



The economic case for gender-responsive climate action Programme Outline

Gender Day @ COP 23
Meeting Room 2, Bonn Zone
14 November 2017, 11:30 – 13:00
(event will be livestreamed)

1. CONTEXT

Through the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement Governments have recognized the importance of gender equality and women's and girl's empowerment in achieving the respective goals. As the evidence base grows, it is clear that achieving gender equality and elevating the role of women and girls in climate change policy and action is not only the fair thing to do, it also makes economic sense.

This dialogue will shine a light on the compelling economic reasons why governments are seeking or promoting, and investors (private and public) are funding climate policy and action that considers the needs, perspectives and ideas of both women and men who are impacted by such policy and action. Unleashing the potential of all citizens to address the challenges of climate change can create opportunities for countries to raise ambition in their respective national climate plans.

2. PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Opening

H.E. Ms. Mereseini Vuniwaqa, Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation

Moderator

Ms. Rachel Kyte, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All and the CEO of Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL).

Panel Discussion

"Why is gender-responsive policy essential to successful action on climate change and how can it make a positive impact economically?"

- H.E. Ms. Fiame Mata'fa, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, Samoa
- Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator, UNDP
- Ms. Veronica Arias, Deputy Mayor for Environment, City of Quito, C40
- Mr. Hart Schafer, Vice President for Global Themes, World Bank



- Ms. Fiza Farhan, Pakistan based women entrepreneur and development expert, member of former SG's High Level Panel on Women's Economic Empowerment.
- *Other speakers to be confirmed*

Announcements

- SEforAll, People Centered Accelerator
- UNDP, Gender-responsive NDC initiative
- C40 Women4Climate mentorship programme