

COP 27 Egypt Gender day

Gender Equality and Climate finance¹ in the Mediterranean region

“Integrating gender into climate finance and policy making is a must, not a good to have”

14 November 2022

15h00 – 16h00 CET

Background

As strongly pointed out by the recent OECD publication [Supporting women’s empowerment through green policies and finance](#), gender equality and environmental goals are intrinsically linked and mutually reinforcing and finance is a powerful tool for addressing inequalities rooted in the gender-environment nexus. But both goals can be effectively achieved only if all the key actors agree on the assumption women are agents of change for a sustainable and just green transition.

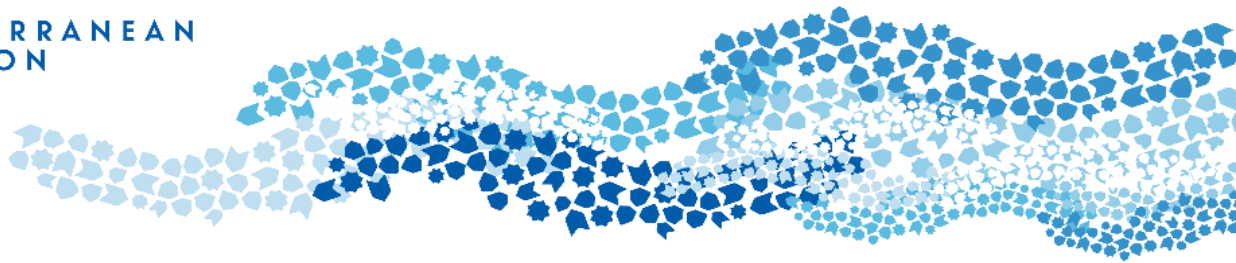
The **Lima Work Programme on Gender (LWPG)** was first established to advance gender balance and integrate gender considerations into the work of Parties to achieve gender responsive climate policy and action (Decision 18/CP.20). In 2019, the twenty-fifth session of the Conference of Parties under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP25) called for more ambition in linking gender and climate aims. It adopted the enhanced five-year Lima work programme on gender and an accompanying Gender Action Plan. Priority areas include Gender-responsive implementation, and monitoring and reporting. Implementing the plan requires many steps, such as making climate finance work for gender equality, and better engaging women’s groups and gender advocates

During the **COP26 in Glasgow** last year, parties were urged to accelerate their efforts to advance the implementation of the enhanced Lima Work Programme on gender as well as its gender Action Plan. It also encouraged Parties to make greater efforts in integrating gender into Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) as well as national climate change policies, plans, strategies and action..

A similar call for a greater resource mobilization can be found in the **Agreed conclusions of the 66 UN Commission on Status of Women (March 2022)**². It emphasized the need for an increase in gender-responsiveness of investment in climate change, environmental as well as disaster risk reduction policies and programmes, by scaling up technology transfer, capacity-building and the mobilization of financial resources from all relevant sources, including public, private, national and international resource mobilization and allocation.

¹ <https://unfccc.int/topics/climate-finance/the-big-picture/introduction-to-climate-finance>

² https://www.unwomen.org/sites/default/files/2022-03/CSW66%20Agreed%20Conclusions_Advance%20unedited%20version_25%20March%202022.pdf



While the recent integration of gender considerations into key multilateral climate finance mechanisms, including the Green Climate Fund, are steps in the right direction, gender considerations have yet to be effectively mainstreamed in ongoing climate change programmes and activities as well as national planning.

Recent progress in multilateral finance mechanisms, in terms of gender policy, needs to be supported and expanded to cover the private sector as well as market and non-market finance mechanisms at national and global levels. Gender-based criteria for fund disbursement and project selection should also be developed in order to encourage gender mainstreaming in all funded projects and to ensure that small-scale projects – particularly those involving women – are supported and targeted for funding. In addition, gender disaggregated data for reporting purposes remains crucial so as to measure the impact of such projects and actions.

While funding allocations need to be coherent and consistent with national development plans as well as mitigation and adaptation strategies, they also need to efficiently address gender issues.

The gap still remains in translating the gender-related commitments and plans in the NDCs, into effective implementation of gender-responsive actions. There are gaps in allocating budgets to these actions, which make implementation inadequate.

The need to significantly increase gender-responsive investments in the framework of climate change policies and programmes, will be among the key pillars of the upcoming [Ministerial Declaration on Strengthening the role of Women in Society](#) adopted last 26 October [in Madrid](#) .

The case for steering climate finance towards gender equality is clear but needs to be more widely known and understood. Inequalities impose development costs on whole societies, more so as people struggle to contend with climate change. Sustainably addressing gender-differentiated needs will require the full spectrum and orchestration of private, public and multilateral capital.

Session Description

This session, in the format of a one-hour panel discussion with moderator-curated questions followed by Q&A session, will discuss the issue of gender equality and climate finance in the Mediterranean region and share lessons learned on best practices on the topic. More specifically, the panel will focus on :

- *Possible solutions in terms of Gender-lens investments on Climate*
- *Insights from International organizations and Donors*
- *How to improve the cooperation with the national governments to ensure more effective gender-responsive National Climate Action plans? Which the role of multilateral organisations and private actors?*
- *Which concrete actions the Cop27 should towards a gender-oriented Climate Action?*



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Time	Activity
15h00 – 15h04	<p><i>Welcome remarks</i></p> <p>Ms. Anna Dorangricchia, Programme Manager Gender equality, Union for the Mediterranean</p>
15h04 – 15h50	<p><i>Discussion and experience sharing on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Insights from International organizations and Donors:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>SIDA and OECD have largely targeted the nexus Gender and Climate Action in these last years: what the key lesson learned and which missing actions to be taken for a more effective Climate Finance?</i> ➤ <i>Possible solutions in terms of Gender-lens investments on Climate:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>At which extent the experiences of 2xCollaborative and 2xChallenge criteria could led to more effective gender-lens investments on Climate? Which role could the financial institutions and private funds play in the Gender Climate Finance?</i> ➤ <i>How to improve the cooperation with the national governments to ensure more effective gender-responsive National Climate Action plans? Which concrete actions the Cop27 should towards a gender-oriented Climate Action?</i> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr Håkan Emsgård, Swedish Ambassador to Egypt ● Mr Michael MULLAN Economist/Policy Analyst , Environment Directorate Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD) ● Ms Sunita Pitamber, Associate Director, Access to Services and Gender Mainstreaming, Gender and Economic Inclusion, EBRD ● Ms Ellen Brookes, British International Investment (2xCollaborative)
15h50 – 16:00	<p><i>Q&A session</i></p>