



SEVENTH SHARING & LEARNING SEMINAR

Gender and Adaptation to Climate Change

26 August 2011, 08:30 - 13:00 hours
Siam City Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand



Gender is a neglected dimension of efforts to mainstream adaptation to climate change into development. This is despite clear evidence that vulnerabilities to extreme climatic events and effects of poverty reduction and other development interventions often exhibit strong gender differences. Access to key financial, technical and social resources that could make women's livelihoods more resilient are often constrained by gender relations. At the same time women are not passive recipients of the roles and circumstances in which they find themselves. A better understanding of the strategies used by women and men to cope and adapt could inform adaptation interventions so they contribute more to addressing inequalities in development. We anticipate that such analyses will need to pay attention to other intersecting dimensions of social difference such as socio-economic class, ethnicity and ecological or natural resource contexts.

Despite this growing awareness of gender issues in development, the road to integrating gender-responsive dimensions into climate adaptation strategies remains unclear. This seminar aims to take these discussions a step further by interrogating the usefulness of 'gender' in climate change adaptation practices.





Expected Outcomes

- Awareness of gender-related differences in potential impacts of, and vulnerabilities to, climate change, and their underlying causes
- Identification of main gaps, needs and lessons for policy processes initiating gender-responsive Climate Change Adaptation programmes and strategies
- Improved ideas on how to incorporate gender into climate change adaptation practices

Output

The main output of the seminar will be a synthesis report summarizing discussion points and take-home messages.

Target Audience

The Seminar is targeted to policy and decision-makers, practitioners, researchers working in the fields of climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction, gender issues and development.



PROVISIONAL AGENDA

08.30-09.00	Registration	
09.00-09.10	Welcome	Daisuke Sano , Director, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) Regional Center, Thailand
09.10-09.40	Gender-related differences in vulnerabilities and adaptation to climate change: impacts and causes	Deepa Bharathi , Regional Programme Manager – Migration Programme, UN Women East and Southeast Asia Regional Office, Thailand Babette P. Resurreccion , Associate Professor, Gender and Development Studies, School of Environment, Resources and Development, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand
0.40-09.45	Q&A	
10.00-10.15	Keynote Address	Aban Marker Kabraji , Regional Director, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Asia Regional Office, Thailand
10.15-10.30	Refreshment Break	
10.30-11.00	Gender responsive climate change adaptation practices: good examples and lessons learnt	Bruce Raveslout , Senior Adaptation Advisor Asia, CARE International Asia, Thailand Duangasuda Mueangwong , Social Development Specialist and Head of the Group for the Promotion of Gender Integration, Gender Equality Promotion Bureau, Office of Women's Affairs and Family Development, Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, Thailand Jonathan Shott , Project Manager and Disaster Management Consultant, Sustainable Development Foundation (SDF), Thailand
11.05-11.20	Q&A	
11.20-11.50	Gender responsive climate change adaptation policies and policy processes: challenges at national, regional and international levels	Sylvia Ordenez , Executive Director, Center for Asia-Pacific Women in Politics (CAPWIP), Philippines Lucy Wanjiru , Programme Specialist, Gender Team, UNDP New York, U.S.A
11.55-12.10	Q&A	
12.15-12.45	Facilitated Group Discussions: Facilitator: Sophoan Phean , Regional Policy Advisor, East Asia Regional Office, Oxfam America, Cambodia • What are potential traps and pitfalls in efforts to integrate concerns with gender in climate change adaptation initiatives? • What are some specific, highly innovative ways, through which adaptation related activities could help transform gender relations in development?	
12.45-12.55	Synthesis	Ulamila Kurai Wragg , Women Delegates Fund member, Cook Islands
12.55-13.00	Thank you & Announcements	Roopa Rakshit , AIT-UNEP Regional Resource Centre for Asia and the Pacific (RRC.AP), Thailand
13.00	Lunch	

Please note the logistic details:

Date : Friday, 26 August 2011

Time : 08.30 – 13.00 hrs

Venue: Kamonthip 3, Siam City Hotel, 477 Si Ayuthaya Road (BTS: Phaya Thai)

All participants are invited to join the lunch at 13.00

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