Mainstreaming Gender Equality in the NDC Partnership Country Engagement Process

SUMMARY

The NDC Partnership Gender Strategy outlines a process to support countries to mainstream gender equality into climate action and lays the foundation for the development and implementation of gender-responsive Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). The NDC Partnership places high priority on gender equality and women’s empowerment as a means to accelerate climate action and sustainable development and will work collectively to implement the Gender Strategy to develop equal climate-related outcomes for all people. The following infographic provides an overview of how the NDC Partnership integrates gender throughout the five stages of its Country Engagement process.

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THE NDC PARTNERSHIP GENDER STRATEGY

Based on the Gender Strategy, gender equality can be integrated throughout the five stages of the NDC Partnership’s Country Engagement process. Following these steps will support the development of gender-responsive NDC Partnership Plans or other NDC Action Plans, contributing to more equal and impactful climate actions and outcomes.

The NDC Partnership Knowledge & Learning workstream supports gender mainstreaming by mapping members’ technical capacity building resources, programs and knowledge tools, and supporting their uptake across member countries. It also supports access to information on successes, effective practices, and lessons through peer exchanges and insight briefs. These activities will support gender mainstreaming in the Country Engagement and other NDC Partnership processes.

* Higher level opportunities for gender mainstreaming exist for countries that choose to pursue further opportunities to mainstream gender equality in climate action and NDC implementation processes, with additional support of partners. In countries where higher-level opportunities have been identified and governments endorse the approach, members of the Partnership, supported by the scoping lead, will ensure: 1) its implementation as part of the NDC Partnership country engagement process, and 2) the connection with larger NDC enhancement efforts of the country.
**MINIMUM STANDARD**

- Introducing the right questions
- Identifying key gender stakeholders as part of scoping meetings
- Inviting key gender stakeholders (government and non-government)
- Identifying existing gender policies
- Developing new NDC-related gender analyses to inform the Partnership Plan / Investment Plan process
- Identification of gender equality-related NDC implementation needs / gaps to feed into the Request for Support Letter
- Sex-disaggregated data and gender-responsive key performance indicators
- Reflecting identified gender equality needs in the Partnership Plan
- Matchmaking of country needs with partner support
- Building country capacity for gender mainstreaming in NDCs and implementation

**HIGHER LEVEL OPPORTUNITIES**

- Ensuring gender-balanced panels during workshops and speaker line-up
- Engagement of gender expertise from all levels (sectors and subnational)
- Risk assessment and differentiated response strategies
- Budgeting and investment for gender-equal outcomes
- Implementing and Development Partners
- Implementing and Development Partners and Government with Facilitator support
- Surfacing gender equality-related success stories
- Building on gender-responsive NDC planning and implementation for NDC revision
- Tracking progress on gender equality results
As countries mainstream gender equality across the stages of the Country Engagement process, they lay the foundation for developing gender-responsive Partnership Plans or other NDC Action Plans. Gender-responsive plans generally reflect advancements in the following five areas.

**KEY AREAS OF GENDER-RESPONSIVENESS IN PARTNERSHIP PLANS, INVESTMENT PLANS OR OTHER NDC ACTION PLANS**

1. **Use of Gender Analysis**
2. **Use of Sex-disaggregated and Gender Indicators**
3. **Gender Stakeholders Responsible for Actions**
4. **Budget Allocation to Support Gender Actions**
5. **Coherence in Approach from Outcomes to Indicators**

**DEGREES OF GENDER-RESPONSIVENESS**

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