

REGIONAL SEMINAR
**Gender Equality in Climate Change
and Disaster Risk Management:
WEATHERING AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE**

26–28 July 2017
Seoul, Republic of Korea



PROGRAM

Venue: International Conference Hall, 2nd floor, Main Building
Korean Women's Development Institute

DAY 1 — WEDNESDAY, 26 JULY

8:30–9:00 a.m.

Registration

9:00–10:45 a.m.

INAUGURAL AND KEYNOTE SESSION

Moderator: Sonomi Tanaka, Technical Advisor (Gender Equity), Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department (SDCC), ADB

Welcome Remarks

- Sonomi Tanaka, Technical Advisor (Gender Equity), SDCC, ADB
- Myung-Sun Lee, President, Korean Women's Development Institute (KWDI)

Keynote Presentations

Speaker Introductions: Preeti Bhandari, Director, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management Division, SDCC, ADB

Climate Change: Environmental and Social Consequences and Implications for Public Policies

- Oyun Sanjaasuren, Chair, Steering Committee, Global Water Partnership; Former Minister of Environment and Green Development, Mongolia

Global Response to Climate Change "Warming Up" on Gender and Human Rights

- Stephen Humphreys, Associate Professor of International Law, London School of Economics; Former Research Director, International Council on Human Rights

Participants Introduction and Program Overview

- Tülin Akin Pulley, Senior Gender and Development (GAD) Consultant, SDCC, ADB

10:45–11:15 a.m.

Break



11:15 a.m.–12:25 p.m. **SESSION 1: Turning Global Commitments into Action: National and Regional Strategies on Climate Change**

Issues for Discussion

- ✓ Different countries have different strategic responses to climate change (CC) including national planning via UNFCCC mechanisms like NAMA, NAPA and INDCs.
- ✓ Climate change decision-making is different among countries with different Ministries leading and collaborating. Cross-sectoral and multi-agency partnerships harmonize CC policies.
- ✓ National climate change strategies and action plans addressing gender issues have mandates to develop sex-disaggregated databases, conduct gender analysis and increase role of women in decision-making.
- ✓ Countries in the Pacific also develop a regional strategy to pool resources.

Gender-inclusive Climate Change Strategies and Action Plans

Moderator: Imrana Jalal, Senior Social Development Specialist (GAD), SDCC, ADB

Overview Presentation

Paradigm Shift in Climate Action

- Asa Torkelsson, Head, Women's Economic Empowerment Unit, UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

Roundtable Discussion

11th Five-Year Development Plan: 2013–2018

- Lungten Dorji, Director General, Department of Local Governance, Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs, Bhutan

Bangladesh Climate Change Gender Action Plan

- Nurul Quadir, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Bangladesh

The Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific: 2017–2030

- Vuki Buadromo, Project Director, USAID/Institutional Strengthening in Pacific Island Countries to Adapt to Climate Change Project, Pacific Community

National and Sectoral Climate Change Strategies in Implementation

- Mom Thany, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Cambodia

12:25–12:30 p.m.

Group Photo

12:30–1:30 p.m.

Lunch

Venue: Elephant Hall, 1st floor

1:30–3:00 p.m.

SESSION 2: Learning How to Move from Policy to Action**Break Out Sessions**

3 Groups of about 30–35 with facilitator/trainer

1. *Ongoing UNFCCC Negotiations on Gender and Climate Change Beyond the Paris Agreement*

Facilitators:

- Fan Xing, UNFCCC Focal Point, National Center for Climate Change Strategy and International Cooperation, China and
- Zonibel Woods, GAD Specialist (Consultant), SDCC, ADB

2. *How can Legal Instruments Facilitate Gender-responsive Climate Actions?*

Facilitators:

- Imrana Jalal, Senior Social Development Specialist (GAD), SDCC, ADB
- Stephen Humphreys, Associate Professor of International Law, LSE
- Irum Ahsan, Legal Counsel, Office of Legal Counsel, ADB

3. *How to Develop a Gender-sensitive Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Action (NAMA) as part of the Intended National Determined Contributions (INDC) Plan: 9-step Guidelines on Mainstreaming Gender into NAMAs*

Facilitator:

- Linda Adams, Senior Social Development Specialist, Southeast Asia Regional Department, ADB

3:00–3:15 p.m.

Break

3:15–4:15 p.m.

SESSION 3: Navigating the Climate Finance Landscape**Issues for Discussion**

- ✓ Summarize the spectrum of Climate Change Financial Mechanisms
- ✓ Discuss the evolution of gender-responsive climate finance and key opportunities

Gender-Responsive Climate Finance

Moderator: Zonibel Woods, GAD Specialist (Consultant), SDCC, ADB

Panel Discussion*Overview of Climate Finance and ADB's Climate Change Operational Framework*

- Preety Bhandari, Director, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management Division, SDCC, ADB

Integrating Gender into Climate Finance: Example of the Climate Investment Funds (CIF)

- Anne Kuriakose, Senior Social Development Specialist, CIF, The World Bank

Developing Gender-Responsive Climate Financing Proposals

- Sonomi Tanaka, Technical Advisor (Gender Equity), SDCC, ADB

4:15–5:30 p.m.

Group Work*Gender-Equal Decision-Making and Women's Leadership in Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management*

Moderator: Mary Alice Rosero, Social Development Specialist (GAD), Central and West Asia Regional Department

- Group members at each table will share their current engagements or knowledge about policy or programs in climate adaptation or mitigation (i.e. energy, agriculture and food security; water resources development, water and sanitation, coastal zone management, disaster risk management etc.)
- Groups will discuss where women's participation and leadership stand now and good practices that demonstrate getting more women into decision-making has made a difference in building resilience.

DAY 2 — THURSDAY, 27 JULY

8:30–9:00 a.m.

Regional Trends and ADB Strategic Directions

- Bambang Susantono, Vice President, Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, ADB

9:00–10:30 a.m.

SESSION 4: Gender-Responsive Adaptation Planning & Practices to Reduce Negative Impacts of Climate Change & Disasters**Issues for Discussion**

- ✓ Climate change requires new approaches to agriculture, water resources management, land use and coastal zone management to ensure food security and reduce disaster risk.
- ✓ Agriculture is increasingly feminized yet women farmers have limited ownership of land, less access to training, financial resources and inputs to adopt climate-resilient farming practices.
- ✓ Droughts and floods reduce availability of fresh water for productive and household use increasing time burdens, health and safety hazards for women/girls who collect water.
- ✓ Severe storms and rising sea levels erode coastal shorelines and arable land disrupting productive activities. Limited mobility, access to information and paid employment options increase women's vulnerability to natural disasters and their capacity to recover.
- ✓ Analyzing gender-based constraints, knowledge, and experiences is critical to recognize men and women's different vulnerabilities and potential contributions to sustainable climate adaptation solutions.

Strengthening Resilience for Food Security: Climate-Smart Agriculture, Water Resource Management and Land Use

Moderator: Laurence Levaque, Senior Social Development Specialist (Gender), Southeast Asia Department, ADB

Overview Presentation

Enhancing Resilience through Gender Equality: Lessons Learned from Community-Based Adaptation in Practice in Asia Pacific

- Aarjan Dixit, Regional Coordinator for Asia, Poverty, Environment and Climate Change Network, CARE International

Roundtable Discussion

Improving the Resilience of the Agriculture Sector to Climate Change Impacts in Lao PDR

- Margaret Jones Williams, Environment Unit Manager, UNDP/Lao PDR

Climate-Adaptive Agribusiness in High Mountain Watersheds in Nepal

- Vijay Kant Jha, Project Director, High Mountain Agribusiness and Livelihood Improvement Project, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Nepal

Mothers' Water Cellars in Drought-Stricken Areas of China

- Fu Ge, Principal Staff Member, Department of Women's Development, All China Women's Federation

Weather Index-based Crop Insurance in Bangladesh

- Wasiful Hoq, Deputy General Director, Sadharan Bima Corporation

10:30–11:00 a.m.

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Adopting Gender-based Approaches for Building Climate and Disaster Resilience in Coastal Zones and River Basins

Moderator: Arghya Sinha Roy, Disaster Risk Management Specialist, SDCC, ADB

Overview Presentation

How Can Gender Perspective Help in Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management Measures in Coastal Areas and River Basins?

- Arghya Sinha Roy, Disaster Risk Management Specialist, SDCC, ADB

Roundtable Discussion

Assam Integrated Flood and Riverbank Erosion Risk Management Investment Program

- Nitin Khade, Chief Executing Officer, Flood and Riverbank Erosion Management Agency of Assam, India

Flood Emergency Reconstruction and Resilience Project

- Khurram Shahzad, Director, Punjab Provincial Disaster Management Authority, Pakistan

Ecosystem-based Adaptation Planning

- Aban Marker Kabraji, Regional Director, IUCN Asia; Co-Chair, Mangroves for the Future

Improving Community Resilience Through Gender-sensitive Climate Adaptation and Disaster Preparedness in Pacific Island Countries

- Reenate Willie, Senior Water and Sanitation Engineer, Ministry of Public Works and Utilities, Kiribati

Disaster Risk Management and Resiliency Approaches for Community-driven Development and Social Protection

- Alexander Glova, Deputy National Program Manager, KALAHI-CIDSS Project, Philippines

12:30–1:30 p.m.

Lunch

Venue: Elephant Hall, 1st floor

1:30–1:50 p.m.

Video*Empowering Women to Mitigate Climate Change: Gender-Responsive Approaches*

1:50–3:00 p.m.

SESSION 5: Gender-Responsive Mitigation Efforts to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Promote Low Carbon Technologies**Issues for Discussion**

- ✓ Energy sector is at the center of climate mitigation initiatives aiming to reduce GHG emissions.
- ✓ As household energy managers, women's potential contributions to reducing household GHG emissions via improved cooking and lighting technologies based on renewable energy sources are significant.
- ✓ Women are emerging change agents in the renewable energy sector and value chain in design, production, servicing and marketing of low carbon technologies even though their potential as renewable energy engineers and entrepreneurs is hindered by limited education, financial literacy, technical and business management skills and access to financial resources.

Promoting Women's Leadership in Improving Health and Livelihoods through Emission Reductions

Moderator: Linda Adams, Senior Social Development Specialist, Southeast Asia Department, ADB

Overview Presentation*Lessons Learned from ADB Regional TA: "Harnessing Mitigation Initiatives to Benefit Women"*

- Linda Adams, Senior Social Development Specialist, Southeast Asia Department, ADB

Roundtable Discussion

Clean Energy Technologies: Biogas Digesters/Vietnam; Cookstoves, Cambodia

- Dagmar Zwebe, Principal Manager, Global Green Growth Institute/Indonesia; Former RETA Team Leader, SNV/Vietnam

Clean Energy Technologies: IDCOL Solar Home Systems Program

- Farzana Rahman, Senior VP and Unit Head, Renewable Energy Infrastructure Development Company Limited (IDCOL), Bangladesh

Gender-inclusive Approaches in Climate Change Mitigation through REDD+ Initiatives in East Asia and the Pacific

- Haddy Sey, Senior Social Development Specialist, Social, Urban, Rural & Resilience (SURR) Global Practice, The World Bank/Hanoi Country Office

3:00–3:30 p.m.

Break

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SESSION 6: Perspectives from Global/Regional Alliances and Advocacy Organizations on Gender and Climate Change

Issues for Discussion

- ✓ Key successes and challenges, what are the areas of progress and remaining gaps at policy and program levels, in country level design of projects, funding to women NGOs.

Moderator: Sonomi Tanaka, Technical Advisor (Gender Equity), SDCC, ADB

Roundtable Discussion

- Jeannette Gurung, Executive Director, Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resources Management (WOCAN)
- So-Young Lee, Senior Policy Researcher, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)
- Ingvild Solvang, Senior Gender and Social Development Officer, Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)
- Noelene Nabulivou, Political Adviser, Diverse Voices and Action for Equality/Pacific Partnerships on Gender, Climate Change and Sustainable Development (DIVA for Equality)

4:30–5:30 p.m.

Optional Training

“W+ Standard” Measuring Women’s Empowerment in 6 Domains: Time, Income & Assets, Health, leadership, Education, Knowledge and Food Security to contribute to SDG, Climate Financing and CSR targets

Facilitator: Jeannette Gurung, WOCAN

7:00–9:00 p.m.

Welcome Dinner and Cultural Show

Venue: Korea House

DAY 3 — FRIDAY, 28 JULY

8:30–9:00 a.m.

Videos

From Disaster Response to Disaster Prevention
Building Poor Women's Resilience to Climate Change

9:00–10:30 a.m.

SESSION 7: Investing in Urban Infrastructure and Communities for Disaster Resilience

Issues for Discussion

- ✓ Climate change strategies in urban areas largely focus on reducing high GHG emissions. However, it is equally important to build resilience against natural disasters caused by cyclones, storms, flooding, landslides and heat waves that particularly affect the poor in slum neighborhoods living in unsafe housing with inadequate infrastructure and services for electricity, water supply and sanitation and solid waste management.
- ✓ People in cities are more dependent on infrastructure facilities and services for their livelihoods and thus have fewer coping strategies to reduce disaster risk.
- ✓ Poor women are the most vulnerable group with highest fatality rate due to unreliable clean energy, water supply, sanitation and sewage systems; lack of access to early warning information; mobility constraints; limited employment options; and inadequate safe shelters to accommodate them.
- ✓ Local governments have a key role in ensuring equal representation of men and women in decision-making to provide climate-resilient urban infrastructure and services such as building safer public housing, emergency shelters and public transport systems; improving access to clean and affordable energy, water supply, drainage and waste management services; and ensuring early warning systems reach both men and women.

Strengthening Climate-resilient Urban Infrastructure and Services for Effective Disaster Response and Recovery: Green Jobs for Women

Moderator: Francesco Tornieri, Principal Social Development Specialist (Gender), South Asia Department, ADB

Overview Presentation

Building Poor Urban Women's Resilience to Climate Change

- Vanishree Herlekar, Advisor, Urban Planning and Communication, Mahila Housing Trust, Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA), India

Roundtable Discussion

Coastal Towns Environmental Infrastructure Project

- Anowar Hossain, Project Director, Local Government Engineering Department, Bangladesh

Green Jobs for Women: Building Disaster-Resilient Housing

- Masi Latianara, Director, Habitat for Humanity, Fiji

Managing Soil Pollution in Ger Areas through Improved On-site Sanitation Project

- Naranchimeg Bagdai, Senior Officer, Land Management and Integrated Water Policy Coordination Department, Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Mongolia

Green Jobs for Women: Solid Waste Management

- Tran Thanh Thuy, Director, Department of Science, Training and International Cooperation, Institute of Meteorology, Hydrology and Environment, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Viet Nam

10:30–11:00 a.m.

Break

11:00–12:15 p.m.

SESSION 8: Working Together on Next Steps**Group Work****Issues for Discussion**

- ✓ What are the key take aways from the Regional Seminar?
- ✓ How can gender equality and climate change initiatives work in tandem to achieve SDG goals?
- ✓ How can ADB support DMC partners better in gender and climate change initiatives?
- ✓ How can ADB HQ, Resident Missions and other partner agencies coordinate better for in-country results?
- ✓ Are there any new or planned country-based, sub-regional or regional ADB-financed initiatives at policy, program or project levels addressing gender and climate change issues?

Plenary Discussion on Way Forward

Facilitator: Imrana Jalal, Senior Social Development Specialist (Gender and Development) SDCC, ADB

12:15–12:30 p.m.

CLOSING SESSION**Closing Remarks**

- Preety Bhandari, Director, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management Division, SDCC, ADB
- Sonomi Tanaka, Technical Advisor (Gender Equity), SDCC, ADB

Evaluations

- All

12:30–1:30 p.m.

Lunch

Venue: Elephant Hall, 1st Floor

Afternoon

Networking