

Example on gender-sensitive approaches and tools, including good practices for the application of these approaches and tools for understanding and assessing impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change¹

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United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Title of practice/tool

Global Gender and Climate Alliance (GCGA) joint programme, “Gender-Responsive Climate Change Initiatives and Decision-making” (joint programme)

Description of practice/tool

Since 2008, this joint programme has been made possible through the generous support of Finland and Denmark. As one of the implementing organizations of this joint programme, UNDP is using a multi-pronged approach in advocating for and raising awareness and building capacity on the importance, benefits of and the ‘how to’ in integrating gender equality and women’s empowerment principles into climate change responses at international, national and local levels. UNDP collaborates with NGOs, civil society, governments and practitioners to ensure effective and sustainable outcomes in its work. In doing, it so relies on taking the following top-down, bottom-up approach in its implementation of this joint programme.

- At the global level, UNDP conducts advocacy and awareness raising activities to promote the integration of gender considerations in global climate change policy dialogue as well as in policies and programming of fund boards and secretariats of major climate finance mechanisms.
- At the same time, UNDP works at the national level with national governments and partners on the ground to implement gender and climate change projects as well as build capacity in integrating gender equality and women’s empowerment principles into national and community-based climate change policies and programmes. To help promote sustainability of programme activities and build capacity at the national and local levels, it is also preparing pools of African and Asia-Pacific regional and national experts that can provide technical support to governments to integrate social and gender considerations into climate change policies and programmes, and in proposals for funding from climate change finance mechanisms.

Through this work, UNDP has acquired various good practices on gender-sensitive approaches at the global and national levels. These good practices involve 1) identifying concrete entry points for gender-responsive activities in policy, decision making and programming activities, as applicable; and 2) demonstrating ‘how to’ meaningfully incorporate such considerations to ensure they achieve intended and desired outcomes. These good practices have centered on making the business case for gender and demonstrating the added value of taking a gender sensitive approach. Critical in this

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effort has been utilizing a participatory approach and collaborating with various international and local organizations (IGOs, NGOs, CSOs) to ensure various perspectives and experiences are incorporated into this work and project buy-in and ownership are obtained.

UNDP's role the GGCA joint programme has helped result in 1) an increased number of gender references in climate change policies and agreements; 2) additional requirements from climate funds to include gender considerations in the design, implementation, and evaluation of programmes and projects; 3) increased amount of national and regional gender and climate change action plans, projects and programmes; 4) the formation of global and regional cadres of experts on gender and climate change [Asia-Pacific (43 experts), Africa (47 experts) and international/global (8 experts)]; and 5) generation of new knowledge.

Region

Through this joint programme, UNDP's work has targeted global climate change policy dialogue and various climate finance mechanisms including the Adaptation Fund, Climate Investment Funds, Green Climate Fund and UN-REDD Programme to advocate for the incorporation of gender dimensions in policies, operational frameworks, decision making and programming. At the regional levels, UNDP has worked both within the Africa and the Asia Pacific regions.

Country

UNDP has completed and/or is currently implementing gender and climate change projects within both the Africa (e.g. Burkina Faso, Niger, Kenya, Malawi, Namibia, Mozambique, Zambia) and Asia Pacific (e.g. Thailand, Cambodia, Bangladesh, Nepal, Vietnam, Bhutan) regions.

Sector

Much of UNDP's work under this project is focused on broad climate change adaptation, mitigation and finance related issues as well as within sectors including agriculture, forestry, coastal ecosystems and energy.

Name of implementing institution/s

UNDP, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO)

Further information

- 1) "Ensuring Gender Equity in Climate Change Financing"
- 2) "Regional Thematic Policy Briefs and Training Modules on Gender and Climate Change in Africa"

3) “The Least Developed Countries Fund and Special Climate Change Fund, Gender and Climate Funds”

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