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## **The Art of implementation: Gender and Climate Change**

### **Event type:**

Conservation Campus

### **Abstract:**

In line with the IUCN's Policy on Gender Equity and Gender Equality as it relates to the World Conservation Forum, the IUCN Gender Office and strategic partners therefore envisages conducting a shortened version of the training during the 2012 WCC. This event is about strengthening the role of women so they can have an active participation on the implementation of forest-related climate change mitigation actions. This directly links to the Congress Theme since it strengthens the resilience women groups have for climate change by allowing them a role in the preparation, implementation and monitoring of REDD+ activities. It also will use existing experiences to make the case at national level processes – as the preparation of national strategies.

### **Session description:**

For many years there has been the assumption that the negative impacts of climate change and the efforts to mitigate them have similar effects on both women and men. However, the world has progressively recognized that women and men experience climate change differently, and that gender inequalities worsen the coping capacity of women and societies as a whole. It has also been acknowledged that women are important actors of change and holders of significant knowledge and skills related to mitigation, adaptation, and the reduction of risks in the face of climate change, making them crucial role-players in this area. Consequently, there is an urgent need to adopt a gender-responsive approach towards climate change policy making and programming. Specifically on the mitigation side, additional attention has been raised about the role of women around actions related to Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) currently considered as a climate change mitigation option under the UNFCCC. Of vital importance are the references in the Cancun Agreement (FCCC/CP/2010/7/Add.1 decision 1/CP.16 paragraph 72) which requests parties to address: (...) gender considerations and the safeguards ensuring the full and effective participation of relevant stakeholders, inter alia, indigenous peoples and local communities. Unfortunately, although the political will might exist, gender-sensitive REDD+ mechanisms are not yet operational or widely considered by agencies supporting REDD+ initiatives. To meet the demand for improving skills in gender and climate change, the IUCN Gender Office, in collaboration with the GGCA, has developed a training course on gender and climate change with the purpose to increase the capacity of female and male policy- and decision makers and practitioners so that efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change are gender-sensitive and optimally effective. Additional efforts have been also conducted in building capacities and awareness about gender and REDD. The current draft of the next intercessional program 2013 – 2016 is very clear in calling for gender differentiated aspects around the conservation work that the Union implements. This event targets the very basic need of building capacities among conservation practitioners for such differentiation.

**Keywords:**

Climate Change, Forest, Gender, Policy

**Link to IUCN Programme:**

climate change

**Link to Congress objective(s):****Engaging Audience:**

A certain number of modules with interactive sections will be conducted. The modules will have videos, role play models, case studies and participatory dynamics for engaging the audience.

**Main objective of the session:**

To build the capacity of WCC participants on the links between gender and climate change, including skills and knowledge on the importance of and ways in which to link gender in REDD+ processes.

**Skills transmitted to participants:**

Gender methodologies and techniques to mainstream gender in adaptation and mitigation. It will also allow participant to fully understand the linkages between gender and REDD+.

**Geographical Scope:**

Global

**Session language:**

English

**Facilitate:****Financial Organizing:**

Between 20 and 50 people

**Fund Raising:**

Yes, I have all the financial means I need to organise my event in Jeju

**Organizer:**

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**Co-organizers:**

GGCA, WOCAN, CEESP, CEC

**IUCN Commissions:**

Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy – CEESP  
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**IUCN Partners:**

Global gender and Climate Alliance  
WOCAN, WEDO, CARE, DANIDA

**IUCN Secretariat:**

IUCN Regional Office for West Asia (ROWA) IUCN Regional Office for West and Central Africa (PACO);IUCN Regional Office for Eastern and Southern Africa (ESARO);IUCN Regional Office for Mesoamerica and Caribbean Initiative (ORMA);IUCN Forest Conservation Programme;IUCN Gender Adviser Office

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