



# Brief on Egypt's Global Perspective: Women, Environment, and Climate Change

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**JUST ENVIRONMENTAL  
TRANSITION FOR WOMEN,  
WIN WIN FOR ALL**

# Introduction

## WHY WOMEN

Gobally



- women's unequal access to resources, land, technology, education and literacy, job opportunities, leadership positions
- the different forms of violence against women (VAW)
- disproportionate burden of caregiving .
- COVID-19 outbreak, exacerbated women's situation in facing the effects of climate change
- highly dependent in many societies on local natural resources for their livelihood.
- environmental disasters affect women's access to essential reproductive health tools and also to Violence Against Women services.
- the majority of those living globally in poverty.
- mostly in charge of using and managing household resources.
- underrepresented on the decision-making processes.

## HOWEVER,

Women are

**Crucial  
players,  
Agents of  
change,  
Accelerators  
to  
achieve the  
sustainable  
development  
agenda**

## INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORKS



**BPFA**  
Strategic  
Objective K  
**1995**

**UNFCCC/  
LIMA LWPG  
& Paris  
Agreement**  
**2014/2015**



**THE GLOBAL GOALS**

**UNFCCC/  
COP**  
gender  
equality  
decisions

**2001**

**UNSDGs**  
Goals #5 &  
#13  
**2015**



**Global  
Gender  
Climate  
Alliance**

**2007**

**UNCCD**  
Gender  
Action Plan  
**2017**

**UNCBD**  
Gender  
Action Plan

**2008  
CEDAW**

General  
Recomm.  
#37  
**2018**

# Women, Environment, and Climate Change

Egypt was announced to Host the COP27 in Sharm El-Sheikh November 2022 and a High Committee was formed, headed by H.E. Prime Minister, Dr. Mostafa Madbouly, and with the membership of a group of Ministers – in the context of the Egyptian state’s hosting preparations – and a specific action plan was drawn up as a road map for organizing the preparatory work. In COP27, Egypt is keen to ensure **gender sensitive** perspective is integrated into response and policies and that women’s voices are considered.

**For effective dealing with climate change, women have to be at the core of environmental governance and policy**



## Purpose of Egypt's Global Perspective

1

Setting Egypt's global perspective on the significance of Women & climate change.

2

Catalyzing enhancements to existing adaptation, mitigation, and response mechanisms to integrate women's needs and situation.

3

Introduce suggested actions that will further promote women’s empowerment in environmental governance.

# Women, Environment, and Climate Change

## Women affected segments



- Elderly women, women at reproductive age, and young women.
- Women with disabilities.
- Rural women.
- Poor women and female heads of households.
- Illiterate women.

- Women in informal employment and those working on small-scale agriculture and fishing industries.
- Women living in informal areas and climate prone areas (e.g., coastal areas).

## Areas of Suggested Actions

# Action Areas 7

1. Promote **gender sensitive perspectives** within adaptation, mitigation, and responses.
2. Strengthen **Women's Voice and their Meaningful Participation** in environmental governance.
3. Leverage **opportunities** for women within the just transition to the green economy and green consumption habits and within blue economy in the context of **achieving sustainable development**.
4. Tackle **differential health and social implications** of environmental issues on women.
5. Promote **Educational and Behavioral Change** on women and climate change.
6. Apply women-specific perspectives in **financing** for climate action.
7. Promote **knowledge, data generation and analysis** on women and climate change.

## Actors & Partners

- Government.
- Academia.
- Multilateral and regional partnerships.
- Private sector.
- Civil society organizations .

