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Concept Note

“Gender Equality and Women’s Rights in Climate Action: Lessons Learned and Opportunities from Latin America”

Side event on Capacity Building Day at COP25

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 4th, 2019 at 15:45 – 17:15

Location: Capacity Building Hub, IFEMA - Feria de Madrid

Objective:

The Interamerican Association for Environmental Defense (AIDA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) are organizing an event to support a dialogue between government representatives and civil society organizations from Latin America to help bridge knowledge, address gaps, strengthen capacities in the long term through partnerships and lead to inclusive participation in order to better integrate gender equality and women’s rights in national climate agendas, policies and actions.

Expected Results/ Outcome:

- Showcase where progress has been made regarding systematic approaches for integrating gender equality and women’s rights in climate change actions in different countries in Latin America
- Share good practices, lessons learned and recommendations to integrate gender equality and women’s rights in climate change policies and initiatives that participants may apply in their own contexts, particularly within the NDC process
- Identify where capacity building is needed to strengthen gender mainstreaming and women’s involvement in climate action and how a whole-of-society approach can support this process

Format:

A panel discussion between two government representatives (TBC from Chile, Costa Rica and Ecuador), two representatives of civil society organizations from Latin America (AIDA and Plurales) and a moderator. The panelists will be representatives who have been involved in different processes to guarantee that gender equality and women’s rights are properly integrated within the climate change agenda at different levels (national, regional or local). The panel will start by sharing preliminary findings and an overview of climate change policy instruments that have integrated gender equality into their design and implementation and civil society initiatives in the region promoting gender equality and women’s rights in the climate agenda. Panelists will then discuss their own experiences as governments as well as civil society representatives ensuring that gender equality and women’s rights are integrated within climate policies, actions and initiatives at different scales, and how they plan to apply the findings to improve capacity building, in collaboration with different actors on the ground.

