

Fostering Collaboration: Integrating Gender Equality and Climate Finance for Enhanced Implementation

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Why NDCs matter for advancing gender mainstreaming in climate finance

Policy Integration

Inclusive Decision-Making

Enhanced Resource Mobilization

Reporting

Global snapshot of the Climate Promise gender and finance integration in NDCs

96% of updated NDCs from Climate Promise countries included gender equality considerations compared to 45% in the first generation of NDCs.

18% of countries referred to gender in **climate finance** strategies compared to 1 in 2015.

17% of CP countries highlighted the importance of women's **access to finance**. No NDCs recognized this in the first generation of the plans.

Entry points for strengthening gender responsive climate finance

Gender analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Done prior to the implementation phase of projects• Men and women's perspectives and priorities need to be integrated into the projects' frameworks through sex-disaggregated data, targeted results
Effective governance structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strengthening institutional coordination and capacities, e.g. gender, climate and poverty focal points• Enhancing participation of non-state actors
Capacity-building	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tailored capacity needs assessment: ministries of finance; sectoral ministries, gender machineries, CSOs, bureaus of statistics• Building skills to support gender mainstreaming in a systematic manner• Knowledge of climate finance fundamentals
Resource planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need for national development of policies and strategic plans to consider gender into climate finance.• Advancing climate finance allocation tools with a gender lens
Accountability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improving results-based M&E framework: ex post gender and poverty assessments; gender- and poverty-sensitive indicators



Good practice

Lebanon: establishing inclusive governance structures

- The National Council of Lebanese Women is now a member of the National Committee tasked to follow-up NDC implementation and approve NDC updates.

Lebanon's NDC commits to revising policy-making process to ensure inclusion of gender institutions and vulnerable communities.

Good practice

Belize: Capacity building



Belize is supporting the country's Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) by introducing greening modules designed to guide blue entrepreneurship and innovation opportunities within Belize's local economy.

This action includes capacity-building for women entrepreneurs in technology, digitalization, an innovation, emphasizing economic empowerment for youth and women.

Belize's NDC highlights that gender aspects must be represented in a balanced way in the NDC finance strategy.



Cabo Verde's NDC: Cabo Verde commits to gender equality by launching a public agricultural financing program by 2025, promoting regenerative agriculture with incentives for women and youth.

Good practice

Cabo Verde: Resource planning



- ✓ The Institute for Gender Equality and Equity leads on defining specific **needs, targets, and indicators** related to gender mainstreaming in climate action across all industries and intervention areas.
- ✓ Defined gender markers to measure the impact of public funds allocated to promote gender equality through the state budget.
- ✓ Included Gender Markers in the budget system in tourism.

Good practice

Cambodia: Accountability



Cambodia's NDC: included gender as a key criterion for prioritizing mitigation and adaptation actions. This led to most NDC priority actions having targets for women's participation that ranged from 15 to 70 percent.

- Implementation of a robust Measurement, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) system. Importantly, the criteria for the MRV systems for tracking deforestation include a gender-sensitive lens.

Utilizing the five entry points facilitates the translation of NDC commitments into actionable and implementable strategies

- ✓ Investing in building robust foundations/**entry points** is essential to transition from policies to a gender responsive implementation of climate action.
- ✓ **Effective governance** requires consultation and meaningful engagement of key actors that have not always been included in climate change processes.
- ✓ **Resource planning** can support better prioritization of climate finance investments.
- ✓ If you don't measure it, you can't report it! **Accountability** systems provide a means to track gender equality progress and outcomes for men and women.