

NAP Global Network Submission on the Standing Committee on Finance 2024 Forum on Accelerating Climate Action and Resilience Through Gender-Responsive Finance

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The Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) invites interested Parties and stakeholders to submit inputs on its 2024 Forum on accelerating climate action and resilience through gender-responsive finance.

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Relevant topics and themes to consider in designing the Forum

We would suggest the following two themes be considered in designing the Forum:

- **The need for gender considerations to be integrated at all decision-making points related to climate finance:** Gender-responsive finance is about much more than budgeting – it must be considered throughout decision-making, including in governance structures, in the design of funding mechanisms, in decisions about targeting and allocation of resources, and throughout projects’ lifecycles. Monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MEL) is essential to ensure that commitments made at the outset of projects are followed through in implementation, that the desired outcomes related to gender equality are achieved, and that unintended negative consequences are minimized.
- **The role of the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) process in targeting finance for gender-responsive adaptation action:** Gender-responsive finance relies on gender-responsive planning. NAP processes identify countries’ adaptation priorities and put in place systems and capacities for advancing adaptation action. Many countries are actively integrating gender considerations into their NAP processes (see below for more information). This provides a strong foundation for targeting climate finance, providing evidence of gendered impacts of climate change, measures needed to ensure equitable participation in adaptation action, and what is needed for outcomes from adaptation investments to be gender-equitable.

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- **Moving beyond gender:** Gender intersects with a range of other identity factors, including age, ability, race, Indigeneity, and sexual orientation, among others. These intersecting factors influence people’s vulnerability to climate change, as well as their adaptive capacity. For adaptation finance to yield equitable outcomes, these intersections must be considered. This requires increased investment in intersectional analysis to inform decision-making, better targeting of programs and projects, and MEL systems that assess equity in opportunities and outcomes from climate finance.

Information and case studies on gender-responsive finance

The [NAP Global Network](#) tracks gender considerations in NAP processes at the global level. Further information can be found on [NAP Trends](#) and in our latest [synthesis report](#) (noting that the next synthesis will come out later this year).

Potential institutions and events to partner with the SCF Forum

The International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), through the NAP Global Network, has worked with more than 60 governments to advance their NAP processes. This has generated considerable learning around the integration of gender considerations in planning and decision-making related to adaptation.

In general, for the SCF Forum, we would recommend a balance of institutions with strong experience in climate change, focusing on the full policy cycle (not just finance and budgeting) and institutions with experience in gender equality, including women’s funds, but also governments and other implementing organizations.



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