The Environment and Gender Index (EGI)

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Environment & Gender Index

• The first monitoring and accountability mechanism of its kind, the EGI brings together gender and environment variables

• Pilot phase scored and ranked 73 countries along 27 dimensions in six categories
Methodology

- Development of a composite index
  - Country selection
  - Index-ready data
  - Weighting scheme

- Overall score based on weighted averages of the 6 categories from 0-100 scale

- Pre-audit by European Commission's Joint Research Center
The EGI Framework

**GENDER BASED RIGHTS + PARTICIPATION**
- Equal legal rights
- Women in COP delegations
- Women in policy-making positions
- CEDAW ratification
- Women managers

**LIVELIHOOD**
- Less poverty
- Food adequacy
- Improved water
- Fewer women with anemia
- Improved sanitation
- Less solid fuel use

**ECOSYSTEM**
- Biodiversity preservation
- Critical habitat preservation
- Higher quality forests

**COUNTRY REPORTED ACTIVITIES**
- Inclusion of gender in UNFCCC reports
- Inclusion of gender in UNCCD reports
- Inclusion of gender in CBD reports
- Inclusion of sustainable development topics in CEDAW reports

**GENDER BASED EDUCATION + ASSETS**
- Women with bank accounts
- Access to agricultural land
- Female post primary education
- Access to credit
- Access to property
- Female literacy

**GOVERNANCE**
- Civil liberties
- Political stability
- Property rights
Country-Reported Activities on Gender and Environment UNFCCC-UNCCD-CBD-CEDAW

PILOT DATASETS

Global GEF Projects Before/After Gender Policy

Women Ministers of Environment and Environment-Related Ministries

Women Delegates to COPs
Women's participation in environmental decision making

Gender policies at the national level (agriculture, fishery, forest, energy, water)

Gender focal point systems in the environment sector

Women's participation in finance mechanisms

Gender in INDC's, NAMAS and LEDs

NEW DATASETS
Women's Participation in Environmental Decision-Making

- Deepen understanding of a broad finding from the 2013 pilot phase of the EGI—that women have less access to environmental decision-making spheres at all levels.

- In 6 out of the 9 decision-making processes analyzed, women represent less than one-third of decision makers.

- Covered all the countries in the world.
Women's Participation in The Rio Conventions

![Graph showing women's participation](image)

- **Government Delegates**: 38% (CBD COP12 (2014)), 26% (UNCCD COP11 (2013)), 36% (UNFCCC COP20 (2014))
- **Bureau Members**: 45% (CBD COP12 (2014)), 15% (UNCCD COP11 (2013)), 27% (UNFCCC COP20 (2014))
- **NGO Representatives**: 47% (CBD COP12 (2014)), 48% (UNCCD COP11 (2013)), 45% (UNFCCC COP20 (2014))

% of Women
Heads of National Environmental-Sector Ministries

- Women: 12%
- Men: 88%
Nationally Elected Green Party Leaders

• In nineteen countries, women’s roles in leadership positions within the Green Party provide the opportunity for women to influence policy frameworks and be at the forefront of bringing environmental issues—a Green Party priority—to national political agendas.
Energy Sector

• 10.6% of Ministers in energy-sector ministries are women (Ministries of Energy, Transportation, Public Works, Utilities, Petroleum/Oil/Hydrocarbons, and Mines, depending on the nation and the responsibilities of each ministry)

• This is 2015 data from the 193 UN Member States, including 245 total ministries
World Energy Council (WEC) Leadership

WORLD ENERGY COUNCIL CHAIRS

- Men: 24
- Women: For every 1

WORLD ENERGY COUNCIL SECRETARIES

- Women: 18%
- Men: 82%
Forest Sector

- 1.2 billion people depend on agro-forestry farming and forest resources

- At least 50% of these are women

- The views and realities of these 600 million women should be reflected and represented throughout every aspect of the forest sector
Focal Points to the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF)

- Women: 24%
- Men: 76%
Gender Focal Points in National Forestry Institutions

N=65

- 74% With gender focal point
- 26% No gender focal point
REDD+ in 45 Countries

- 37 countries say women are key stakeholders
- 6 countries say women are agents of change
- 33 countries include women as beneficiaries of REDD+®
- 17 countries have gender indicators or sex disaggregated data
- 20 countries include gender specific activities
- 11 countries allocate money to gender activities
- 792 Women
- 460 Equity
- 435 Gender
- 72 Men
- 52 Women
- 19 Male
- 16 Sex
- 11 Boy
- 6 Girl
- 56 Female
- 31 Equality
Participation of Women on Climate Finance Mechanism Boards

- Global Environment Facility: 25%
- Green Climate Fund: 15%
- Climate Investment Fund: 26%
- Climate Development Mechanism: 11%
- Adaptation Fund: 34%
National Focal Points of the Global Environment Facility (GEF)

Although the GEF adopted a policy to ensure equitable participation of women in GEF projects, women represent less than 1/3 of the 304 national focal points.
Gender Focal Points and Policies in Environmental Ministries

- In collaboration with UN Women dataset assessing how gender considerations are being included in environmental sector ministries

**Topic 1** Gender focal points in environmental ministries

**Topic 2** Gender policies and programmes in environmental ministries

**Topic 3** Environmental linkages in/with national women’s mechanisms
Topic 1: Gender Focal Points in Environmental Ministries

• **35%** of all environmental sector ministries **have a gender focal point**

• **Ministries of agriculture** are the most common ministry to have a gender focal point (**57%**)

• **Ministries of water** are the least common ministry to have a gender focal point (**22%**).
Topic 2: Gender Policies and Programmes in Environmental Ministries

- 25% of ministries formal gender policy
- 38% of ministries include gender considerations in their policies or programmes
- Most common ministries to have gender policy are **agriculture** and **environment** (42%); the least common are **energy** and **fisheries** (12%)
Topic 3: Environmental Linkages with Women’s Mechanisms

- 63% of countries perform cross-ministerial work between the women’s mechanism and environmental ministries

- Women’s affairs mechanisms most commonly work with ministries of agriculture

- 32% of countries have an environmental focal point within the women’s mechanism
Gender in INDCs

N=140 INDCs from 167 Parties, November 18, 2015

39%
Of the INDCs submitted as of 11/18/15, 39% explicitly mention “gender” and / or “women” in the context of their national priorities and ambitions for reducing emissions.
Gender in INDCs

17% of GHG emissions from 2012 were emitted by the 55 Parties that mention gender in their 2015 INDC;

83% of emissions were from all other Parties.

*As per the 2012 baseline from WRI’s CAIT Climate Data Explorer Tool.
Progressive trend of mentions of “women” and “gender” in mitigation activities.
Future of the EGI

• Next full phase in 2016

• New categories and datasets are currently being collected to expand the EGI framework

• The EGI is becoming global, including all 193 UN Member States

• An accountability mechanisms for the SDGs
THANK YOU

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