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Women and the environment:

‘Women and the environment’ is one of the 12 critical areas of concern identified by the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action

- SDG 5 on gender equality
- SDG 13 on climate action
Gender and climate change in Central Asia

Central Asia is prone to natural disasters:

- Natural disasters cost Central Asia $10 billion a year, affecting 3 million people in the region every year
- Women are disproportionately affected by climate change compared to men
- However, women are left out of national and global climate negotiating bodies
Introduction of gender issues in disaster risk strategies

Promotion of the use of green technologies

Prioritization of women's participation in agriculture and use of renewable energy sources

SPECA countries have taken steps toward a more sustainable development
The way forward

SPECA countries must:

- Strengthen women’s participation in climate change decision-making
- Address gender inequality in climate-change policies and programmes
- Empower women to take action and assume leadership roles
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