



Gender mainstreaming into Albanian climate change policies

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Outline

1. Achievements/policies addressing climate change & gender equality
2. The country's vision to facilitate the integration of gender and climate change
3. Update on Gender Action Plan
4. Consideration from the pilot study and surveys in the frame of the 4rth National Communication of Albania to the UNFCCC
5. Challenges and future perspectives

Policy and legislation on Climate change

1. **WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN ALBANIA IN ENHANCING GENDER CONSIDERATIONS INTO THE CLIMATE AND TRANSPARENCY FRAMEWORK?**

Review of policy/legislative documents

I. Climate Change related:

- No direct reference to gender equality. The language used especially in the narrative description of these strategies is almost *gender blind*;
- The Cross-Sector Strategy on Environment 2013-2020 has no specific part on gender equality;
- The Strategy on Climate Change and Action Plans: **Gender** mentioned on NAP only once and indirectly for the Medium Term Budget Plan;
- Draft Law on Climate Change: Gender specifically mentioned on Act 27 “ **The Ministry shall develop a gender mainstreaming guide to climate change mitigation and adaptation programs**” and Act 29 “**Ministriesencourage enterprises, institutions, social groups and individuals to pursue and adapt to technological progress and innovation...., in accordance with the requirements of this law**”.

II: Gender related:

- Third National Strategy on Gender Equality (NSGE) and its Action Plan 2016-2020 no reference to **climate change or environment**;
- National Review for Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action-Beijing+25 section 4 question 31
 - ▶ Actions has Albania taken in the last five years to integrate gender perspectives into policies and programmes for disaster risk reduction, climate resilience and mitigation?

4NC and 1BUR of Albania to UNFCCC - supported by UNDP

- ▶ The Ministry of Tourism and Environment included for the first time in the Third National Communication for the UNFCCC a chapter /Specific Guideline on Gender Integration in Policies and Programs that address Climate Change;
- ▶ The guideline is being implemented as part of the Fourth National Communication of Albania for UNFCCC (started in 2019);
- ▶ A draft Action Plan has been drafted to integrate gender equality in climate change policies and plans;
- ▶ A pilot study being underway with focus in agriculture (Climate Change Adaptation) and RES (Climate Change Mitigation)

Revised NDC

- ▶ The Ministry of Tourism and Environment will be supported by UNDP through their Climate Promise Package to revise its NDC by end of 2020 as part of its commitments under the national climate agenda and the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals.
- ▶ NDC will be used as a platform to interlink processes of climate change and gender equality.
- offers an opportunity to promote inclusive and successful development outcomes.
- ensure that gender equality aspects are factored into the NDC processes by leveraging analysis, strengthening institutional mechanisms, ensuring gender-responsive climate actions and disseminating best practices to enhance national-level capacities.

GENDER and CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

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Action plan policy background

- ▶ The action plan defines the role that the Ministry of Tourism and Environment will play in mainstreaming gender in climate change action as outlined in the Climate Change Policy of Albania.
- ▶ A pressing need to encourage more Albanian women to be prepared for adopting to/mitigating the climate changes
- ▶ Address positively the need for coordinated support for women's contribution to this process.

Action Plan focus

Three key issues:

- ▶ Acknowledging gender **differences in adaptation needs, opportunities and capacities.**
- ▶ Promoting equitable **participation and influence** by women and men in climate change decision-making processes.
- ▶ Achieving equitable **access to financial resources and other benefits** resulting from investments in adaptation between women and men.

Action Plan design approach

- ▶ **Step 1. Assessment of the situation:**
- ▶ **Step 2. Stakeholder engagement process**
 - ▶ MoTE, Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy (MoIE), Ministry of Health and Social Protection (MoHSP) and Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD)
- ▶ **Step 3. Selection of action categories (TBD)**

Two multi-stakeholder workshops

 - ▶ in local level (in Gjirokaster since it is the largest Municipality)
 - ▶ at central level (with national experts), during February 2020 were also used to select priorities
- ▶ **Step 4. Peer review process and validation (TBD)**

Action Plan pillars and Activities

1. Promote gender equality in decision making on CC policies on central levels of policymaking and strengthen capacities of institutions to integrate gender considerations.

- ▶ study with gender lenses of strategies, programs, plans, and acts
- ▶ prepare *training materials* for integrating best practices and information
- ▶ *identify key important actors* for training and *implementation of training*.

2. Update the relevant national and local strategic documents in order to integrate gender and climate change

- ▶ participate into policy groups for *integrating gender responsiveness* and climate change in relevant programmes and legal acts
- ▶ integrate gender in the *local development plans* applied by providing assistance in pilot Municipalities.

Action Plan pillars and Activities

3. Developing and piloting gender-based CC adaptation and mitigation projects in agriculture and energy at local level

- ▶ conducting research on local practices **with focus on Vjosa river**
- ▶ activities for increasing knowledge and awareness
- ▶ demonstration activities that promote investments on technology

4. Engage stakeholders in the process of the monitoring of Action Plans;

- ▶ designing SMART indicators for monitoring
- ▶ carrying monitoring activities
- ▶ preparing the monitoring report.

Needs and Experiences for the implementation of Gender Action Plans and benefits from NCs, BURs and CBIT

- ▶ Costing of activities, planning mid and long term gender budgeting for climate changes;
- ▶ Need for a comprehensive view of midterm factors;
- ▶ Trainings to aim from the understanding of climate and gender to using of gender perspective in climate;
- ▶ Alignment with other Action Plan framework in the region.

Thank you for your attention!