



Suswatch submission on Gender and Climate Change

Introduction

Parties at the twentieth Conference of the Parties (COP20) took an important step in adopting a two-year *Lima Work Programme on Gender (LWPG)* for promoting gender balance and achieving gender-responsive climate policy (decision 18/CP.20).

Sustainable Environmental Development Watch (SUSWATCH) Kenya welcomes the invitation to admitted Observer organisations to submit by 3 February 2016 views on the matters to be addressed at the in-session workshop on gender-responsive climate policy, with a focus on adaptation and capacity building, and training for delegates on gender issues to be held during the 44th session of the Subsidiary Body of Implementation (SBI) in May 2016.

Integrating gender equality into adaptation initiatives requires continuous advocacy and investment of finances and capacity-building tools at sub-national, national, regional and global levels.

Scope of the Workshop

Suswatch requests that the objectives of this workshop be centred on:

- Understanding the gender dimensions adaptation
- Informing participants about the tools and strategies available to facilitate gender sensitivity in design and implementation of policy instruments and actions

The outcomes can include:

- Analysis of gender differentiated vulnerabilities and capacities leading to addressing concerns and priorities

Thematic areas:

- Disaster risk reduction (DRR) - loss and damage; water and sanitation; agriculture, food and nutrition security; desertification; health; informal settlements and urban areas

Case Studies

Suswatch recommends showcasing:

- Development and implementation of Climate Change and Gender Action Plans (CCGAPs)
- Bridging the gap in participatory research of gendered impacts, coping strategies and priorities in the rural and urban contexts

Training for Delegates

We recommend targeted capacity-building and training on the link between gender, climate change and the intergenerational dynamic. This is critical to identifying entry points for actions and influencing climate change policies at the sub-national, national, regional and global levels.