Annual Meeting of the SPECA Thematic Group on Gender and SDGs

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Content

- Gender equality in the context of Intergovernmental Processes of the IPCC
- UNECE’s activities in the SPECA region to strengthen women’s economic autonomy in the context of the climate crisis
- Group Discussion: Challenges and opportunities in paving the way forward
In the **Paris Agreement (1/CP.21)**:
- Parties acknowledge that, "when taking action to address climate change, respect, promote and consider... gender equality, empowerment of women and intergenerational equity."
- Parties have focused on two goals under the dedicated gender and climate change agenda item:
  - Improving gender balance and increasing the participation of women in all UNFCCC processes
  - Increasing awareness and support for gender-responsive climate policy and action

5-year enhanced Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan adopted during **COP25**.

At **COP27** key discussion topics include:
- Women at The Center of Planning & Response
- Women Livelihood Within Just Transition
- Women and Climate Change Finance
UNECE’s activities in the SPECA region to strengthen women’s economic autonomy in the context of the climate crisis: key highlights

- **Energy transition and the post-COVID-19 socioeconomic recovery** – role of women and impact on them: publication due in December 2022
- The 1999 UNECE/World Health Organization Protocol on Water and Health places specific emphasis on equitable access to water and sanitation
  - **Equitable Access Score-card**: supporting policy processes to achieve the human right to water and sanitation for all
- UNECE/FAO joint publication “**Forest Sector Workforce in the UNECE Region**: Overview of the Social and Economic Trends with Impact on the Forest Sector”
UNECE’s activities to strengthen women’s economic autonomy in the context of the climate crisis: EPRs in SPECA countries

- Gender mainstreaming in the Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Programme – Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

Source: UNECE map of EPR reviewed countries
UNECE’s activities to strengthen women’s economic autonomy in the context of the climate crisis in the Pan-European region

- The Gender Responsive Standards Initiative from the Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies (WP.6):
  - Integrating a gender lens in the development of standards and regulations.
  - Ensuring active participation of women in the standards development process.
  - Guidance on Gender-Responsive Standards finalized this year.

- Guidelines on the promotion of green jobs in forestry

- Capacity building activities: Supporting gender-responsive environmental policies at the local level
Group Discussion: Challenges and opportunities in paving the way forward

- Challenges in integrating gender equality and inclusivity in environmental policies in the SPECA region
- Ways to champion participation and leadership of women and girls in shaping climate solutions in the SPECA region in view of the ongoing COP27
- Best practice examples from projects and investments in the SPECA region to achieve SDG 5 and advancing environmental sustainability
Thank you!

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