Gender and Climate Change Financing: 
*Why does it matter?*

Strategic dialogue on gender equality and climate change finance
Bangkok, Thailand, 20 February 2018
Key messages in gender and climate finance

- Gender inequality in access to resources increases the exposure of women to the impacts of climate change.

- The Financial Mechanism of the Convention needs to take into account gender in its operations.

- Gender should be considered in both mitigation and adaptation and not limit it to vulnerability and adaptation activities.

- Mainstream gender equality in the climate finance architecture.
Gender considerations in the UNFCCC process

Increase representation / participation of women

Gender balance, increase participation of women, standing item under COP agenda

Human rights language

Gender action plan

CP.7 Marrakech 2001

CP.18 Doha 2012

CP.20 Lima 2014

CP.21 Paris 2015

CP.22 Marrakech 2016

CP.23 Bonn 2017

2 year work programme on gender

3 year work programme to 2019

But that is not the whole picture...
Lima work programme on gender: Finance-related provisions

- Requests the Financial Mechanism and its operating entities to include in their respective annual reports to the COP information on the integration of gender considerations in all aspects of their work.
- Requests all constituted bodies under the UNFCCC process to include in their regular reports information on progress made towards integrating a gender perspective in their process...

✓ Standing Committee on Finance advises the Conference of Parties on all matters relating to climate finance
Integrating gender in climate finance

Oversight
- Work of the Standing Committee on Finance
- Reviews of the Financial Mechanism

Mobilizing Finance
- Long-term finance
- Replenishment of the funds

Delivery mechanisms
- Guidance to GCF GEF, Adaptation Fund.
- Influence on public climate finance.
Integrating gender in the work of the Standing Committee on Finance

Drafting guidance decisions

Review of the Financial Mechanism

Decision 9/C.7/20

Fifth review of the Financial Mechanism

Biennial assessment and overview of climate finance

SCF Forum: Stakeholder engagement

* To host a dialogue on gender-responsive access to finance in the implementation of climate action.
Gender policies of the GCF and GEF

- Gender equality and equity;
- Inclusiveness in all activities;
- Accountability for gender and climate change results and impacts;
- Country ownership—broad stakeholder engagement, including women’s organizations;
- Gender-sensitive competencies throughout GCF’s institutional framework; and
- Equitable resource allocation—so that women and men benefit equitably from GCF’s adaptation and mitigation activities.

- Requiring robust standards in the design, implementation and evaluation of GEF activities
- Improve reporting on results by requiring project- and program-level monitoring and reporting on gender by Agencies
- Raise awareness and generate knowledge on lessons learned on promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women related to the environment and the GEF’s areas of work.
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