

NATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGIES: THE ROLE OF GENDER IN MITIGATION EFFORTS

Women are experts, leaders, and agents of change in their own right within both adaptation and mitigation efforts on climate change. Their position within the climate debate must go beyond a characterization as mere “victims” or forming part of a larger collective of “vulnerable groups”.

While some work has already been conducted on the links between climate change adaptation and gender equality, recognition of gender aspects within a context of mitigation is still at an initial stage. Further work is necessary to raise awareness and acknowledgement of the role and contribution of women to climate protection in rural, peri-urban and urban contexts, both in the developed and developing world.

BMZ and GGCA members, IUCN and UNDP, will be co-hosting a lunch time event that will raise awareness and support the critically important role of women within climate change mitigation efforts by:

- (i) Presenting and discussing possible entry points for gender and mitigation;
- (ii) Showcasing relevant case studies from the field with a focus on implementation at a national level; and
- (iii) Linking the above with current and future CIF initiatives/projects with the aim of leveraging further benefit from the involvement of women in combating climate change.

AGENDA:

13:30 Opening and welcome – Master of Ceremony



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- 13:32 Introductory remarks – Dr. Annette Windmeisser, BMZ
- 13:42 Making the case: gender & mitigation – M.Sc. Lorena Aguilar, IUCN
- 13:57 Contextualising discussion: Concrete examples of how CIF could benefit from mainstreaming gender in mitigation efforts - Ms. Winnie Byanyima, UNDP
- 14:07 Interactive group session – Facilitator: Dr. Annette Windmeisser, BMZ
- 14:27 Conclusion and way forward - Master of Ceremony

Date: Saturday, 25 June 2011
Time: 13h30 – 14h30
Venue: Room 1.4, Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC)

Light lunch will be provided