



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 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 .**

