

CTCN Gender Snapshot

Context

Gender considerations are referenced in numerous Conference of Parties decisions referring to the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) and its Advisory Board. The CTCN utilizes its Gender Policy and Action Plan as well as the UNFCCC Gender Action Plan adopted at COP23 to guide its operations and services in this area.

Technical assistance

Gender mainstreaming in the Technical Assistance process:

For technical assistance requests, the CTCN Gender Policy and Action Plan indicates that gender considerations should be included in the request as well as reflected in prioritization criteria. The CTCN Gender Mainstreaming Tool is utilized during response plan development to ensure that a description of how gender is integrated into the assistance and the anticipated gender benefits is provided. Throughout the process, the CTCN Secretariat makes available support and best practise examples of gender mainstreaming. Furthermore, the CTCN will allocate at least 1% of the budget and resources for technical assistances to explicitly target gender mainstreaming.

Mainstreaming Gender into West Africa’s Energy Sector



The CTCN technical assistance on “mainstreaming gender for a climate-resilient energy system in the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)”, supported by the Private Financing Advisory Network (PFAN) and the ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE), has completed successfully.

As part of the assistance, women-led sustainable energy enterprises from West Africa received coaching for the development of financially, socially and environmentally sustainable business plans. A business plan competition saw four of the women entrepreneurs pitch the up scaling and financing of their projects, which ranged from rural electrification in Senegal to a waste-to-energy solution in Sierra Leone. The technical assistance also supported a training workshop for organisations as well as gender focal points within relevant Ministries in the ECOWAS countries focused on the integration of gender dimensions in all phases of

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Sustainable energy entrepreneurs present their business plans during a CTCN-PFAN event, which was supported by UNIDO’s Director General Li Yong and REEEP’s Director General Martin Hiller

energy projects in order to strengthen the local capacity to operationalize the 2016 ECOWAS Policy for Gender Mainstreaming in Energy Access.

Knowledge sharing & outreach

CTCN online gender resources: The CTCN works to increase women and men’s access to knowledge and information on gender and climate technology through collaboration with Network members and Knowledge partners on gathering, generating and disseminating information resources, tools, webinars and best practise examples through the CTCN Gender Hub on the website: www.ctc-n.org/technology-sectors/gender. The Hub currently contains more than 400 resources.

Gender and Waste Management



Objective:
Mitigation

Sectors:
Waste management

Approach:
Gender

CTCN Keyword Matches:
Gender, Gender mainstreaming

Why gender perspectives need to be incorporated into waste management

Source: [UN Environment's International Environment Technology Centre](#)

1. Waste is not necessarily a gender neutral concept

Given household responsibility (such as cooking, cleaning, laundry and family health) in many societies, women and men may have different perceptions and views of what is waste and what is not. For example, what looks like dirt to men could be compost or fertilizer to women. When launching a waste management project, it may be necessary to develop a locally valid classification of waste, taking into account different view of women and men regarding what materials are considered waste and what categories of waste are in use in local discourse and practice.

An example of an information resource found on the ctc-n.org Gender Hub

Participation in gender-related meetings and events

During SB48, the CTCN was requested to present its efforts to mainstream gender and its collaboration with the Women and Gender Constituency as an example of the integration of gender considerations during the Gender Dialogue with Chairs of Constituted Bodies.

Network & Capacity Building

Gender expertise among Network members

The CTCN has grown its network of organizations with gender expertise and is actively seeking partnerships with organizations experienced in gender and climate. The Climate Technology Network currently has 37 members out of 448 with demonstrated gender expertise. The CTCN has conducted outreach to Network members to inform about the knowledge resources within the online CTCN Gender Hub.

Advisory Board representation

COP guidance specifies that nominations to the CTCN Advisory Board are encouraged to reflect 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**.

The CTCN Advisory Board is currently comprised of 8 women and 15 men, a gender distribution of 35% female and 65% male members. This composition represents an increase of 10% in female members since AB11 and marks an improvement in terms of gender balance of the CTCN Board.