



**Report of Gender and Advocacy Workshop Held on 28th January 2016 at
Panafric Hotel.**

Gender and Climate Change Working Group



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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYM

CC	Climate Change
CIDP	County Integrated Development Plans
COP	Conference of Parties
CSO	Civil Society Organizations
GCCWG	Gender and Climate Change Working Group
GCF	Green climate Fund
INDC	Intended Nationally Determined Contributions
NEMA	National Environment Management Authority
NSA	Non-State Actor
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Background

The Gender and Climate Change Working Group (GCCWG) is a network of organizations and individuals working on gender equality and gender mainstreaming in climate change issues, particularly policies and programs. It was initiated in 2010 to influence the national response to climate change in Kenya and advocate for gender integration into climate change initiatives. The network provides a platform for non-state actors to engage policy and decision makers on gender and social issues in climate change initiatives. Currently the Working Group has a membership of over 60 active members who comprise of; state and non-state Actors; mainly NGOs, networks, International NGOs, development partners, Individuals and state institutions who mainly comprise of government ministries and parastatals. The working group is hosted at IEWM.

The secretariat convened a half day meeting of the gender and climate change working group on 28th January, 2016 at Panafric Hotel. The meeting was attended by 30 participants (see Annex 1) with the aim of unpacking gender issues within the recently agreed Paris Agreement, analyze the advocacy assessment tool and develop an action plan, for the next quarter of 2016.

1.2 The objectives of the meeting

The main objectives of the meeting were to;

- Analyze advocacy assessment tool and develop an action plan to address the gaps &needs for effective advocacy
- Unpack gender issues within the recently agreed Paris Agreement
- Findings from the analysis of gender and Climate change policies in Kenya
- Sharing experiences
- Moving forward

1.3 Expectations of the meeting

- Opportunities in the Paris agreement and area of collaboration in SDG's and Paris agreement

- Understand how to move forward as a working group informed by the agreement
- Develop working group's action plans for 2016
- Activities and plans for other organisations 2016 and how we can collaborate
- To understand the outcome of COP21

2.0 Analysis of advocacy assessment tool and development of action plan to address the gaps & needs for effective advocacy

The workshop started with a brief overview on the rationale and contents of an advocacy assessment tool that had been circulated and filled by GCGWG members. Participants deliberated on the tool and made suggestions on how it could be improved. Of key concern was the fact that it was long hence the need to refocus it. The facilitator Mr. Rudolf, took the participants through the emerging advocacy issues based on feedback from members. Participants deliberated on the issues, following which the meeting prioritized the following key advocacy gaps that need to be addressed for effective advocacy.

1. Lack of consultation
2. Poor/lack of reporting back feedback
3. Inadequate financing
4. Lack of scientific evidence for advocacy
5. Poor/lack of monitoring and evaluation

The participants went into group works to identify interventions to solve the above gaps. Below is the summarized interventions from the group work.



Gap	Intervention	When/time
Lack of Consultation	<p>Organization of more physical meetings as opposed to online consultation</p> <p>Selection and operationalization of a think tank committee to help the secretariat with making decisions</p> <p>Need for commitment of members</p>	By next meeting in April
Lack of scientific evidence for advocacy	<p>Developing partnerships with universities and higher learning institutions.</p> <p>Integrating traditional knowledge into practice alongside scientific knowledge</p> <p>Documenting successful stories on the ground making information available to change agents to influence decision making</p>	Continuous
Inadequate financing	<p>Establish evidence based resource mobilization strategy</p> <p>Partnering with well positioned institutions in proposed</p>	Secretariat and

	<p>programs to enhance support e.g. UNDP</p> <p>Initiate member subscription programme</p> <p>Network to source for consultancies and using network members capacities in undertaking the work</p> <p>Capacity building for members on resource mobilization strategy</p>	GCCWG members
Lack of reporting back/feedback	<p>Create whatsapp group for updates and feedback</p> <p>Develop a reporting template on google for reporting</p> <p>Feedback reports/ information to be shared through communication person</p>	1 week
Lack of monitoring and evaluation	<p>A reporting structure should be developed as a commitment on how often reporting should be done by the WG to ease M&E process</p>	2months

3.0COP 21 Process & Outcome; Gaps and Opportunities for Gender

The facilitator took the participants through the COP process, gender opportunities and gaps that came out of the process. General analysis of the agreement is that it was too weak and the agreement does not provide enough support for developing countries. Loss and damage is also not adequately addressed especially for developing countries (Article 8 does not involve or provide a basis for any liability or compensation). Narrowing it down to gender this was the text from the Paris agreement. *“.....Acknowledging that climate change is a common concern of humankind, Parties should, when taking action to address climate change, respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on human rights, the right to health, the rights of indigenous peoples, local communities, migrants, children, persons with disabilities and people in vulnerable situations and the right to development, as well as gender equality, empowerment of women and intergenerational equity” ...UNFCCC, 12/12/2015*

From the facilitators analysis, gender and reference to vulnerable groups was weak as, gender was mentioned 5 times in the agreement, Women mentioned 2 times, Vulnerable people 1 time, Youth – Zero and Intergeneration Equity, never the less, With gender equality mentioned within the text, this provides gender advocates with the determination and drive needed to push for the needs of women and other vulnerable groups.

4.0 Findings from the analysis of gender and Climate change policies in Kenya

The purpose of the presentation was to identify and summarize areas of relevant climate and environment policy that provide support/or lack of, to gender and community based adaptation (CBA). The policies chosen were as follows; The National Climate Change Action Plan (NCCAP), the INDC/MTP, the climate change policy, the gender policy, the environment policy and the disaster risk reduction (DRR) strategy. The analysis was done by looking at specific areas of polices that relate to gender and CBA and cross referencing them with key concepts and recommendations from gender and CBA learning briefs. This was then used to highlight the challenges and areas of opportunity for advocacy.

Members of the working group were encouraged to read the policies and to enable easy and informed discussions on the way forward on identified gaps for advocacy.

5.0Way forward

Activity	Responsible person	By when
Develop a communication tool	Timothy and Julius	One week
Come up with tools for monitoring and evaluation	Zipporah and mercy	One month
Form a think tank committee, propose a structure for GCCWG	Diana, Julius, Teresa, Oliver, Marlene and collinse	By next meeting in April
Organize a capacity building for members on advocacy & resource mobilization	Secretariat	TBC

strategies		
Developing partnership with higher institutions for research and information sharing i.e. MMU, research institutions, wangari maathai institute, Strathmore, UON,	Dr. Mbaari Kinya	One Month

Calendar of upcoming activities by End of February

Launch of adaptation fund	29/01/2016	Julius
INDC workshop	9/02/2016	Mary, Teresa & Marlene
UNFCCC submission	Last week of February	Timothy, Mary & Julius
Background paper on post-cop 21 & its implication in Kenya	End of Feb	TBC

6.0 ANNEXES

6.1 Programme



Gender and Climate Change Working Group consultative meeting

Venue: Panafric Hotel, Nairobi - 28th January 2016.

Time	Activity	Responsible
8.00 – 8.30 AM	Registration	IEWM
8.30 – 9.00 AM	Introduction, Expectations and Climate Setting	IEWM/Mary Nyasimi
9.00 – 10.30	Analysis of advocacy assessment tool and development of action plan to address the gaps & needs for effective advocacy	Rudolf Makhanu
10.30 – 11.00	Tea Break	
11.00-12.00	Groups reporting back and development of capacity building assessment need plan (Plenary discussions)	Rudolf Makhanu ,Mary Nyasimi
12.00-1.00	COP 21 process and outcome Gaps and opportunities for CBA & where are we Gaps and opportunities for Gender (Gender advocacy strategy)	Emma Bowa Mary Nyasimi
1.00-2.00	Lunch Break	
2.00-3.00	Presentation: Findings on analysis of Climate Change and gender policies in Kenya with gender and CBA lens (Plenary discussions)	Callum Warriner IEWM
3.00-3.30	Next steps in accelerating our advocacy actions/ Way forward	Mary Nyasimi/IEWM

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