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Concept Note

Climate Change, Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women



Tuesday, 3 October 2023



14:00 – 15:00



Room XXV, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Overview:

Increasing and interlinked climate and environmental change are affecting humans and nature alike, resulting in uneven suffering and profound injustices, particularly affecting vulnerable communities, with a deeper impact on rural, indigenous, and migrant women and girls. The impacts of climate change disproportionately affect women and girls, intensifying their vulnerability due to pre-existing inequalities, which, combined with climate-induced disasters pose a further challenge to vulnerable communities.

Recognizing the critical linkage between climate change, gender equality, and the empowerment of women, the side event will be conducted by the UAE Permanent Mission in Geneva, General Secretariat of League of Arab States and UN Women Office in Abu Dhabi, with the participation of OHCHR, UN Women and UNEP and CEDAW. In this event, experts will meet together to discuss and explore strategies to address the impacts of the climate crisis while ensuring that gender equality and empowerment of women are incorporated.

Objectives:

- ▶ Examine the interrelationship between climate change, and the empowerment of women, paying particular attention to the disproportionate impact on women and girls in affected regions.
- ▶ Explore increased climate and environmental change and ways to build resilience and adapt to climate shocks, ensuring the inclusion of women and vulnerable communities in climate response efforts.
- ▶ Explore the role of the UN bodies to formulate actionable recommendations to influence global climate policies and actions that address the intersection of climate change, gender equality, and women's empowerment. Formulate actionable recommendations to influence global climate policies and actions that address the intersection of climate change and women's empowerment.

Format:

The side event will be organized as a one-hour event featuring a series of presentations and an interactive session, and it will be moderated by a subject matter expert with experience in gender equality, empowerment of women, and climate change issues. It will serve as a platform for collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and advocacy. by showcasing successful initiatives and discussing innovative strategies. Furthermore, the event aims to inspire and mobilize participants to advance gender equality and resilience in the face of the climate crisis.

Programme

Time	Subject
14:00-14:10 pm	<p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">> H.E Ahmed Aljarman, Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations Office in Geneva> Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh, Assistant Secretary General and Head of the Social Sector at League of Arab States (LAS).> Dr. Mouza Al Shehhi, Director of the UN Women-UAE Liaison Office for the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).
14:10-14:50 PM	<p>Panel:</p> <p>Panel Discussion: Examining the Interrelationship between Climate Change, gender equality and empowerment of women.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Bassant Adly, Expert, Women's Department League of the Arab State</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Ms. Nahla Haidar, Member of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)> Mr. Todd Howland, Chief of the Development, Economic, and Social Rights Branch (OHCHR).> Ms. Osnat Lubrani, UN Women Director Humanitarian Section and Head Geneva Office, UN Women.> Ms. Marianna Bolshakova, Regional Coordinator, Environmental Law and Governance, UNEP
14:50-15:00 PM	<p>Q&A Session from the Audience</p>

■ Interpretation:

Interpretation services in Arabic, English and French will be available.

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