Gender equality: One of the priorities at the COP20



Gender equality at the COP20



Political Priority



Milestone



Rewarding process

Legacy of the COP20: Gender equality



National level

Raising awareness and capacity building on public sector and civil society on gender equality and climate change (visibility)

The announcement

On Gender Day, at COP20 Peru Steps Forward as the First South American Country to Develop a Climate Change Gender Action Plan

National policies

National Plan on Gender Equality National Strategy on Climate Change

Action Plan on Gender an Climate Change

Starting the process

- Commitment at the high political level (political will)
- Policy instruments and national plans that recognize the relationship between climate change and gender equality
- Existing national bodies to deal with CC and gender equality (institutional framework)
- Professional staff involved in the process
- Technical and financing support from the international cooperation

Action Plan on Gender and Climate Change

- Includes an intercultural perspective
- (unique) Participatory process: national consultations involving representatives of ministries and relevant stakeholders: Actions and solutions were constructed in a collective manner
- 8 priorities: forest, water resources management, food security, energy, waste management, education, health, and risk management

Lessons from the workshops

- The design of a participatory public policy requires time and raising awareness in order that the public officials can be involved in the process.
- Explaining the relationship between gender equality and climate change was key to understand the importance of the Plan

Challenges

- Priority and should be implemented by the next government
- Creation of a Joint mechanism for its implementation, follow up and monitoring with the support of all the relevant sectors as well as regional and local governments.
- The follow up and monitoring should include a mechanism for the participation of the civil society

Some recommendations

- Capacity building at national and local levels to implement the Plan
- Strenghten the gender mainstreaming in the policies and public management
- Develop guidelines to the coordinated action on gender and climate change under the prioritized areas at all the levels of Government

A crucial year for development



New development agenda



New CC agreement