

Preparing for the New Climate
Agreement: Mitigation, Adaptation,
Technology and Finance with a Gender
Perspective

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INTRODUCTION

- Impacts of climate change pose a challenge to people's access to basic needs and natural resources
- Linkage between climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction
- Climate-related disasters affect all but what are the gender differences on the effects of these events?
- Men and women experience risks differently

- Benefits of mainstreaming gender in climate change :increased awareness, improved capacity, sensitivity to traditional knowledge, risk reduction

- Women are more vulnerable to impacts of climate change and disasters due to various reasons: poverty levels, lack of awareness, extent of involvement in productive sectors that are climate sensitive
- Gender is a cross-cutting issue in all sectors

NATIONAL LEVEL

- Vulnerability assessments of climate change impacts on critical sectors of the economy
- About 52% women in agriculture labour force and produce 70% of subsistence farming
- Traditional fisheries processing and marketing is mainly by women
- 70% of people living in rural communities do not have access to potable water

- Women and children travel over long distances for water
- Charcoal and fuelwood account for 93% of energy for cooking
- Development of national adaptation strategy with a gender perspective

INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

- Improvement in the inclusion of gender issues in LCA negotiating texts with respect to adaptation and mitigation
- Gaps with respect to technology transfer and finance which needs to be addressed