

Webinar: Learning Session on Integration of Gender in LT-LEDS and NDCs

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Introduction

Long-Term Low-Emission Development Strategies (LT-LEDS) are important policy instruments to define low emissions development pathways for countries as part of their implementation of the Paris Agreement. LT-LEDS' outlook offers important opportunities for leveraging socio-economic transformations associated to low carbon economic paths to achieve gender equality and women's empowerment. In addition, [Decision 20/CP.26 of the UNFCCC](#) encourages processes that include engaging women's groups and national women and gender institutions in the process of developing, implementing, and updating climate policies, plans, strategies, and actions. In the same vein, [the UNFCCC's Enhanced Lima Work Programme on Gender \(LWPG\) and its Gender Action Plan \(GAP\) - Decision 3/CP.25](#) aims to advance gender balance and integrate gender considerations into the work of Parties and the secretariat in implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement to achieve gender responsive climate policy and action. However, [the 2023 LT-LEDS Synthesis Report of the UNFCCC](#) indicates only an above average form of synergies between the current LT-LEDS and social welfare, human well-being and reduced inequalities with almost no clear evidence on gender. In fact, where synergies with many SDGs were frequently mentioned in the report, SDG 5 on gender is overlooked in most of the countries' LT-LEDS.

In the efforts to improve gender responsiveness of countries' LT-LEDS, UN Women developed in 2022 [a step-by-step methodology to integrate gender in LT-LEDS](#) in the context of the technical support provided by GGGI and UN Women to the LT-LEDS of Burkina Faso. This methodology can be adapted and applied by other countries willing to improve gender outcomes of climate policies, namely LT-LEDS, but also NDCs, Green jobs strategies, or others, to maximize SDGs synergies, including gender co-benefits as part of the LT-LEDS processes. Indeed, the lessons learnt from the process of application of the methodology in Burkina Faso can help other countries in making progress towards gender-responsive, just and green transition.

This year, the UNFCCC RCC WACA in collaboration with its sister RCC of East and Southern Africa partnered with African Group of Negotiators Experts Support (AGNES) to conduct a study on LT-LEDS Landscape across Africa. The study aims not to only provide a better understanding of challenges and opportunities to enhance the development of LT-LEDS across the continent, but



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also to identify best practices that could inform the development of a guide for countries’ use while elaborating their LT-LEDS.

The above-mentioned study identifies the needs to enhance countries’ capacities for mainstreaming gender in LT-LEDS, as West and Central Africa still struggles to integrate gender into climate policies (LT-LEDS, NDCs, etc.). This situation is due to the limited platforms available for countries in the region to share the knowledge, resources and skills needed to formulate gender-responsive climate change policies at national and regional levels. To fill that gap, it is necessary to build and strengthen the capacities of countries through capacity buildings and learning initiatives and programs.

Thus, UN Women Regional Office for West and Central Africa and UNFCCC RCC West and Central Africa are organizing a 2h learning session on the integration of gender in the LT-LEDS to enhance the capacities of key stakeholders to formulate gender-responsive LT-LEDS and NDCs as many countries are preparing to do so.

Objectives

The aims of the webinar are to:

1. Increase participants' capacity to formulate gender-responsive climate policies; and
2. Encourage collaboration and peer learning across countries in West and Central Africa to support the integration of gender in climate instruments

Methodology

2h00 min interactive learning session via webinar (see programme for more details).

Participants

The target audience are Gender and Climate Change focal points of all countries in West and Central Africa. Invitations are to be extended to all countries in WACA regardless of whether they are planning a LT-LEDS, as this discussion is also useful for integrating gender in NDCs, which are due for all countries in Feb 2025.

The countries to participate in the webinar are listed as follows:

Benin	Burkina Faso	Burundi
Cameroon	Cabo Verde	Central African Republic
Chad	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Republic of the Congo
Côte d’Ivoire	Equatorial Guinea	Gabon



Gambia	Ghana	Guinea
Guinea-Bissau	Liberia	Madagascar
Mali	Niger	Nigeria
Sao Tome and Principe	Senegal	Sierra Leone
Togo		

Language

The event will combine presentations in English and French and there will be simultaneous interpretation in both languages provided.

Programme

Time	Description	Facilitator
10:00	Introduction Purpose and objectives	Walters Tubua , UNFCCC RCC WACA Elena Ruiz , UN Women WCARO
10:10	Remarks	Wiebke Bender , UNFCCC Secretariat
10:15	Setting the Scene: LT-LEDS & NDCs in Africa	Philippe Missi Missi , UNFCCC RCC WACA
10:25	Rationale for the integration of gender in the Burkina Faso LT-LEDS	Yvonne Pétronille Yameogo , NGCCFP at the Ministry of Environment of Burkina Faso
10:35	Presentation of the Tool: Integration of Gender in the LT-LEDS Methodology	Elena Ruiz , UN Women WCARO
11:05	Break-up room session to work on the LT-LEDS Methodology toolkit: Tool #1: To identify gender co-benefits in LT-LEDS processes (Room 1) Tool #2: To identify challenges and opportunities for women’s participation in green jobs (Room 2).	Elena Ruiz , UN Women WCARO Lorenzo Rovelli , UN Women WCARO
11:35	Plenary discussion and questions and answers on the use of the tool	UN Women WCARO
11:55	Next steps: How to stay connected and leverage mutual support to integrate gender in climate policies – set up of community of practice and <i>WhatsApp</i> group	UNFCCC RCC WACA