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ACCELERATING GENDER EQUALITY IN AFRICA'S GREEN TRANSITION

Country experiences integrating gender in NDCs 3.0 in West and Central Africa

29 July 2025, 10:00-11:45 GMT/UTC+0

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AGENDA

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Integrating gender in NDCs and other climate policies: presentation of the Toolkit and zoom in on the checklists	10:15-10:35
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SB62 Updates and Implications for Gender Equality

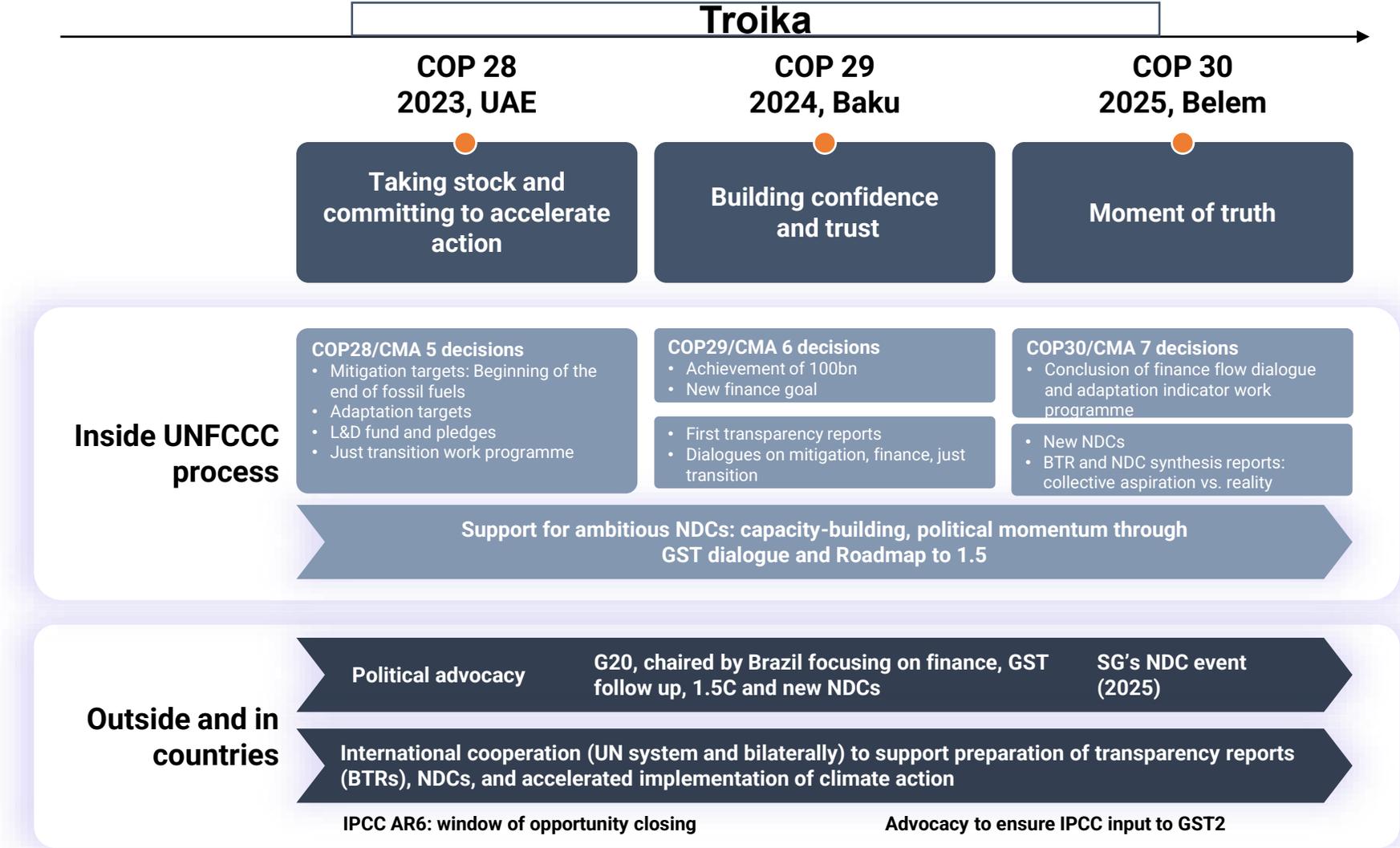
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Regional Lead, UN Climate Change Regional
Collaboration Centre for West and Central Africa
(RCC WAC Africa)

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The Big Picture



SB62 | Overview



Participation

Over **5,000**
delegates and
stakeholders



Focus

Advancing
outcomes from
COP29 and
Preparing
decisions for
COP30 (Belém,
Brazil)



Key themes

- ❖ Adaptation
- ❖ Just Transition
- ❖ Finance
- ❖ Carbon Markets
- ❖ Gender
- ❖ Oceans



Women Leading on Climate

Executive Secretary's engagement with women climate leaders

Reaffirmation of **commitment to gender balance**

Call for **better data and systemic changes**

Gender Action Plan (GAP)

- In 2024 - Review of Gender Action plan (GAP) was undertaken
- COP29 **extended Enhanced Lima Work Programme on Gender for 10 years** and reaffirmed critical role of gender in climate action
- COP29 also mandated work on new GAP to start at SB62 and be adopted at COP30

- Technical workshop was organized at SB62 on design of the new **Gender Action Plan (GAP) activities – informed the new gender action plan efforts**

- Secretariat organized an information session on what to expect at SB62
- **Negotiations will conclude at COP30**



Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA)

UAE-UAE-Belém work programme : Mandated workshop reviewed indicators for 11 GGA targets
Discussed on **finalizing the indicators set for adoption** at COP30
Link to **Baku Adaptation Roadmap and transformational adaptation**

Mitigation & Just Transition

- Emphasis on a **just transition across** agenda items
- ❖ Maintaining progress on mitigation

Sharm el-Sheikh Joint Work on Climate Action in Agriculture

Workshop highlighted **context-specific solutions in agriculture and food systems**
Role of **financial and technical support**
Focus on **coordination and knowledge exchange**



National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)

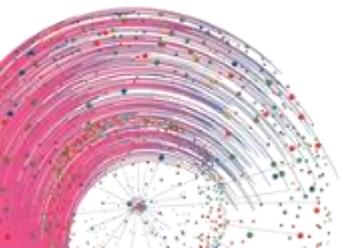
As of May 2025: 63 developing and 10 developed countries submitted NAPs
LEG side event updated on **revised technical guidelines for NAPs formulation**
Explored **support for implementation acceleration of NAPs**

NDCs 3.0 – Raising Ambition

- Events showcased support available to countries updating NDCs
- Emphasis on **ambition, implementation, and coherence across sectors**

Climate Finance

Advancing the **Baku-to-Belém Roadmap** toward **mobilizing \$1.3 trillion in climate finance**



Ocean Dialogue 2025

Explored ocean-based **contributions to mitigation, adaptation, biodiversity**

Integration of ocean action in NDCs

Issues of finance and capacity-building

Gender-Responsive Climate Action

- High-level event on the **importance of gender-disaggregated data**
- Emphasized more **effective and equitable climate policies**



Carbon Markets – Article 6.2 Ambition Dialogue

Dialogue on cooperative approaches under Art. 6.2

Aimed at **enhancing NDC ambition and mobilizing finance for developing countries**

Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE)

- Annual ACE Dialogue focused on **policy coherence and joint action**
- Special session **on children, youth, and intergenerational knowledge sharing**



Looking Ahead to COP30

Finalization of key frameworks:

- GGA indicators
- New GAP

Finance and implementation at the center

Momentum building from Bonn to Belém





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FINANCING GENDER EQUALITY IN THE GREEN TRANSITION IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA: A TOOLKIT TO INTEGRATE GENDER IN CLIMATE POLICIES

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WHY THIS TOOLKIT?

The green transition is reshaping economies in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Integrating gender in National Determined Contributions (NDCs) ensures inclusive climate action.

Gender equality enhances climate resilience, economic growth, and social well-being

WHY NOW?

Gaps remain in integrating gender in climate policies (such as NDCs, LT-LEDS and NAPs).



Countries are revising their NDCs (NDC 3.0) to be submitted in 2025.



This toolkit provides a structured approach to addressing these gaps.

WHAT IS THE TOOLKIT?

1

A **sectoral framework** for integrating gender into NDCs & other climate policies

2

Provides **financing strategies** for gender equality actions.

3

Identifies **gender-climate nexus** in key sectors.

4

Includes **practical** checklists and templates.

WHO IS THE TOOLKIT FOR?



Policy makers



National and regional institutions engaged in NDC development



Civil society organizations and climate advocates



Gender equality and climate finance stakeholders

HOW TO USE THE TOOLKIT

1

- **Identify** Gender and climate co-benefits in NDCs.

2

- **Prioritize** sectoral actions through consultations and research.

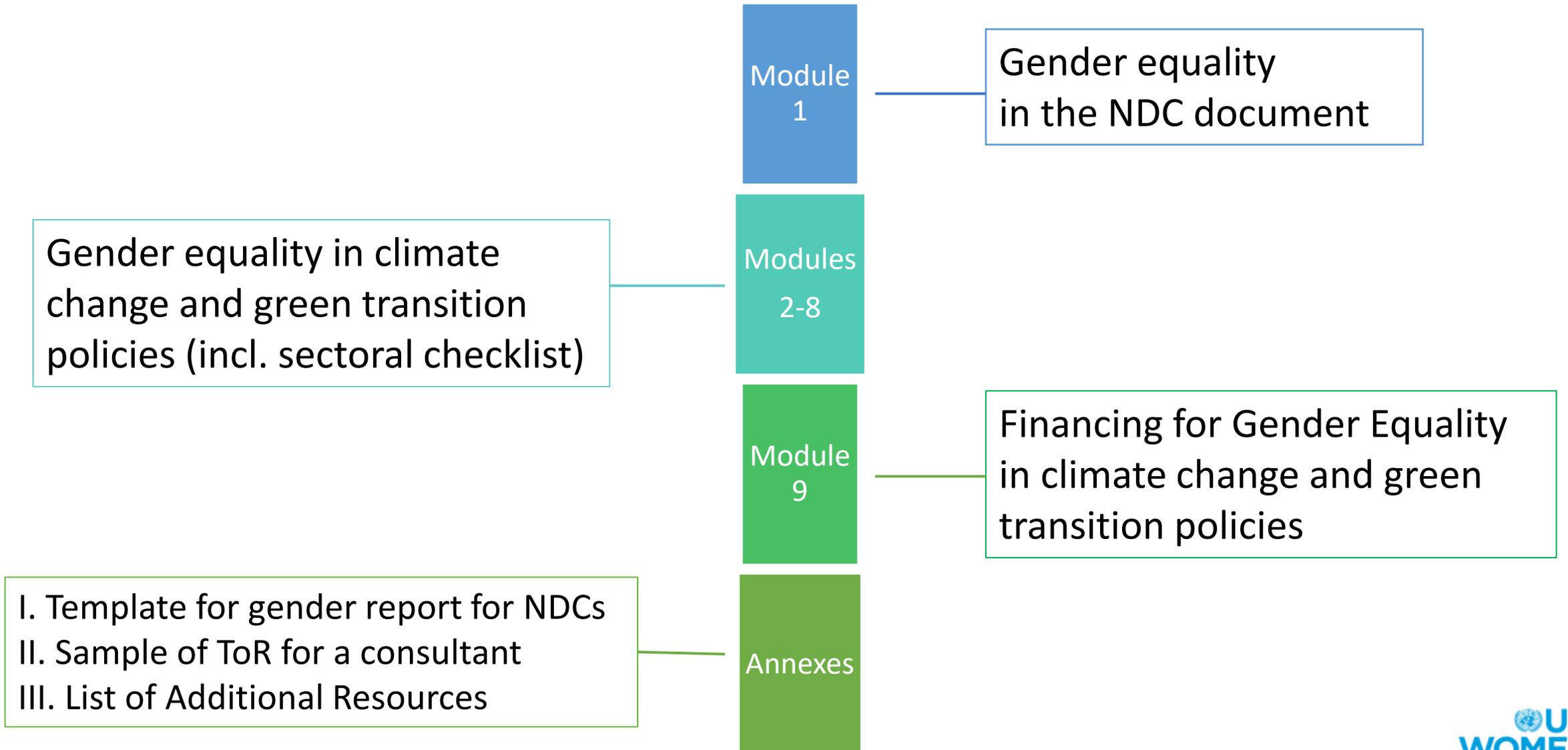
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- **Substantiate** findings with national data and statistics.

4

- **Develop** a gender report to inform NDC formulation.

STRUCTURE OF THE TOOLKIT



GENDER EQUALITY IN THE NDC DOCUMENT

Module
1

Mitigation

Adaptation

Finance

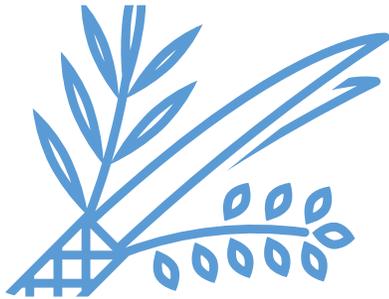
Development and transfer of technologies

Capacity building

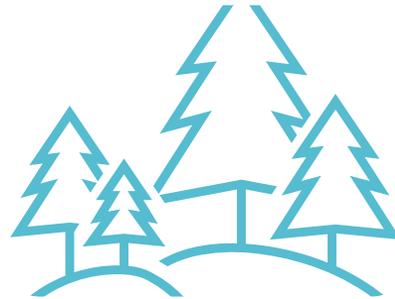
Transparency and monitoring

MODULE 2-8 . GENDER EQUALITY IN CLIMATE CHANGE AND GREEN TRANSITION POLICIES

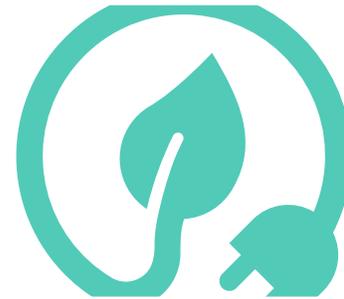
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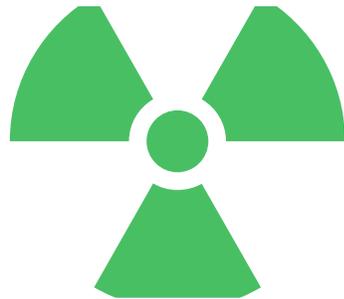
Forestry & Coastal Ecosystems



Energy



Transport



Waste



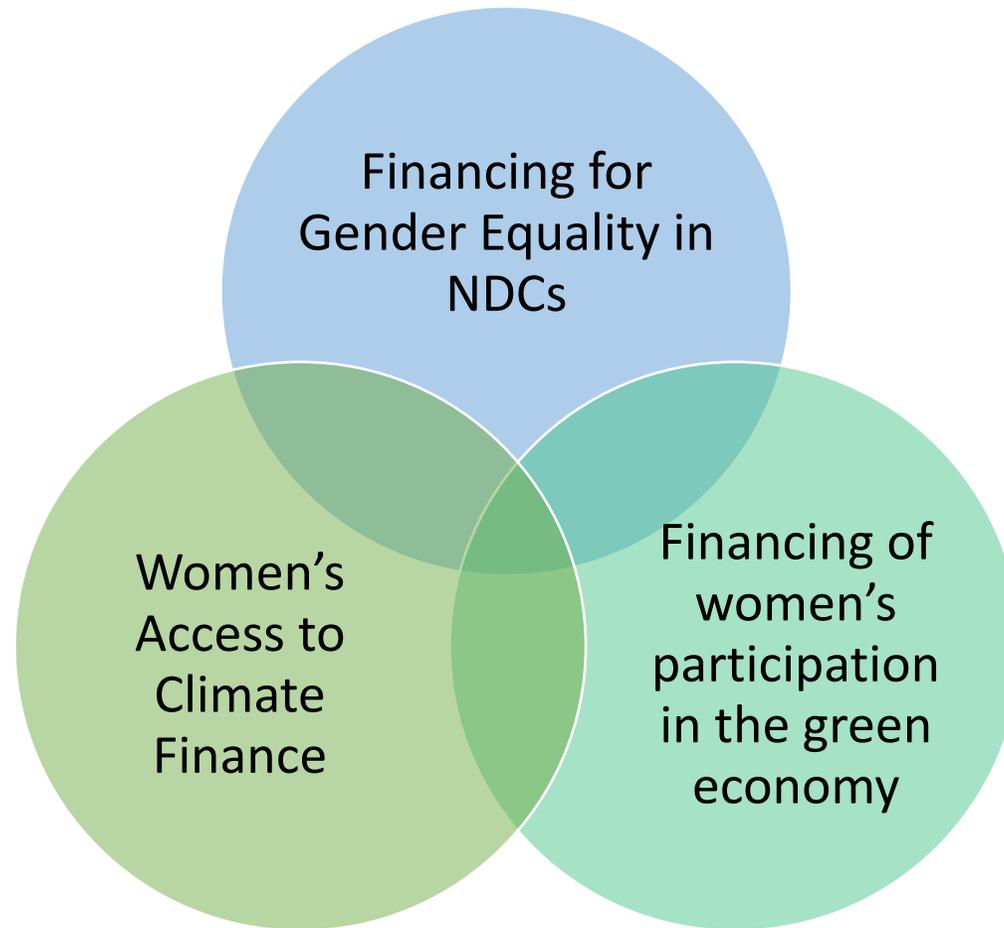
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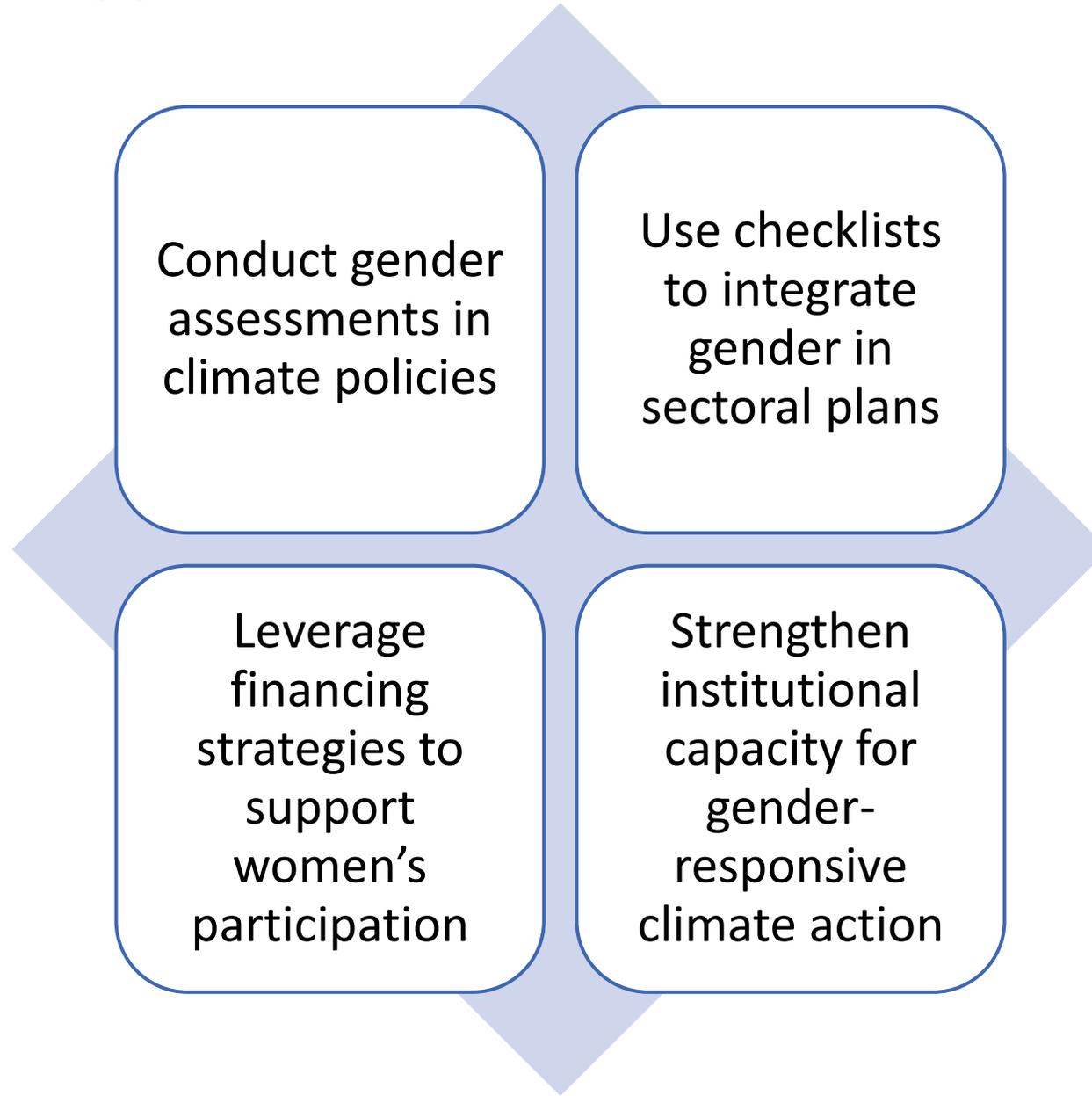
Disaster Risk Reduction

MODULE 9. FINANCING FOR GENDER EQUALITY IN CLIMATE CHANGE AND GREEN TRANSITION POLICIES

Module
9



APPLYING THE TOOLKIT





ZOOM ON THE TOOLKIT

The toolkit is available in English, French and Portuguese.

CHECKLIST : GENDER EQUALITY IN CLIMATE CHANGE AND GREEN TRANSITION POLICIES - AGRICULTURE

Checklist : Gender equality in climate change and green transition policies – Agriculture

Women's access to opportunities in climate-resilient agriculture

- 1 Are actions planned in the agriculture sector likely to have any positive impacts on women and girls or reduce inequalities between women and men, in relation to :
 - Access to climate-smart agricultural technologies and inputs?
 - Access to land for agricultural production?
 - Access to extension services for climate-smart agricultural practices?
 - Access to agricultural insurance (for crops or livestock) and other social protection mechanisms?
 - Access to finance for increased agricultural production (including access to climate finance, access to affordable financial resources for agricultural businesses, and activities, etc.)?
 - Access to time and labor-saving technologies for productive (e.g. water pumps) and domestic purposes (e.g. time saving small appliances)?
 - Unpaid care work reduction, redistribution, and recognition?
 - Women's reduced exposure to gender-based violence?
 - Decision-making in agricultural/rural/community processes and institutions?
 - Women's and households' health and nutrition?
- 2 Are any of the above impacts likely to affect young women/men in particular? Which ones?
- 3 Are actions in the agriculture sector expected to have an impact on household's food security? Will it be positive or negative? How can this affect female members of the household?
- 4 **Women's access to green jobs and income opportunities in the agriculture sector**
 - Does the policy address with concrete actions the main obstacles for women to access jobs and income-generating opportunities in sustainable or climate-resilient agricultural value chains?
 - Lack of finance
 - Lack of technical skills
 - Weak organizational capacity of women cooperatives
 - Limited access to land
 - Social norms
 - Lack of time because of unpaid care work
 - Other
- 5 Does the policy include concrete actions specifically to ensure that green jobs in the agriculture sector are decent jobs and account for needs of women and young women?
 - Inclusion of gender-sensitive social protection measures
 - Provision of flexible working arrangements, childcare facilities, maternity leave
 - Provision of skills for the employment in the green economy
 - Other actions

Financing gender equality in green transition and climate change policies in the agriculture sector

- 6 Does the policy include concrete actions to improve women's access to climate financial support, products and services?
 - Capacity building/financial literacy of women and their cooperatives or organizations
 - Green finance products and services adapted to women entrepreneurs in the green economy
 - Simplified procedures for small businesses and organizations to access affordable finance
 - Development and implementation of instruments that are designed to de-risk financing for women entrepreneurs and grassroots organizations in agriculture, such as guarantee funds or national crop insurance schemes
- 7 Does the climate policy include concrete financing strategies and mechanisms that the public sector can implement to finance gender equality measures?
 - Gender equality KPIs in national climate finance funds and financial instruments (e.g. sex-disaggregated targets, programs and initiatives that are tailored to the gendered needs in agriculture, women's windows/earmarked funds)
 - Leveraging gender-responsive and climate-responsive budgeting initiatives to allocate public resources to support women's participation and empowerment in the green economy
 - Creating an enabling policy and regulatory environment to support financial entities to develop inclusive finance products and services that are tailored to the needs of women in agriculture
 - Equal participation of women, men and vulnerable and indigenous groups in financing decision-making process including budget cycle, fiscal policy tools such as taxations, budget etc.
- 8 Does the policy include concrete measures that advance the private sector or financial institutions to facilitate women's access to climate-focused finance and green economic activities?
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Liberia's NDC 3.0 Process: Integrating Gender and Empowering Vulnerable Groups for Climate Action

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Introduction to Liberia's NDC 3.0

Liberia, despite contributing only 0.03% of global GHG emissions, is highly vulnerable to climate change impacts (sea-level rise, unpredictable rainfall, extreme weather).

The government has demonstrated strong political will and national commitment to addressing climate change, by ratification of the Paris Agreement (2018) and submission of ambitious NDCs.

Liberia's NDC focus on both adaptation and mitigation, with adaptation being a national priority due to our high vulnerability.



Liberia's NDC Brief History with Gender

- **Previous NDCs such as the 2015** Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) and the **2021: Submission of Revised NDC (NDC 2.0 – both were not gender responsive**
- **2025** : After the stock take report shows similar indication, **the Government of Liberia through the EPA requested the assistance of UN Women, UNDP, and its partners to integrate gender into the NDC 3.0**





OBJECTIVE

To Integrate Gender considerations into NDC 3.0 and all climate policies

USE OF THE TOOLS

Technical workshop with all NDC stakeholders in Liberia

- Indicative information on gender considerations into the NDC process beginning with all technical consultations and engagements.
- Conducted 6 workshops and dialogues across Liberia

Training of Consultation on application of the Tools

- Detailed **gender analysis & action plan** for the NDC
- Gender-responsive measures, indicators and priorities such as Financing, resource mobilization and implementation

Using the Checklist of the tool to review and access the draft NDC document and all outputs

- Gender issues in Climate Change mitigation
- Gender issues in Climate Change mitigation
- Gender in governance of NDC
- Financing of Gender equality in the NDC

Additional Use of the UN Women Tools

Finally, the Tool was used to draw the TOR for the recruitments of the following consultants :

NDC's Gender Integration and costing Consultant

ccGAP updating Consultant

And the International Consultant to oversee the quality and completion of the NDC 3.0 documentation.

Thank you!



Q&A

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Driving Gender Mainstreaming in NDC3.0: A Strategic Approach by UN Women Nigeria

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What We've Done - A Nationally-Led Approach to Gender Integration in NDC 3.0

Positioning Gender Equality at the Heart of Nigeria's Climate Ambition



Women, youth, and marginalized groups are disproportionately impacted by climate change and often excluded from decision-making and benefits.



UN Women Nigeria is working to ensure that gender equality becomes a core pillar of Nigeria's NDC3.0 and climate ambition.



UN Women Nigeria is leading efforts to make gender mainstreaming systematic, measurable, and actionable—ensuring inclusive and just climate outcomes.

Our goal: To integrate gender meaningfully in every stage of climate policy— from design and budgeting to implementation and MRV.

UN Women Nigeria's Strategic Approach to Gender Mainstreaming in NDC3.0



Standalone Gender Section proposed in NDC3.0 to address needs of women, youth & vulnerable groups.



Gender Mainstreamed Across All NDC Priority Sectors: Water, Energy, Agriculture, Waste, Transport, Industry, Oil & Gas.



Developed Gender-Responsive Sectoral Toolkits to support actionable implementation.



Reviewed and Revised Mitigation & Adaptation Proposals with gender lens.



Harmonized SMART Gender Indicators for MRV across sectors



Proposed Institutional Coordination Mechanisms beyond Gender Desk Officers



Promoted Gender-Responsive Budgeting and Climate Finance Integration



Conducted Stakeholder Consultations across MDAs, CSOs, and vulnerable groups



Anchored Advocacy on National & Global Frameworks: NAPGCC, Paris Agreement, UNFCCC Gender Action Plan, SDGs, Climate Change Act and LT-LEDS

Gender Integration Toolkit – Our Core Instrument

- ✓ Developed 8 sector-specific Gender Integration Toolkits for: Water, Energy, Waste, Agriculture & FOLU, Oil & Gas, Industry, Transport, MRV & Finance (Cross-Sectoral).
- 🎯 **Purpose:** Operationalize gender commitments at the sector level.
- 🔧 **Features:** Actionable templates, diagnostics, MRV-ready indicators, financing pathways.
- 🔗 **Alignment:** ETF, SDGs, NAPGCC, NCCCS.
- ⚖️ Gender embedded in planning, budgeting, implementation, and monitoring.



Water



Energy



Waste



Agriculture &
FOLU



Oil & Gas



Industry



Transport



MRV & Finance



GENDER-RESPONSIVE WATER ACCESS & GOVERNANCE TOOLKIT



GENDER-INCLUSIVE ENERGY ACCESS & TRANSITION TOOLKIT

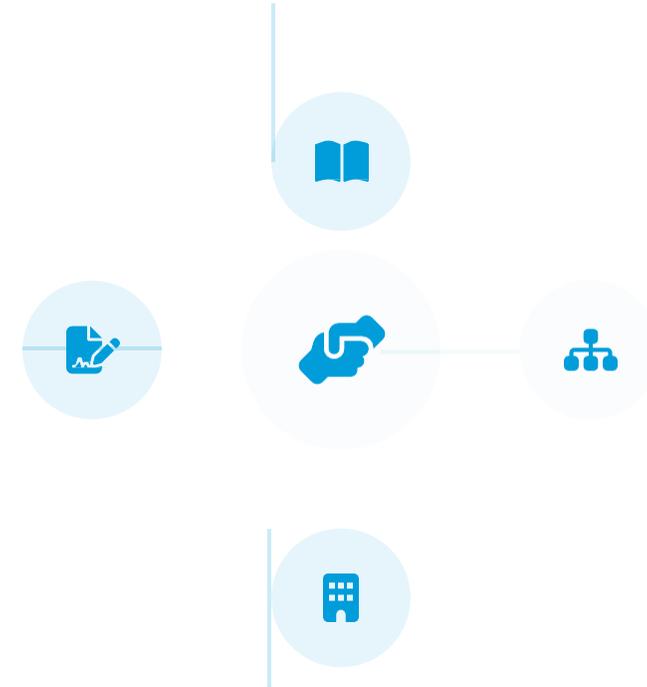


Partnership with NCCC – Embedding Gender Across Sectors

-  **Collaborating with NCCCS:** To Institutionalize toolkit adoption.
-  Embed toolkits into NDC 3.0 implementation plans.
-  Harmonizing indicators across all Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) & sectors.
-  Strengthening accountability and gender outcomes reporting mechanisms.

Supporting MDAs with:

-  Capacity-building & technical assistance
-  Standardized MRV frameworks & budget tagging
-  Inclusive stakeholder engagement at all levels



Strategic partnership fostering gender-responsive climate action across institutions

Making Gender Integration Scalable and Actionable



Indicators & MRV

Gender-disaggregated data collection and sectoral MRV alignment for comprehensive tracking



Budgeting & Finance

Gender budget tagging mechanisms and enhanced access pathways for women-led enterprises



Templates & Diagnostics

Evidence-based, easy-to-use planning and monitoring tools for effective implementation



Digital Solutions

Interactive dashboards, QR-linked forms, real-time reporting, and 24/7 chatbot support



Join us in building a gender-responsive NDC 3.0

Thank You!



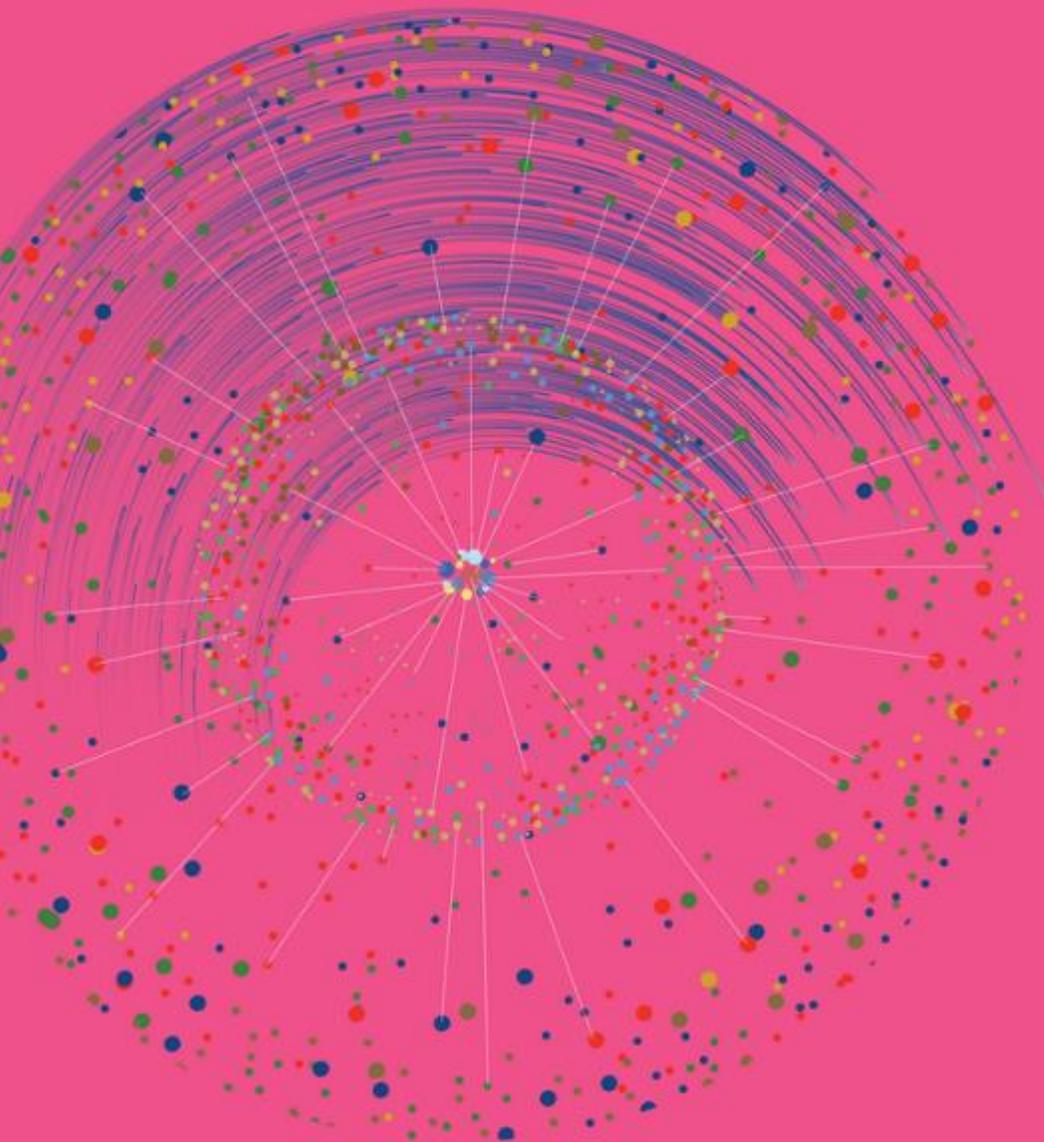
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Financing NDCs with a Gender lens

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Decision 1/CMA.5, Para 67.

Highlights the **growing gap between the needs of developing country Parties**, in particular those due to the increasing impacts of climate change compounded by difficult macroeconomic circumstances, and the support provided and mobilized for their **efforts to implement their nationally determined contributions**, highlighting that **such needs are currently estimated at USD 5.8–5.9 trillion for the pre-2030 period.**

Decision 1/CMA.5, Para 96.

Emphasizes the role of **governments, central banks, commercial banks, institutional investors and other financial actors** with a view to improving the assessment and management of climate-related financial risks, ensuring or enhancing **access to climate finance in all geographical regions and sectors**, and accelerating the ongoing establishment of new and innovative sources of finance, including taxation, for implementing climate action and thus enabling the scaling down of harmful incentives;



NDC | New collective quantified goal on climate finance

Decision 1/CMA.6, Para 3.

Highlights that **costed needs reported in nationally determined contributions of developing country Parties** are estimated at **USD 5.1–6.8 trillion** for up until 2030.

Decision 1/CMA.6, Para 27.

Decides to launch, under the guidance of the Presidencies of the sixth and seventh sessions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, in consultation with Parties, the “**Baku to Belém Roadmap to 1.3T**”, aiming at scaling up climate finance to developing country Parties to support low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development pathways and implement the **nationally determined contributions** and national adaptation plans including through grants, concessional and non-debt-creating instruments, and measures to create fiscal space, taking into account relevant multilateral initiatives as appropriate;



NDC | Current NDC Financing Landscape in Africa

Status

- 89.6bn to developing countries in 2021 and 100bn goal may have been met in 2022
- Finance needs of Dev'g countries:
 - ❖ Adaptation: USD 215-387bn until 2030
 - ❖ Clean energy: USD 4.3tn until 2030 and 5tn until 20250 to achieve net zero

Africa

- 51 African countries need combined USD 2.8tn (93% of GDP) to implement NDCs
- Gov. put about 10% (260bn) from national resources in 2021
- **WAEMU:** Needs 250bn per year until 2030 – received only 7Bn in 2022.

What to do

International:

- Scale up new and additional grant-based, highly concessional finance, and non-debt instruments
- Double adaptation finance by 2025
- Gov should create enabling environment to attract private sector financing
- Reform of multilateral financial architecture – call for implementation of WB vision

National: NDC investment plans; Stretch every dollar, go beyond traditional financing, private sector, prioritize high impact projects



NDC | Key Challenges

Limited access to international climate funds

Insufficient gender-responsive budgeting

Weak institutional capacity for fund mobilization

Limited private sector engagement



NDC | Diversified Financing Sources

International Climate Funds

- Green Climate Fund (GCF): Gender policy and action plan requirements
- Adaptation Fund: Direct access modality for national institutions
- Climate Investment Funds: Dedicated gender financing windows

Domestic Resources

- National Climate Funds: Gender-responsive budgeting allocation
- Carbon Tax Revenue: Earmark portion for gender-climate initiatives
- Green Bonds: Include gender criteria in issuance

Private Sector & Blended Finance

- Impact Investing: Gender lens investing in climate solutions
- Microfinance: Climate-smart agriculture for women farmers
- Public-Private Partnerships: Gender-inclusive renewable energy projects



NDC | Financing Mechanisms

Results-Based Payments

- Payment for ecosystem services with gender co-benefits
- REDD+ programs with women's participation incentives
- Performance-based grants for gender outcomes

Digital Financial Services

- Mobile money for climate adaptation payments
- Digital platforms for women's access to climate finance
- Blockchain for transparent fund distribution

Green Guarantee Mechanisms

- Risk-sharing facilities for women entrepreneurs
- Partial credit guarantees for gender-inclusive projects
- Insurance products for climate-vulnerable women



NDC | Some Regional Financing Initiatives in West & Central Africa

African Development Bank (AfDB) Initiatives

- Africa NDC Hub
- Desert-to-Power Initiative: Gender-inclusive solar energy access
- Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA)

Regional Economic Communities

- ECOWAS: Regional climate fund with gender windows
- CEMAC: Central African Forest Initiative (CAFI) gender integration
- WAEMU: Green bond market development with gender criteria
- West African Development Bank



NDC | Some resources

- <https://unfccc.int/topics/gender/climate-finance-and-gender-key-resources>
- https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/UNFCCC_Climate%20Finance_Decisions%20Booklet_2023.pdf
- <https://africandchub.org/>
- https://www.climatestrategy.ecowas.int/images/documentation/2022_Action_Plan_-_ECOWAS_Regional_Climate_Strategy_2022-2030_EN.pdf





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