

Gender and Climate Change
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***Gender considerations in the UNFCCC
process***



Parties: Gender equality is key to the achievement of the UNFCCC objective

COP 16:

"... recognizes that the adverse effects of climate change have a range of direct and indirect implications for the effective enjoyment of human rights and that the effects of climate change will be felt most acutely by those segments of the population that are already vulnerable owing to geography, gender, age, indigenous or minority status and disability."

COP 21:

"Acknowledging that climate change is a common concern of humankind, Parties should, when taking action to address climate change, respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on human rights, ..., as well as gender equality, empowerment of women and intergenerational equity."

Gender Equality Decision Text

There are **over 50 decisions** under the Convention and Kyoto Protocol that refer to gender, women, and/or social/socially responsible in several thematic areas, predominantly in adaptation and capacity building agenda items but touching all areas.

Draft compilation of decisions, subsidiary body reports and adopted conclusions related to gender and climate change by the secretariat:

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/bonn_jun_2015/application/pdf/gcc_drc_2015_1.pdf



UNFCCC – Milestones in advancing gender considerations under the Convention

COP 7 (2001): [Decision 36/CP.7](#)

- A decision focused solely on increasing the participation of women in delegations and bodies constituted under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol

COP 18 (2012): [Decision 23/CP.18](#)

- This decision secured a permanent agenda item under the COP to address ‘gender and climate change’ ; invited Parties to do more to achieve gender balance in delegations and constituted bodies; made a connection between women’ s participation and more effective climate policy; and requested the secretariat to report annually on the gender composition of delegations and constituted bodies

COP 20 (2014): [Decision 18/CP.20](#)

- Established the two-year Lima work programme on gender mandating a shift in the focus of the agenda item from concepts to implementation



UNFCCC – Lima work programme on gender

- The two year work programme moves the focus of the agenda item from concepts to implementation in recognition of a gap in information and understanding among Parties about what gender-responsive climate policy looks like.
- Two workshops and a technical paper mandated to produce recommendations that add to and substantively support work on implementing gender-responsive climate policy.

UNFCCC – Lima work programme on gender

- Workshop on **Gender-responsive mitigation action and technology and development and transfer** (June 2015)
 - Report, presentations and submissions available here:
http://unfccc.int/gender_and_climate_change/items/9043.php

- Workshop on **Gender-responsive adaptation and capacity building, and training for delegates on gender issues** (May 2016)
 - Presentations, submissions and recommendations available here:
http://unfccc.int/gender_and_climate_change/items/9617.php

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- Technical paper: **Guidelines/tools for integrating gender considerations into climate change-related activities under the Convention**, available here:
<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2016/tp/02.pdf>
- The technical paper identifies entry points for gender considerations in the following UNFCCC processes: national communications (NCs), nationally appropriate mitigation actions (NAMAs), national adaptation plans (NAPs), technology needs assessments (TNAs), REDD-plus, the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and new processes arising from the Paris Agreement (NDCs)

UNFCCC – Lima work programme on gender

- The tools and guidelines analysed outlined a gender mainstreaming framework outlining 5 steps and/or actions where gender considerations should be included throughout policy/project/programme process:
 - a) Gender analysis
 - b) Project/programme/policy preparation and design
 - c) Gender-responsive budgeting
 - d) Implementation
 - e) Monitoring and evaluation



Report on gender composition

- The secretariat is mandated to prepare an annual gender composition containing information on:
 - a) The gender composition of the constituted bodies and bureaux established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol
 - b) Representation of women from regional groups and other Party groupings in the constituted bodies and bureaux established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol
 - c) The gender composition of Party delegations to sessions under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol
 - d) The gender of heads of Party delegations to sessions under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol
- Under the LWPG, the secretariat was requested to include in the next report (2015) information regarding the implementation by the secretariat of those decisions that include a gender approach.
- **2015 report available here:** <http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2015/cop21/eng/06.pdf>



Paris Agreement

- Preamble to decision and the Paris Agreement:
 - a) “ ... Parties should, when taking action to address climate change, respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on human rights, ... as well as gender equality, empowerment of women”

- Article 7
 - a) “Parties acknowledge that adaptation action should follow a country-driven, gender-responsive, participatory and fully transparent approach ...”

- Article 11
 - a) “Capacity-building should be guided by lessons learned ... and should be an effective, iterative process that is participatory, cross-cutting and gender-responsive.”



Beyond Paris



Possible considerations:

- The technical paper on guidelines or other tools on integrating gender considerations into climate change related activities under the Convention was prepared by the secretariat for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its forty-fourth session. Decision 18/CP.20 (para. 14)
- Upcoming reviews at COP 22 on progress towards:
 - a) the goal of gender balance set out in decision 23/CP.18 (para. 5) and
 - b) implementation of gender responsive climate policy per decision 18/CP.20 (para. 16) and any follow up to the Lima work programme on gender.



Thank you

More information on Gender and Climate Change:
www.unfccc.int/gender_and_climate_change/items/7516.php

