

Submission by the Environmental Integrity Group (EIG)
How to mainstream gender considerations into national adaptation planning process
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The Environmental Integrity Group (EIG) welcomes the opportunity to submit its views on how to mainstream gender considerations in the national adaptation planning process to contribute to the ongoing work of the Adaptation Committee.

The EIG highlights the statement of the Paris Agreement that adaptation is a global challenge faced by all, and that each Party shall, as appropriate, engage in the adaptation planning processes and the implementation of actions, which may include the process to formulate and implement National Adaptation Plans (NAPs).

The group recognizes the importance of involving women and men equally in the development and implementation of national climate policies in order to address gender inequalities through a gender-responsive approach, as well as to receive benefits in an equally way.

The EIG submits their views to respond to the following questions:

- What are good examples of lessons learned and best practices in prioritizing/incorporating gender in the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans in your country or constituency?
 - Ensure the participation of the national office on gender/women (or equivalent) in the development of the NAP, as well as other relevant actors.
 - Incorporate gender since the beginning of the process and not just as an annex or secondary activity.
 - Incorporate local actors, specifically women, who have participated in the implementation of adaptation measures so that they can share lessons learned and good practices, considering a bottom-up approach.
 - Promote a gender approach transversally within national policies, as well as the the equality between women and men.

- How can gender best be incorporated into adaptation action?
 - Carry out gender-sensitive vulnerability assessments to design specific actions to reduce the gender gap.
 - Identify government, NGOs and community organizations that work with gender topics and consider their participation in every phase of the process and take advantage of their knowledge.
 - Foster the participation of women and men in the decision-making processes (e.g. public consultations, workshops, meetings) in the planning, implementation, and the M&E phases.

- Create enabling factors for public consultations, workshops and meetings that allow the participation and free expression of women; specifically through spaces where women can identify and recognize their specific adaptation needs.
 - Recognize the needs of women and strengthen their adaptive capacities in order to reduce existing inequities between men and women.
- In your experience, what are remaining gaps related to incorporating gender considerations into adaptation planning and implementation?
 - Addressing gender relations (e.g. gender stereotypes, access to resources, and power).
 - Recognition by the community of new leaders and change actors headed by women.
 - Cover not only basic needs (access to water and electricity) but strategic needs (adaptive capacity, empowerment, change of roles, leadership).
- What are useful sources relevant to this topic?
 - Gather lessons learned and good practices from the integration of gender issues in the NAPs submitted through NAP Central.
 - Participatory planning exercises with a gender approach.