

Status of implementation of the recommendations

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To GCF Management/Executive Director

3.1 Build the capacity of GCF staff to provide oversight and technical assistance, including to GCF accredited entities on the integration of gender considerations in all stages of programme/project preparations and implementation and strive to recruit GCF staff with combined technical expertise and social and gender competencies.

- Recruited a social and gender specialist as a full-time staff member of the Secretariat.
- Conducted in house knowledge sessions on gender equality for the Mitigation and Adaptation Division, Private Sector Facility Division, and Country Programming Division
- Preliminary gender toolkit drafted for use by the program teams

To GCF Secretariat

3.2 Reference a mandatory inclusion of gender indicators for each individual project/programme in GCF project implementation guidelines and demand that project applicants elaborate in cases of non-consideration why they consider gender issues not relevant for a specific project/programme performance measurement.

- Each proposal has core indicators that are disaggregated by sex and nearly all proposals contain gender indicators in the logic framework and/or in the project level gender action plan.

To GCF Secretariat

3.5 In the fund's initial monitoring and accountability framework, complement annual self-reporting on compliance by GCF accredited entities with GCF safeguards, standards and key policies, including its gender policy, with ad-hoc checks by the Secretariat and independently verified information from third-party evaluators and affected communities and population groups, including women.

- The initial monitoring and accountability framework contains provisions for ad – hoc checks by the Secretariat and third party evaluators on the compliance on the gender policy.
- The monitoring and accountability framework provides for the roll out of participatory monitoring to assess the progress of projects and other compliance issues. Participatory monitoring exercises will involve the participation of women, affected communities, local stakeholders, and civil society organizations.



To GCF Secretariat Country Programming Division

3.15 Strengthen the capacity of national, sub-national and regional entities applying for GCF accreditation to fulfill accreditation requirements, including their ability to comply with the GCF gender policy, through targeted measures as part of readiness and preparatory support.

- Sensitization and training sessions on gender equality and GCF's gender policy have been held for national and regional entities as part of readiness and preparatory support.
- Further capacity is being procured to provide technical assistance to accredited national and regional entities to comply with the GCF's gender policy.



To GCF Secretariat Country Programming Division

3.16 Work with national designated authorities (NDAs) and focal points to strengthen their capacity to consider gender issues and encourage them to support the application of national/local women's organizations with capacities to implement gender-responsive climate actions locally for accreditation with the GCF, including through NDA readiness support requests for that purpose.

- Sensitization sessions on gender equality and GCF's gender policy have been held for NDAs and focal points as part of readiness and preparatory support events.
- GCF has been working with NDAs/focal points (FPs) to strengthen their capacity to consider gender issues.
- Through readiness support, NDAs/FPs are also encouraged to support the application of national/local women's organizations with capacities to implement gender – responsive climate actions.



Global Environment Facility (GEF)

Recommendations to climate finance mechanisms' operational and programming processes and procedures

Decouple gender equality mainstreaming in project management cycles from social safeguard policies/issues:

In collaboration with its Agencies, the GEF is currently reviewing its policy framework and guidelines on gender mainstreaming. This process has highlighted the strategic benefits of “decoupling” gender mainstreaming to go beyond social safeguard policies and management frameworks. Specifically, there is a greater recognition that gender mainstreaming, to be effective, needs to go beyond understanding gender differences to promoting more equitable gender relationships and the need to “move” gender mainstreaming beyond a “do no harm” towards a “do good” approach. It is expected that this evolving understanding will be reflected in GEF gender mainstreaming guidelines and policy updates.

Recommendations to climate finance mechanisms' operational and programming processes and procedures

Provide and track additional financial resources and capacity development support for gender mainstreaming efforts and processes of fund secretariats:

The GEF has been working to improve its ability to better measure and report at the corporate/portfolio level on the extent to which gender equality issues are integrated in GEF project planning and design stages. GEF in collaboration with GEF Agencies and partners is working towards introducing a more granular categorizations system as a tool to measure, count and report on the extent to which gender equality issues are integrated in project design, and to specifically serve as a mechanism for reporting on gender mainstreaming performance against corporate results targets. Efforts have also been commenced to coordinate and potentially harmonize these frameworks with other financial mechanisms.

Recommendations to climate finance mechanisms' operational and programming processes and procedures

Move beyond keyword analysis of programme/project portfolios and deepen the understanding, evidence and knowledge management on gender equality, climate and environmental sustainability:

As part of the recently adopted workplan of the GEF Gender Partnership, GEF will be conducting periodic in-depth analysis of project approaches and portfolio impacts in terms of gender equality, and sharing information among country counterparts, implementing agencies and financial mechanisms.

Recommendations to climate finance mechanisms' operational and programming processes and procedures

Provide for greater collaboration and transparency among financial mechanisms around gender mainstreaming processes and procedures:

Over the last couple of months the GEF has consolidated the GEF Gender Partnership that today include representation of other financial mechanisms including GCF, CIF and AF. The expectation is that the GGP will serve as platform for coordination and knowledge broker to ensure meaningful and effective coordination and implementation of gender-responsive programming

Consider the move to more harmonized frameworks for reporting on results and measuring gender equality impacts and trends in climate finance, for example by utilizing collaborative platforms: see above.

Technology Needs Assessment (TNA)

A Guide for National TNA Teams (September 2015)

“Women are key actors to be engaged in the TNA process: their participation is needed to raise particular gender-related concerns and avoid gender-blindness in the process. When not taken into account, existing gender disparities may prevent women or men from accessing life-changing technologies and achieving their full potential.”

Available here: http://www.tech-action.org/-/media/Sites/TNA_project/TNA%20Guidebooks/Final_Gender-mainstreamed-Stakeholder-Engagement-Guide-TNA_03-18-2016.ashx?la=da



A Guide for National TNA Teams (September 2015)

Identifies entry points for gender considerations in:

TNA institutional structure:

- National Steering Committee: **gender expertise, gender balance**
- National TNA Committee
- National Consultants (Experts)
- Sectorial/Technical Working Groups
- Stakeholder Analysis, Engagement, and Consultation: **data in relation to gender and technology, ensure women are included equally in consultations**

Steps of the TNA Process:

- **Technology identification and prioritization:** gender-responsive criteria included in MCA
- **Barrier analysis and enabling environments:** analysis of gender-based inequalities to women's/men's access use and benefit, analysis of causal relations between barriers
- **Technologies Action Plan (TAP):** Do men and women benefit equally from these technologies?



Climate Technology Centre & Network (CTCN)



Note on CTCN Technology and Gender Mainstreaming

This Note serves to provide the Advisory Board to the CTCN with context on the COP's guidance regarding the CTCN and gender, as well as an update on current activities and findings related to CTCN's efforts to mainstream gender in its work:

1. Technical Assistance (design to monitoring and evaluation)
2. Knowledge Sharing
3. Capacity Building
4. Gender mainstreaming coordinator
5. Partnerships: UN Women
6. Participation in gender related meetings organized by the UNFCCC (in-session workshops and EGM)

Available here:

https://www.ctc-n.org/sites/www.ctc-n.org/files/ab20167_6.7_ctcn_technology_gender_mainstreaming.pdf



Thank you

