



Workshop Report

Gender and Climate Change Working Group Consultative Meeting



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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 mainstreaming in climate change management. It was initiated in 2010 to influence the national response to climate change in Kenya. 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 secretariat convened a half day meeting of the gender and climate change working group on 27th July, 2015 at Panafric Hotel. The meeting that was attended by 35 participants (see Annex 1) aimed at taking stock of the gender and climate change discourse and initiatives towards advancing the UNFCCC gender decision on gender equality in Kenya. The meeting also reviewed the status of the ongoing national climate change processes such as climate financing in Kenya, development of the Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) among others.

1.2 The objectives of the meeting

The main objectives of the meeting were to;

- Review the status of gender equality mainstreaming in climate change discourse in Kenya
- To review from a gender perspective, the ongoing climate change processes including the Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs), the third international conference on financing for development,
- To raise awareness of the Joint Principles for Adaptation and women empowerment plus mechanism (to enable effective advocacy).
- Sharing experiences

2.0 Taking stock of the climate change Initiatives in Kenya

The workshop started with participants sharing their different activities on gender and climate change and some of the existing opportunities for mainstreaming gender and social inclusion. Mainly the opportunities identified are relating to gender advocacy in the following ongoing initiatives;

1. Development of climate finance policy

2. Green climate fund
3. Formulation of the county disaster management strategy
4. Water bill (if the opportunity still exists)
5. Agriculture (Climate smart agriculture programme)
6. The Climate Change Bill
7. Renewable energy programme /initiative by Energy Regulation Commission (ERC)
8. Other national and county policies



3.0 Leveraging On Upcoming Events/ Processes Related To Gender, Development and Climate Change

3.1 Intended nationally determined contributions (INDC)

Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) is a government's proposed contribution to what it will do about Climate Change. INDCs presents Kenya's Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) in response to decisions adopted at the 19th and 20th sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC); Parties were invited to communicate to the Secretariat their INDCs, towards achieving the objective of the UNFCCC as set out in Article 2 of the Convention.

It makes mention of gender but does not articulate how gender will be advanced in the practice.

Kenya's Intended Nationally Determined Contribution was completed and submitted to the UNFCCC. (it is available at the following link)

http://www4.unfccc.int/submissions/INDC/Published%20Documents/Kenya/1/Kenya_INDC_20150723.pdf

3.2 Sustainable Development Goals

Esther from GROOTS Kenya took participants through the 17 set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as proposed set of targets relating to future international development. They are to replace the Millennium Development Goals once they expire at the end of 2015. The SDGs were first formally discussed at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development held in Rio de Janeiro in June 2012 (Rio+20). Since Rio+20 did not elaborate specific goals, a 30-member Open Working Group (OWG) was established by the decision of the UN General Assembly. The OWG uses a constituency-based system of representation, which means that most of the seats in the working group are shared by several countries. The Rio+20 outcome document states that, “at the outset, the OWG will decide on its methods of work, including developing modalities to ensure the full involvement of relevant stakeholders and expertise from civil society, the scientific community and the United Nations system in its work, in order to provide a diversity of perspectives and experience”.

The specific details of the Sustainable Development Goals have not yet been finalized. Delegates from the different countries have expressed differing priorities about what the SDGs should achieve. To move towards agreement on the specifics, the United Nations have scheduled a conference for September 2015, to be held in New York.

3.3 The third International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD3)

The Conference took place in Addis Ababa Ethiopia from 13-16th July 2015 where it gathered high-level political representatives, including Heads of State and Government, and Ministers of Finance, Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, as well as all relevant institutional stakeholders, non-governmental organizations and business sector entities. The Conference resulted in a negotiated outcome which provides:

- A new global framework for financing sustainable development that aligns all financing flows and policies with economic, social and environmental priorities,
- A comprehensive set of policy actions by Member States, with a package of over 100 concrete measures that draw upon all sources of finance, technology, innovation, trade and data in order to support mobilization of the means for a global transformation to sustainable development and achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

See the link below for extensive summary of the plenary meetings.

<http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/ffd3/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2015/04/CRP.1.pdf>

3.4 Women + Empowerment Mechanisms

The Women + is a standard that was developed by WOCAN to measure how companies, government and individuals can drive social and economic empowerment for women.

Establishing this standard of measurement made it possible to create W+ Units that investors can purchase to ensure progress in the areas of time, income/assets, health, education and knowledge and food security. For more information please visit the WOCAN website for more information at www.wocan.org

4.0 Way Forward

Participants were divided into groups to possible areas of engagement of the GCCWG working group in the next 3months. Below are some of the proposed activities, some which are achievable in 3 month, while some will take longer.

1. Influence Kenya's decision on the upcoming COP21 agreement to ensure that the decisions are gender responsive
2. Unpacking the 17 SDGs to Kenya's context to attract funding for various initiatives.
3. Analysis of the climate change documents from a gender perspective and sharing them widely with members and stakeholders. E.g., the following documents can be analysed -. INDCs, national climate change bills, Kenya Climate Change Action Plan.
4. Documentation of successful gender and climate change initiatives in Kenya on various sectors
5. Budget tracking for financing for advancement of gender equality in climate change.
6. Advocacy and lobby based on the identified opportunities above.
7. Documentation and mapping of stakeholders in gender and climate change



The meeting ended with participants calling for increased participation of men in the Gender and climate change working group. A vote of thanks was given CARE for their continued support and special thanks goes to Transparency International for supporting this meeting in terms of venue and conference facility.

5.0 ANNEXES

5.1 Programme

Gender and Climate Change Working Group consultative meeting

Venue: Panafric Hotel, Nairobi - 27th July 2015.

Time	Activity	Responsible
8.00 – 8.30 AM	Registration	IEWM
8.30 – 9.00 AM	Introduction, Expectations and Climate Setting	Marlene Achoki, IEWM
9.00 – 10.30	Leveraging on upcoming processes/ events related to gender, development and climate change <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intended Nationally Determined Contributions• Updates on the International conference on financing development.• Women + Empowerment Mechanism/CSW Plenary/ Open discussions	Emma Bowa, Care Kenya Mwangi Mwaura, VSO Elijah Kimani, IEWM Participants
10.30 – 11.00	Tea Break	
11.00 – 11.30	Presentations: -Introduction to Joint principles for adaptation Plenary discussions.	Annabell Waititu, IEWM
11:30-12:00	Planning the future / Way forward and departure	

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Attachments
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Climate change policy