than 80 case studies clearly showing such links were uncovered as part of the research.

Fiona Harvey, The Guardian, 29 Jan 2020
Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

Achieve equality and empower all women and girls
Gender laws, norms and customs are changeable.

Climate policy and action creates an opportunity to integrate gender considerations through every phase of design and implementation.

Gender equality creates the opportunity to accelerate effective climate action enabling countries to raise ambition in national climate policies.

Requires political will, capacity-building and gender expertise.
LWPG
- Guiding framework
- Long-term, open-ended action
- Secretariat function

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- Invitation to appoint National Gender and Climate Change Focal Points (secretariat to facilitate support)
- Annual gender composition report
- Annual reports and biennial synthesis report on progress in integrating gender in constituted body processes

GAP
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A. Capacity-building, knowledge management and communication
B. Gender balance, participation and women’s leadership
C. Coherence
D. Gender-responsive implementation and means of implementation
E. Monitoring and reporting

20 activities
Recognizing with concern that climate change impacts on women and men can often differ owing to historical and current gender inequalities and multidimensional factors and can be more pronounced in developing countries and for local communities and indigenous peoples,

**GAP D.7** Enhance the availability of sex-disaggregated data for gender analysis, taking into consideration multidimensional factors, to better inform gender-responsive climate policies, plans, strategies and action, as appropriate
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