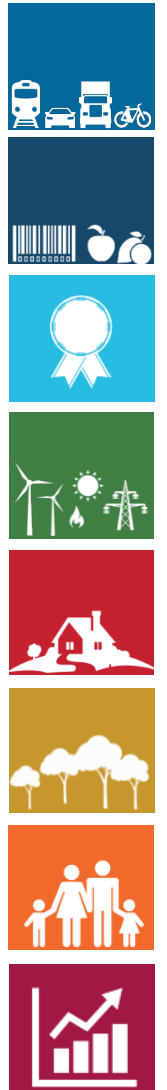




Gender mainstreaming in the UNECE Environmental Performance Review Programme

Geneva, 2024





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Gender mainstreaming in the EPR process

ENVIRONMENT

- Representation of women
 - Appointment of EPR national coordinators
 - Composition of international expert teams visiting beneficiary countries
 - Invited reviewers
 - National and international contributors
 - Designation of experts to the UNECE Expert Group on EPRs



EPR Expert Review: EPR of Mauritania



Team Members:
EPR of Mauritania



Gender mainstreaming in the EPR process

ENVIRONMENT

- International expert teams visiting beneficiary countries, illustration



Team Members: 2nd EPR of Armenia



Team Members: 3rd EPR of Kyrgyzstan



Team Members: 4th EPR of Tajikistan



Team Members: 3rd EPR of Azerbaijan



Gender mainstreaming in the EPR process

ENVIRONMENT

- Peer-learning workshops

Participation of men and women in the peer-learning workshops in 2023

Workshop theme	Date	Total participants / female participants
Workshop on waste management: Policies and practices on the basis of UNECE Environmental Performance Reviews https://unece.org/info/Environmental-Policy/Environmental-Performance-Reviews/events/383530	19 - 20 Sep	13/10
Workshop on climate change policy development: Policies and practices on the basis of UNECE Environmental Performance Reviews https://unece.org/environmental-policy/events/workshop-climate-change-policy-development-policies-and-practices-basis	2-3 Oct	12/9
Workshop on disaster risk reduction: Policies and practices on the basis of UNECE Environmental Performance Reviews https://unece.org/info/events/event/383533	16-17 Oct	17/6

Gender mainstreaming in reviews

ENVIRONMENT



The Minister of Environment of Mauritania, 28th Session of the UNECE Committee on Environmental Policy, Geneva, 1 – 3 November 2023

- Introductory sections of latest EPRs
 - Ratification of Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)
 - National legislation on gender equality
 - Political representation
 - Gender equality in education
 - Gender equality indexes (e.g., UNDP)
- Disaggregated data & studies on environmental exposure & health impacts
- EPR Recommendations



- Sustainable Development Goals

GOAL 4: QUALITY EDUCATION

TARGET 4>A

BUILD AND UPGRADE INCLUSIVE AND SAFE SCHOOLS

GOAL 5: GENDER EQUALITY

TARGET 5>A

EQUAL RIGHTS TO ECONOMIC RESOURCES, PROPERTY OWNERSHIP AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

GOAL 6: CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

TARGET 6-2

END OPEN DEFECATION AND PROVIDE ACCESS TO SANITATION AND HYGIENE



ENVIRONMENT

- Water and sanitation
 - Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, North Macedonia, Uzbekistan
- Access to land and finance
 - Kazakhstan, Mauritania, Morocco
- Access to energy
 - Uzbekistan, Tajikistan
- Gender responsive environmental risk management
 - Azerbaijan, Tajikistan
- Gender & environment data
 - Uzbekistan, Armenia



Environmental Reference Laboratory, Environmental Agency Republic of Moldova, 2022



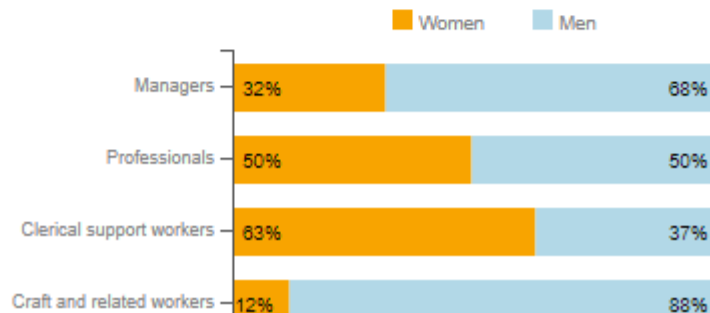
Education for Sustainable Development, Georgia, 2022

ENVIRONMENT



Women in the labour force, 2021 percentage of total for both sexes	47%
Gender pay gap monthly earnings, 2018	14%
hourly wage, 2022	18%
Women in part-time employment, 2021 percentage of employed women	62%
Female tertiary students, 2020 percentage of total for both sexes	51%
Female victims of homicide, 2021 percentage of total for both sexes	47%
Women researchers, 2019 percentage of total for both sexes	36%

Women and men in selected occupation groups, 2021



- Lack of gender disaggregated data on environmental issues
- Provision of recommendations (positive examples: Tajikistan – gender responsive environmental risk management; Uzbekistan – gender & environment data collection, and water and sanitation; Armenia – gender & environment data collection; Kyrgyzstan – gender in industry policies)
- ‘Partial’ impact of EPRs contributing to the application of gender mainstreaming principles



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- Although there are some limitations, overall, EPRs are a good example of gender mainstreaming in environmental policies and strategies
 - Gender mainstreaming is progressive in both procedural aspects and substantive content of the reviews
 - The incorporation of gender aspects is positive given that EPRs are not per se tools to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women
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Introduction

Environmental degradation has gendered impacts that need to be properly assessed and monitored to understand and subsequently adopt gender-responsive strategies and policies. While designing these, it is essential that measures targeting gender equality and women's empowerment be adequately formulated and mainstreamed. Gender norms can affect the impact that people can have on the environment, and there is still a lack of women in decision-making and leadership positions regarding environmental matters.



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In focus



Gender mainstreaming is one of the cross-sectoral activities in the Environment Division. The **Committee on Environmental Policy (CEP)** has recognized the importance of gender mainstreaming in environmental policies and strategies and, therefore, updates on gender-related activities by the Environment Division are regularly presented at the sessions of CEP.

09 February 2022

[Experience Sharing Workshop: Integration of Gender Aspects into Environmental Policies in the Western Balkan region](#)

Highlights

The Environment Division under the UNECE Gender Equality Action Plan (GAP) 2020 includes environmental intergovernmental cooperation (CEP), the governing body of the environmental agreement on **Environmental Migration, Transport, Health and Environment**, the Steering Committee on **Development, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** and the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** implementation.

30 September 2021

[Training on Integration of Gender Aspects into Environmental Policies of Local Governments in Serbia](#)

10 May 2021

[Transport, Health and Environment: The Gender Perspective](#)

28 January 2021

[Methods and Tools for Integration of Gender Aspects into Environmental Policies](#)

27 November 2020

[Online training on integration of gender aspects into environmental policies](#)

09 September 2020

[Webinar on Gender Mainstreaming in Environmental Policies and Strategies](#)

Experience Sharing Workshop: Integration of Gender Aspects into Environmental Policies in the Western Balkan region

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Countries have been increasingly adopting provisions on gender equality covering climate change and environmental policies. In light of these developments, this event is targeted at national ministries and agencies in charge of

environment or gender equality, as well as gender focal points under the UNFCCC in the Western Balkan subregion to support them in integrating a gender perspective into environmental policies.

The main objective of the workshop is to start a process of sharing experiences and discussing challenges and opportunities on gender equality policy frameworks and practical approaches to gender mainstreaming in environmental policy amongst national institutions. Moreover, possibilities for collaboration in joint projects will be explored.

The event is part of a series of workshops on gender mainstreaming in environmental policies supported by the UNECE Environment Division.

Programme

9:30 Welcoming words from Mr Marco Keiner, Director of Environment Division, UNECE
Moderated by Ms Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, Regional Advisor, Environment Division, UNECE

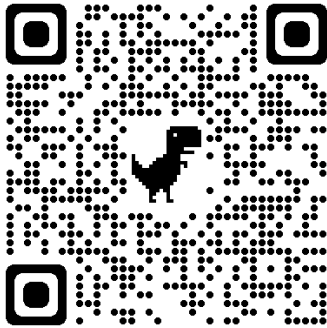
9:40 Current situation in the field of gender mainstreaming in environmental policy, trends, challenges, and good examples at national levels, *Ms Gotelind Alber, UNECE Consultant* [PDF](#)

10:00 Recent developments in the participating countries on gender mainstreaming and environment, and expectations for the workshop (each country – 7 min presentation)

- *Ms Ornela Çuçi, Vice Minister for Tourism and Environment, Albania* [PDF](#)
- *Ms Nada Mlinar, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, Bosnia and Herzegovina*



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Environmental Performance Reviews

Introduction

An Environmental Performance Review (EPR) is an assessment of the progress a country has made in reconciling its environmental and economic targets and in meeting its international environmental commitments. The EPR Programme assists and supports ECE member countries in improving their environmental management and performance; promotes information exchange on policies and experiences among countries; helps in the integration of the environmental policies into economic sectors; promotes greater accountability to the public; strengthens cooperation with the international community; and contributes to the achievement and monitoring of relevant Sustainable Development Goals.



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In focus



South and Triangular Cooperation for Sustainable Development.

Since 2017 all EPRs integrate goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The article [Integrating SDGs into Environmental Performance Reviews at the SDG Knowledge Hub portal](#) describes lessons learned from the integration exercise in 2017-2019. In 2018, EPRs feature as good practice example [in UNOSSC publication 'Good Practices in South-](#)



 <https://unece.org/environment-policy/environmental-performance-reviews>

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