

Concept Note

High-level event on UNFCCC COP 20/CMP 10 Gender Day 9 December 2014, 13:15-14:45 Room Paracas

Men and women taking action on gender equality and climate change: How far have we come?

Background

Since 2012 the UNFCCC secretariat has been organizing in collaboration with Governments, United Nations organizations, intergovernmental organizations, civil society and the private sector an annual Gender Day during the sessions of the UNFCCC COP/CMP with the aim of raising awareness of the importance of gender considerations and celebrating women's climate action. The 3rd annual Gender Day will take place on Tuesday, 9 December during COP 20/CMP 10 in Lima, Peru and feature a high-level event, interviews and other activities focused on the inter-linkages between gender equality and climate change.

The high-level event will bring together leaders from Governments, the United Nations, civil society and other stakeholder to showcase how men and women are working together towards gender-sensitive climate policies and actions and promoting gender balance within the UNFCCC process. This event is part of a series of events spearheaded by UN Women in partnership with other stakeholders in preparation for next year's 20-year review and commemoration of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action adopted at the 4th World Conference on Women in 1995.

Intended outcomes

- Calls for action towards achieving gender equality in the UNFCCC process
- Demonstration of actions taken by women and men representing Governments, United Nations entities, civil society and other stakeholders in support of the implementation of COP decisions related to gender and climate change
- Enhanced awareness of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action as regards gender equality and climate change and the Beijing+20 commemoration in 2015

Format

Welcoming remarks followed by a brief 'stage-setting' on current global gender gaps and a facilitated interactive panel.

Welcoming remarks

H.E. Minister Manuel Pulgar-Vidal, COP20/CMP10 President

Ms. Nadine Heredia, First Lady of Peru (tbc)

Stage-setting on global gender gaps

Ms. Mary Robinson, United Nations Special Envoy for Climate Change (tbc)

Moderator

H.E. Ms. Amber Rudd, Climate Minister, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Panelists

- H.E. Ms. María del Carmen Omonte Durand, Minister of Women and Vulnerable Populations, Peru
- H.E. Mr. Pa Ousman Jarju, Minister of Environment, Climate Change, Water Resources, Parks and Wildlife, The Gambia
- H.E. Mr. Juan Jose Guerra Abud, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, Mexico (tbc)
- Ms. Lakshmi Puri, UN Women Deputy Executive Director
- Ms. Susan McDade, UNDP Deputy Assistant Administrator
- Ms. Alina Saba, Mugal Indigenous Women's Upliftment Institute/Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development, UNFCCC Women and Gender constituency
- Mr. Klever Descarpontriez, College of the Atlantic/Earth in Brackets, UNFCCC constituency of youth NGOs

Closing Remarks

- Ms. Elena Manaenkova, WMO Assistant Secretary-General