A Snapshot of Asia-Pacific's Progress towards Gender-Responsive NDCs
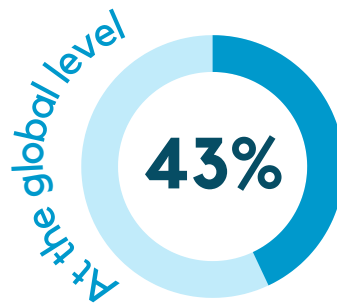
What we know so far

Gender mainstreaming is increasingly recognised as a means to raise the ambition and improve the effectiveness of climate action.
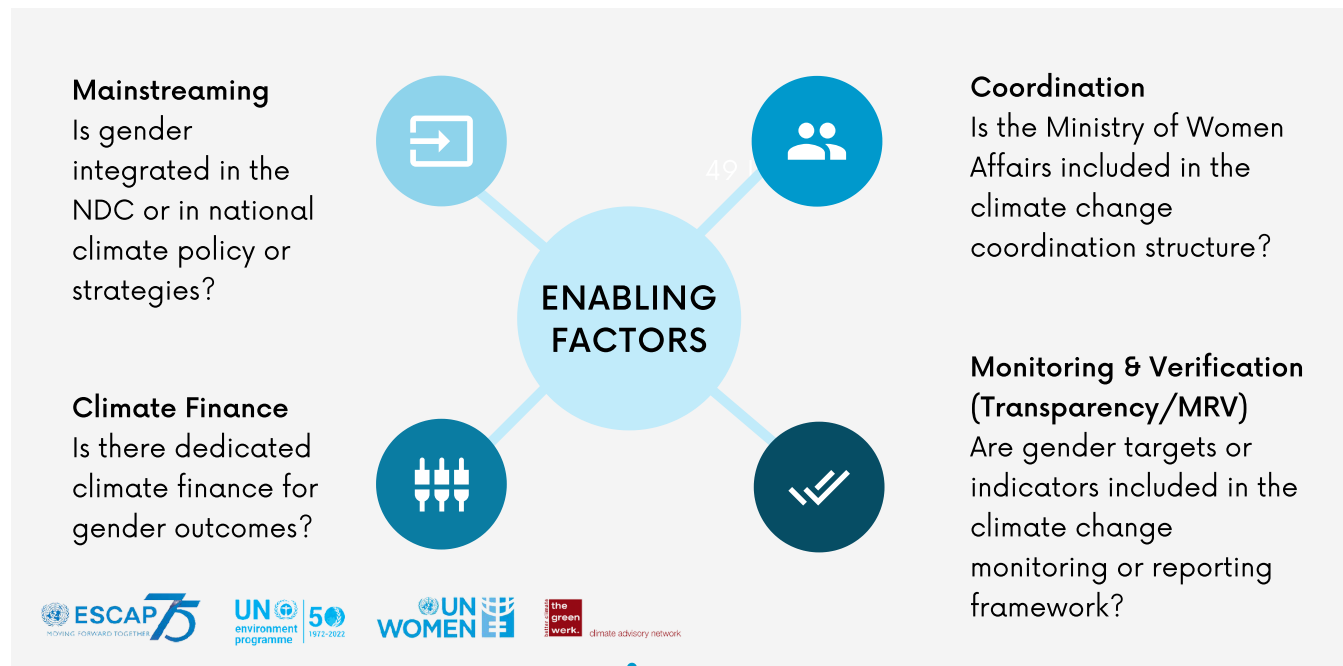
Source: UNFCCC, 2021

At the global level

43%

This is the percentage of NDCs that refer to gender as a cross-cutting issue and as part of adaptation, and to an extent mitigation.

Is 1.5°C within reach for the Asia-Pacific region?

The joint report by **UNESCAP, UNEP, UN Women & the greenwerk** provides an assessment of the NDC commitments of countries in the region. It examines country-level climate ambition, the enabling factors put in place including gender mainstreaming, and what more can be done, especially considering the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The key ingredients to gender-responsive NDCs

ENABLING FACTORS

Mainstreaming
Is gender integrated in the NDC or in national climate policy or strategies?

Coordination
Is the Ministry of Women Affairs included in the climate change coordination structure?

Climate Finance
Is there dedicated climate finance for gender outcomes?

Monitoring & Verification (Transparency/MRV)
Are gender targets or indicators included in the climate change monitoring or reporting framework?

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Figures from the region

Over 60% of global GHG emissions in 2019 were from Asia and the Pacific

49 INDCs
46 NDCs
30 Updated NDCs
6 Second NDCs

Status of Asia-Pacific Member States NDC Submissions as of Aug 2021

2 in 49

countries link gender and climate finance in climate policies: e.g. within their Climate Fiscal Framework or through gender-responsive budgeting

Countries with the highest score on gender and climate change mainstreaming

63%

Countries that do not recognise the need for sex, age and diversity disaggregated data or gender indicators in MRV

23%

Countries that have gender inclusive processes, where climate change coordination mechanism include the role of women's machinery and have climate change integrated into gender equality frameworks

How we're trying to make an impact

What does strengthening gender mainstreaming to ensure more inclusive and impactful climate outcomes look like?

Where EmPower works	Asia-Pacific with focused implementation in pilot countries: Bangladesh, Cambodia, and Viet Nam
What we're focused on	• Voice and leadership of women in climate action • Data for gender-responsive decision-making in climate change • Inclusive climate, DRR, & renewable energy policies • Use of renewable energy for climate-resilient livelihoods • Regional knowledge sharing on gender, human rights, & climate change

Actions towards gender-responsive NDCs

- Support women's leadership in climate processes
- Strengthen technical capacity of national women's machinery and relevant government agencies
- Advocate for women's machinery to be part climate coordination structures and promote stronger collaborations between national ag
- Support the development and implementation of gender-responsive policies, programmes, plans, budgets, and tools on climate change
- Support the production and use of sex, age, diversity disaggregated data (SADDD) for evidence-based climate actions
- Ensure transparency and accountability through gender-responsive M&E frameworks

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