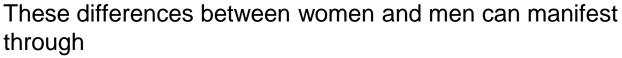




Linkages: Gender and Environment



In Asia Pacific, environmental conditions impact the lives of women and men in different ways as a result of existing inequalities, responsibilities, and roles



- unequal land and tenure rights;
- unequal access to natural resource assets;
- women's limited opportunities to participate in decisionmaking and access to basic education, markets, capital, training, and technologies;
- different vulnerabilities to disasters, climate change and exposure to air pollution and chemicals;
- women's common double burden of responsibilities inside and outside the household

Gender and Environment in Asia Pacific



- Feminisation of agriculture
- Gendered migration to the cities
- "Informal" contribution of women in the fishing sector
- 455 million people in Asia-Pacific lack access to electricity, more than 2 billion people rely on biomass, or solid fuel, for cooking
- Disasters hit women and other marginalised groups harder
- Women often more dependent on natural resources (water, forest, fodder, ecosystem services, etc.) and therefore most affected by environmental degradation



What is the value of considering Gender and Environment?

- The integration of gender considerations throughout environment related actions is crucial for the longterm sustainability and effectiveness of such actions for both developing and developed countries
- Addressing gender-based vulnerability can strengthen the capacity, resilience, health and development of the society at large
- At the same time, channelling both men's and women's skills and knowledge will improve the outcomes of programmes and efforts made



How is gender & environment captured in international agreements, conventions and multilateral environmental agreement?





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Some good examples of gender inclusive environment policies and programmes in Asia Pacific

- Vietnam: Gender inclusive NDC process
- Myanmar Myanmar Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan, including a gender equality framework as well as gender responsive activities and indicators for its implementation
- Gender and National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAP), Lao PDR and Myanmar
- Gender and waste management research in Bhutan, Mongolia and Nepal
- Healers of the oceans partnership to highlight the role of Pacific women in oceans management UN Ocean Conference and COP23.

Thank you!



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