

CTCN Gender Consideration in a Snapshot – As of 17 July 2017

Background

Gender considerations are referenced in numerous Conference of Parties decisions referring to the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) and its Advisory Board. An example of these references can be found in the description of the CTCN's mission from Decision 2/CP.17 - Outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention: Annex VII – Terms of Reference of the Climate Technology Centre and Network:

*“The mission of the Climate Technology Centre and Network is to stimulate technology cooperation and to enhance the development and transfer of technologies and to assist developing country Parties at their request, consistent with their respective capabilities and national circumstances and priorities, in order to build or strengthen their capacity to identify technology needs, **to facilitate the preparation and implementation of technology projects and strategies taking into account gender considerations to support action on mitigation and adaptation and enhance low emissions and climate-resilient development.**”*

As such the CTCN has undertaken various steps to incorporate gender considerations in its operations and delivery of services. During Advisory Board meeting 7, a “Note on CTCN Technology and Gender Mainstreaming” was delivered in order to provide an overview of the COP's guidance regarding the CTCN and gender, as well as an update on current activities and findings related to CTCN's efforts to mainstream gender in its work. This Snapshot follows up on that overview, with an account of CTCN gender-related activities during 2016-July 2017. Future Gender Snapshots will follow the standard pattern of reporting on the period from the last Advisory Board meeting to the next.

The United Nations defines **gender mainstreaming** as the process of assessing the implications for women and men of any planned action, including legislation, policies or programmes, in all areas and at all levels. It is a strategy for making women's as well as men's concerns and experiences an integral dimension of the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes in all political, economic and societal spheres so that women and men benefit equally and inequality is not perpetuated.

Gender mainstreaming coordination

The CTCN appointed a Gender Mainstreaming Focal Point from among its manager-level staff in 2016. The Focal Point coordinates CTCN's gender mainstreaming activities in alignment with the UNFCCC, UN Environment and UNIDO gender guidance. In 2017, a gender analysis of the CTCN, its functions, activities, and main stakeholders was conducted; and recommendations were made to

enable the CTCN to implement a more comprehensive and consistent gender mainstreaming strategy. Several of these recommendations are currently being implemented by the Centre.

Technical Assistance

CTCN Gender Mainstreaming Tool

An initial gender mainstreaming guideline has been developed to guide the development of CTCN response plans. It applies to the design, implementation and monitoring of technical assistance. The document is available at <https://www.ctc-n.org/resources/ctcn-gender-mainstreaming-tool-english>.

Gender finance

The CTCN’s co-host, UN Environment, provides specific guidance on use of financial resources for gender mainstreaming actions its *Policy and Strategy for Gender Equality and the Environment 2014-2017*, in which it states that its initiatives

“will allocate **not less than 1 per cent** of programme and operations funds to gender mainstreaming actions and, where appropriate, at least 1 per cent of project funds.”

In adherence to this guidance, 1% of the total budget for each technical assistance is expected to be allocated to gender mainstreaming. This may take the form of conducting gender assessments, performing gender analysis, monitoring and evaluation, etc.

Knowledge sharing & outreach

CTCN web portal

A brief description of how each technical assistance (TA) has been considered in terms of gender is now prepared for those TAs in which there is substantive consideration and is included in the summary of each TA page. For an example, please see: <https://www.ctc-n.org/technical-assistance/projects/workforce-development-strategy-antigua-and-barbuda-s-priority-energy>.

In addition, the CTCN web portal now offers a Gender hub which provides over 300 relevant information resources (publications, webinars, etc.). Please see: <https://www.ctc-n.org/technology-sectors/gender/publications>.

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Women commonly face higher risks and greater burdens from the impacts of climate change in situations of poverty, and their needs must therefore be addressed to ensure efficient and equitable climate mitigation and adaptation. Including women in climate decision-making allows for more efficient planning as women are best equipped to understand the impact they are experiencing themselves. As technology is not gender neutral, working with climate technologies requires that consideration be taken to ensure that women are not excluded, neither from the decision-making processes, access to the technology itself, or the final advantages provided by the technology. Below you will find related publications, partners, CTCN technical assistance, technologies and other information for exploring this topic further.

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Publications

[Weathering the storm: adolescent girls and climate change](#)
 Type: Publication Publication date: Wednesday 1 June 2011
 Objective: Adaptation Approach: Gender
 Analysing how and why climate change disproportionately affects adolescent girls, this report seeks to inform decision-makers and policy analysts in countries facing the pressures of climate change about the way forward. Using evidence collected from Ethiopia and

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Participation in gender related meetings organized by the UNFCCC (2016-2017)

The CTCN has participated and reported on its gender mainstreaming activities in the following UNFCCC meetings:

UNFCCC Secretariat (Sept 2016):

- The CTCN participate in an inter-agency Knowledge Exchange Dialogues organized by the UNFCCC secretariat and UN Women.

COP22 (Nov 2016):

- The CTCN provided an update on its gender mainstreaming work during a “Feedback session on the secretariat's work to support the implementation of the Lima Work Programme on Gender”.

SBI 46 (May 2017):

- The CTCN participated in the “In-session workshop on the development of a gender action plan under the UNFCCC”



Outreach/Collaboration with the UNFCCC Women and Gender Constituency and other gender organizations

The CTCN engages with the Women and Gender Constituency, a stakeholder group of the UNFCCC, in order to provide updates on the Centre’s general operations and gender mainstreaming work in particular; to receive input from the Constituency on its priorities; and to generate awareness about CTCN technical assistance, capacity building and Network opportunities for the member organizations of the Constituency. In 2016 through mid-2017, the CTCN and the Constituency engaged in the following:

- The CTCN met with Constituency members and presented on the CTCN’s progress during COP21, COP22, and SBI 46
- The CTCN was invited to serve on the Gender Just Climate Solutions Awards presentation panel at COP21
- A member of the Women and Gender Constituency participated in the 9th CTCN Advisory Board meeting as an observer
- The Constituency and the CTCN are currently collaborating on highlighting climate solutions which are considered to be gender just. This collaboration plans to culminate in a collection of gender-just examples to be shared on the websites of both the Constituency and the

CTCN, as well as an event/workshop to be held at COP23 for broader knowledge dissemination.

The CTCN has also conducted direct outreach with organizations focused on climate and gender, and participated in relevant meetings organized by such organizations. For example, the CTCN participated in the opening plenary session of the Global Gender and Climate Alliance (GGCA) Innovation Forum: Alliance Building, Advocacy and Action on Gender and Climate Change in November 2016.

Network

The Climate Technology Network currently has 28 members out of 341 with demonstrated gender expertise. Work is on-going to generate awareness among climate and gender organizations of Network membership opportunities.

Advisory Board representation

COP guidance specifies that:

“Groups or constituencies are encouraged to nominate the government representatives to the Board, with a view to achieving an appropriate balance of expertise relevant to the development and transfer of technologies for adaptation and mitigation, taking into account the need to achieve **gender** balance in accordance with decisions 36/CP.7 and 23/CP.18.” (Annex II Rules of procedure of the Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network, Decision 25/CP.19 - Modalities and procedures of the Climate Technology Centre and Network and its Advisory Board)

The CTCN Advisory Board is currently comprised of 6 women and 17 men. Though this distribution of 26% female and 74% male members is not a gender balance, it represents an improvement over previous CTCN Board compositions.

