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## INTEGRATING GENDER INTO CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION STRATEGIES IN LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES: THE EXPERIENCE OF LIBERIA

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### **INTRODUCTION**

• The Gender and climate change Strategy of Liberia was developed with the support of:

- International Union for the Conservation of Nature ( IUCN)
- Global Gender and Climate Alliance (GGCA)
- the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Ministry of Gender and Development; and funded by the government of Finland.

#### **OBJECTIVE:**

• Mainstream gender equality into Liberia's climate change policies, programs and interventions so that both men and women have equal opportunities to implement and benefit from mitigation and adaptation initiatives in combating climate change and positively impact on the outcome of *"Liberia Rising 2030"*.

## METHODOLOGY

- Aligned to development Agenda, other policies;
- Participatory;
- Based on results from, series of inputs, including research, interviews with policy makers, stakeholder consultations and peer review.
- Drafted on the basis of an analysis of the current national priorities concerning climate change, as set out by the Government of Liberia.



## **PRIORITY SECTORS**

#### • Agriculture and Food Security

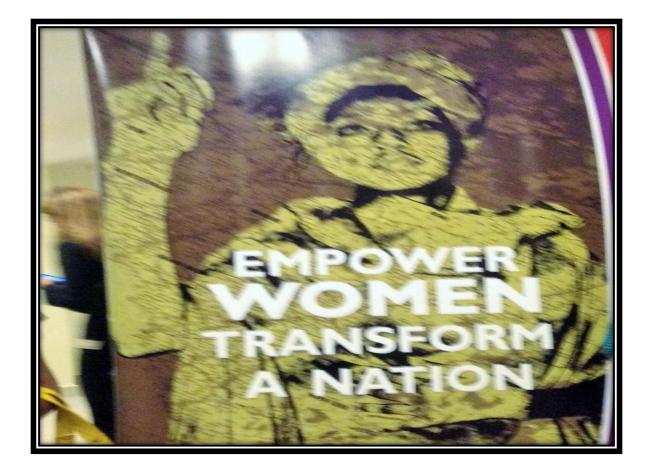
- **o** Coasts
- o Forestry and REDD
- Health
- Water and sanitation
- Energy



#### o SOME EXAMPLES PRIORITY Areas Action

# SOME AREAS OF CAPACITY BUILDING INTERVENTIONS-CCGAP

- 75 women farmers including local women leaders and local women-based NGOs acquired basic knowledge
- Women farmers in two districts of Gbarpolu county capacity built to create awareness/ share climate change and adaptation information with other women
- Local women leaders and local women based NGOs trained as Trainers of trainers(TOT) to conduct subsequent knowledge/information-sharing workshop in the county on climate change and adaptation in agriculture
- 12 women were selected and resources provided them (copy books, pen, etc) to collect daily rainfall data (basically, the days on which rain fell) in their respective towns
- All direct project beneficiaries (including farmers, university students and community leaders) disaggregated equally by gender
- Government of Liberia's ccGAP Agriculture priorities communicated (awareness and knowledge-sharing) to more than 200 women farmers in 3 0f the 15 counties (Bong, Grand Gedeh and Gbarpolu)
- Four (4) women head agriculture extension officers of the Ministry of Agriculture trained to conduct climate change vulnerability and risk assessment in the agriculture sector with support of the Center for Environmental Economics and Policy in Africa (CEEPA), University of Pretoria, SA.



#### THE END!