

## Concept Note for the Webinar

### From Commitments to Capital: Climate Finance for COP30 Gender Action Plan

#### Purpose and objectives:

Following COP30, this webinar provides a dedicated space for governments, financial institutions, and civil society partners to unpack the direction set for the updated Gender Action Plan (GAP), with a specific focus on its implications for climate finance. The session will examine how GAP commitments interact with climate-finance systems in practice, and how financing can accelerate and strengthen GAP implementation.

The session aims to:

- Clarify the financing implications of the updated GAP, including the means of implementation and strengthened accountability expectations.
- Examine how GAP commitments intersect with existing climate financing architectures
- Generate actionable steps for government, regulators, financial institutions to integrate gender equality and women's empowerment into climate-finance instruments, budgeting processes, investment criteria, and reporting systems.
- Facilitate a post-COP30 engagement process, creating a shared understanding of roles, opportunities, and next steps for supporting GAP implementation across the Asia Pacific region, including through ongoing exchanges convened under the Gender and Climate Finance Collective

**Date & Time:** December 4th (Thursday), 11:00am-12:30pm (GMT +7)

#### Speakers:

The webinar will be co-moderated by UNDP and UN Women. Speakers will include representatives from:

- Ministry of Environment, Government of Cambodia
- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- Asian Development Bank
- Green Climate Fund
- Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW)
- IFC Alliance for Green Commercial Banks

**Target Audience:**

Gender focal ministries and national women's machineries; Line ministries responsible for climate action (Ministries of Environment, Climate Change, Energy, Forestry); Ministries of Finance and national budgeting authorities; GCF/GEF National Designated Authorities, multilateral and national climate-fund managers; central banks; development banks; private sector financial institutions, research institutions; Women's rights organizations (WROs), civil-society organizations (CSOs), and community-based groups; and members of the GCFC.

**Key questions to be discussed:**

1. What shifts does the Belem Gender Action Plan introduce for operationalizing gender equality in climate finance?
2. How do the GAP's 'means of implementation' provisions affect fund design, allocation, safeguards, and monitoring across multilateral and national climate financing dimensions?
3. What tools, gender metrics and data systems are most effective for tracking gender-responsive finance?
4. How can institutions translate policy commitments into measurable financial outcomes?
5. What enabling conditions, such as accountability, participation, and evidence generation, are essential to ensure GAP implementation leads to real impact on the ground?

**Expected Takeaways:**

Participants will:

- Gain a clear understanding of the updated GAP direction and its role in enabling gender-responsive climate finance in Asia Pacific
- Identify institutional, regulatory and financing implications for national budgets and systems and multilateral funds to operationalise GAP commitments
- Map priority actions for embedding gender in finance governance, access, and reporting
- Initiate a regional post- COP30 implementation dialogue

**Session Scenario (90 min):**

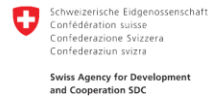
- Framing Input (5 min): Moderator opens the session
- Keynote Presentation (10 min): UNFCCC RCC/ Gender Team presents the new Gender Action Plan emphasizing its financing dimensions and accountability framework
- Institutional Perspectives (40 min):
  - Ministry of Environment, Government of Cambodia
  - Green Climate Fund
  - Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW)
  - IFC Alliance for Green Commercial Banks- **TBC**
  - Asian Development Bank (ADB)- **TBC**
- Plenary Q&A and Discussion (30 min): Floor opens for Q&A from the audience

- Wrap-Up and Reflections (5 min): Session synthesis and outlining of next steps for GCFC's 2026–2028 agenda

### Key Outputs

- Summary note of GAP finance implications and priority actions
- Initial roster of country and institutional focal points for implementation dialogues

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### Run of Show

Time (GMT +7)	Agenda	Preparation Notes
10:45-11:00 (15 mins)	<p>Setting up, and <b>audio/video check with speakers</b></p> <p>Trish, Elmer, Avipsha: Zoom Moderators Avipsha: Timekeeper</p>	<p>Co-organizers and speakers join <b><u>15 mins before</u></b> for audio/video check.</p> <p><u>Share in Chat:</u> Guidance on Name, Org Link to GCFC Website</p>
11:00-11:10 (10 mins)	<p>Welcome and Housekeeping (including a short mentimeter)</p> <p>Session Overview and Framing <i>Athena Denise Galao, Programme Coordinator Gender and Climate Action, Portfolio Lead- Resilience Team</i></p> <p>Key Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarify the financing implications of the updated GAP, including the means of implementation and strengthened accountability expectations.</li> <li>Examine how GAP commitments intersect with existing climate financing architectures</li> <li>Generate actionable steps for government, regulators, financial institutions to integrate gender equality and women's empowerment into climate-finance instruments, budgeting processes, investment criteria, and reporting systems.</li> <li>Facilitate a post-COP30 engagement process, creating a shared understanding of roles, opportunities, and next steps for supporting GAP implementation across the Asia Pacific region, including through ongoing exchanges convened under the Gender and Climate Finance Collective</li> </ul>	<p><b>Menti check- knowledge of the GAP and session expectations:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What best describes your role? (Sense check of who is in the room) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government</li> <li>Development Partner</li> <li>Civil Society</li> <li>Financial Institution</li> <li>Research/ Academia</li> <li>Others</li> </ul> </li> <li>How familiar are you with the updated Belem Gender Action Plan (GAP)? (1-5)</li> <li>What is the main insight you hope to gain from today's dialogue?</li> </ol>
11:10-11:20 (10 mins)	<p>Keynote Presentation and Scene Setting: <i>Fleur Newman, Team Lead, Gender Team, UNFCCC</i> <i>Or Julie Amoroso Garbin, Regional Lead, UNFCCC RCC Asia Pacific (TBC)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overview of Belem Gender Action Plan, emphasising its financing dimensions and</li> </ul>	<p>The keynote presenter will share an overview of the Belem Gender Action Plan, focusing on the following guiding questions, setting the scene on the evolution of gender in climate processes, what the updated GAP</p>

	<p>accountability framework</p>	<p>is, its financing dimensions and what this means for Asia and the Pacific region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How does the recently adopted GAP strengthen its focus on finance, including the means of implementation and support for gender-responsive climate action?</li> <li>- What expectations are included regarding accountability, monitoring, and the integration of gender in climate plans and reporting?</li> <li>- From a regional perspective, what are the key considerations for governments and institutions in Asia and the Pacific region in the translation and operationalisation of GAP into national policies, budgeting processes and implementation pathways?</li> </ul>
<p>11:20-12:00 (40 mins)</p> <p>5-6 mins per speaker and 1 min per speaker for the final wrap up Q&amp;A (if time allows)</p>	<p><b><i>Plenary Discussion</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>H.E Dr. Ngin Lina, Secretary of State, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia</b> on Cambodia's experience in operationalizing gender commitments in national climate-finance mechanisms</li> </ul> <p>Cambodia's NDC 3.0 demonstrates a strong commitment to gender mainstreaming, alongside growing efforts to develop and operationalise an inclusive climate-financing framework.</p> <p>How does Cambodia plan to translate these commitments into concrete action within its climate-finance systems, and what mechanisms have been most effective so far in integrating gender considerations? What roles do key</p>	

	<p>institutions, including the Ministry of Finance, play in supporting this process? Moving forward, what opportunities do you see to align national efforts with the direction of the newly adopted GAP?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eleni Kyrou, Head of Sustainability and Inclusion, Green Climate Fund on Leveraging the Gap, exploring opportunities to strengthen portfolio implementation and investment decision-making</b></li> </ul> <p>As the GCF develops its own Gender Action Plan and undergoes evaluation, what opportunities do you see to align with the Belem Gender Action Plan and strengthen gender-responsive climate finance across the GCF portfolio? Looking ahead, what will GCF's approach to implementation and results tracking be in this context?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Menka Goundan, Programme Director, ARROW on regional CSO insights on the enabling conditions for GAP implementation</b></li> </ul> <p>From a regional CSO lens, what enabling conditions are most critical for effective GAP implementation? What entry points can be leveraged, and what barriers do women's rights organizations face in engaging meaningfully in this work? How can climate finance be mobilized more effectively to support their leadership and participation in implementing the GAP?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sustainable Banking Network(TBC): Regulatory and supervisory guidance for integrating gender equality and women's empowerment in sustainable finance sector</b></li> </ul> <p>How is IFC supporting private banks to scale gender-responsive climate finance from financing women-led enterprises to designing financial products, blended finance, and pipelines in climate-vulnerable sectors? What solutions or incentives could accelerate GAP-aligned investments, and where do you see implementation gaps or opportunities on the ground?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ADB (TBC): Embedding gender metrics and safeguards in climate-finance instruments and portfolios</b></li> </ul>	
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	<p>The Plan places a strong emphasis on financing and accountability. How can PFM systems turn the Belém Gender Action Plan into action? What needs to shift/strengthen in policies, budgets, accountability and capacities to make it work? What practical tools, indicators, and data systems can track where the money goes and what gender results it delivers?</p>	
12:00-12:25 (25 mins)	<p><b>Plenary Q&amp;A and Discussion</b> <b>Mentimeter to wrap up</b></p>	<p><b>Mentimeter:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is your key takeaway from the discussion?</li> <li>2. What other areas would you like the Gender and Climate Finance Collective to cover in future dialogues?</li> </ol>
If there is time ( 1 min each)	<p><b><i>Wrap Up Question to All Speakers:</i></b> What strategic opportunities for regional collaboration exist to accelerate the operationalisation of the GAP through gender-responsive climate finance in Asia and the Pacific?</p>	
<p>Moderator invites <b>Vivek Misra, Regional Public Finance Management Expert, UNDP</b>, to synthesize the discussions and wrap up</p>		
12:25-12:30 (5 mins)	<p>Wrap up and Reflections</p> <p>Call to Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Join the next webinar 5 February 2025, publish materials</li> <li>2. Reach out to country counterparts to engage</li> <li>3. Reach out to us for any collab</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Synthesis of takeaways from the discussion</li> <li>• Way ahead for GCFC's 2026-2028 Agenda</li> </ul>