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## **Gender in National Adaptation Plan (NAP) Processes**

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# NAP Global Network Gender Activities 2017-2019

Analysis and synthesis on gender in NAP processes

Facilitating learning on gender-responsive NAP processes within and among countries

Supporting targeted gender analysis to inform NAP processes

## Towards Gender-Responsive National Adaptation Plan (NAP) Processes: Progress and Recommendations for the Way Forward

NAP Global Network Synthesis Report, 2017-18



Coordinating Climate-Resilient Development

## Conducting Gender Analysis to Inform National Adaptation Plan (NAP) Processes:

Reflections from six African countries

### 1.0 Introduction

As countries advance their National Adaptation Plan (NAP) processes, they are increasingly focused on issues of effectiveness, aiming to put into practice the principles and approaches that have been highlighted in decisions under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). This includes the Paris Agreement, which calls for climate action to be gender-responsive (UNFCCC, 2015), and the Gender Action Plan, which highlights the need to integrate gender considerations in adaptation plans and actions (UNFCCC, 2017). The NAP process, a key mechanism for countries to accelerate climate change adaptation efforts, represents an important opportunity for ensuring that investments in adaptation are effective and sustainable and that they generate equitable benefits for women and men,<sup>1</sup> including the most vulnerable.

Since 2015, the NAP Global Network has been working with six country governments in Africa (Senegal, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Guinea-Conakry, Madagascar and Togo) to undertake targeted gender analyses to inform

<sup>1</sup> The majority of documents upon which this research is based use a binary definition of gender, referring to male and female. Consequently, while recognizing that gender is in reality a spectrum, for the remainder of this paper we will primarily discuss differences between women and men.



# Analysis and synthesis on gender in NAP processes: 2018 synthesis report key findings

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- Most countries have made an effort to integrate gender in NAP documents
- The focus tends to be on women, vs. the differences between women and men
- Women are most often positioned as a particularly vulnerable group, less often as stakeholders or agents of change
- Limited evidence of context-specific gender analysis
- In-country capacities on gender exist, but have not been effectively used in the NAP process

**More effort is needed for comprehensive and systematic integration of gender considerations in NAP processes**



# Facilitating learning on gender-responsive NAP processes

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Country self- assessments identified the following common entry points for integrating gender considerations:

- Establishing institutional mechanisms for integrating gender in adaptation planning and action
- Capacity development, for NAP teams, gender actors and stakeholders
- Conducting gender analysis to inform the NAP process
- Integrating gender in NAP monitoring and evaluation systems
- Improving stakeholder involvement in the NAP process

**Opportunities exist to improve integration of gender, regardless of where countries are in their NAP processes**





# Supporting targeted gender analysis to inform NAP processes: Key findings

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- Linking of gender and climate change in policies and institutional arrangements is limited
- Addressing barriers in access to basic services for women remains a priority
- Women remain under-represented in decision-making in climate-vulnerable sectors
- Sector-based adaptation strategies need to consider full range of activities (formal and informal)
- More attention needed in sectors beyond water, agriculture, health

**Context-specific analysis reduces generalizations and yields more targeted recommendations for action**





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