

Commission on the Status of Women (CSW66) Priority Theme

Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes

Expert Group Meeting

11 – 14 October 2021 via Zoom

Group A: Monday 11 October and Tuesday 12 October from 8:00am – 12pm (New York)

Group B: Wednesday 13 October and Thursday 14 October from 8:00am – 12pm (Bangkok)

Programme of work

Group A	
DAY 1: Monday, 11 October	
8:00 – 8:30	Welcome and opening of the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sarah Hendriks, Director, Policy, Programme and Intergovernmental Division, UN Women “The Commission on the Status of Women: A strategic vision”• Seemin Qayum, Chief a.i., Economic Empowerment Section, UN Women
8:30 – 9:30	Discussion of background papers: “Gender, climate change and disasters: vulnerabilities, responses and ways forward” Author presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bernadette Resurrección, Queen’s University “Empowering women in climate, environment and disaster risk governance: From national policy to local action” Author presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mary Picard, Humanitarian Consulting <i>Plenary discussion</i>
9:30 – 10:30	Discussion: Promising practices for biodiversity conservation and climate action <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Georgina Catacora-Vargas, Academic Peasant Unit Tiahuanacu, Bolivian Catholic University “Indigenous women’s rights in biodiversity conservation and sustainable use”• Lorena Aguilar, Independent Expert on Gender and Environment for Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Costa Rica

	<p>“Promising Practices that Promote Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women in the Response to Climate Change in Latin America and the Caribbean”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, Association for Indigenous Women and Peoples of Chad <p>"Integrating indigenous women's and scientific knowledge for climate and environment solutions and action on the ground"</p> <p><i>Plenary discussion</i></p>
10:30 – 11:30	<p>Discussion: Sustainable energy transitions and regenerative food and agricultural systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aleksandar Macura, RES Foundation, Serbia <p>“Gender responsiveness and energy poverty - an opportunity to promote women’s empowerment and active participation”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joanna Edghill, MEGAPOWER, Barbados <p>“Integrating gender equality and climate resilience into private sector policies and initiatives – a transport sector case study discussion”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marta Guadalupe Rivera Ferre, Spanish National Research Council at INGENIO (CSIC-UPV) <p>“Sustainable food systems and gender equality in the context of climate change and biodiversity conservation”</p> <p><i>Plenary discussion</i></p>
11:30 – 12:00pm	Wrap up and close (identification of key recommendations)
<p>Group A</p> <p>DAY 2: Tuesday, 12 October</p>	
8:00 – 8:30	Summary of key points from Day 1 Lorena Aguilar and Sarah Gammage, Co-Chairs
8:30 – 9:30	<p>Discussion: Natural resource management, gender-based violence, migration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah El Battouty, EConsult, Egypt <p>“Environmental policy and advocacy for sustainable resource management”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cate Owren, International Union for Conservation of Nature <p>“Understanding and addressing gender-based violence as part of the climate emergency”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erika Pires Ramos, South American Network of Environmental Migrations (RESAMA), Brazil <p>“Gender, migration, climate change and disasters in Latin America and the Caribbean”</p>

	<i>Plenary discussion</i>
9:30 – 10:30	<p>Discussion: Climate and environment finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liane Schalatek, Heinrich Böll Foundation “Core policy steps to increase quality and quantity of gender-responsive climate finance” • Kizzann Sammy, E.T. Jackson & Associates, Trinidad and Tobago “Gender lens investing and green financing: The role of women-owned small and medium businesses in climate vulnerable communities” • Sarah Gammage, The Nature Conservancy “Gender and equity in policies and programs to foster climate mitigation and adaptation” <p><i>Plenary discussion</i></p>
10:30 – 11:30	<p>Discussion: Gender-responsive just transitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salina Sanou, Pan African Climate Justice Alliance “Feminist Just Recovery” • Samantha Smith, Just Transition Centre “Gender and just transition – A review” <p><i>Plenary discussion</i></p>
11:30 – 12:00pm	Wrap up and close (discussion of recommendations)
Group B	
DAY 1: Wednesday, 13 October	
8:00 – 8:30	<p>Welcome and opening of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Hendriks, Director, Policy, Programme and Intergovernmental Division, UN Women “The Commission on the Status of Women: A strategic vision” • Seemin Qayum, Chief a.i., Economic Empowerment Section, UN Women • Lorena Aguilar, Co-Chair Group A “Reflections on discussions and recommendations from Group A”
8:30 – 9:30	<p>Discussion of background papers: “Gender, climate change and disasters: vulnerabilities, responses and ways forward” Author presentation:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bernadette Resurrección, Queen’s University <p>“Empowering women in climate, environment and disaster risk governance: From national policy to local action”</p> <p>Author presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Picard, Humanitarian Consulting <p><i>Plenary discussion</i></p>
9:30 – 10:30	<p>Discussion: Reversing biodiversity loss and environmental degradation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrinalini Rai, Women4Biodiversity, Thailand “Routes for change - Ensuring gender considerations in biodiversity governance” • Meriel Watts, Director of Science & Policy, Pesticide Action Network (PAN) Asia Pacific “Pesticides and farming: promoting gender equality and minimizing environmental degradation” <p><i>Plenary discussion</i></p>
10:30 – 11:30	<p>Discussion: Gender-responsive disaster risk reduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nalini Singh, Fiji Women's Rights Movement “Women's resilience to disasters and climate change” • Farah Kabir, Action Aid Bangladesh “Integrating gender equality into climate action and disaster risk reduction and recovery” <p><i>Plenary discussion</i></p>
11:30 – 12:00pm	Wrap up and close (discussion of recommendations)
<p>Group B</p> <p>DAY 2: Thursday, 14 October</p>	
8:00 – 8:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of key points from Day 1 Seemin Qayum, Chief a.i., Economic Empowerment Section, UN Women
8:30 – 9:30	<p>Discussion: Promoting the human rights of women in all their diversity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mata’afa Fa’atino Utumapu, Nuanua O Le Alofa, Samoa “Climate, environment and disaster risk policies and programmes through a disability lens” • Natasha Kaur, International Planned Parenthood Federation “Impacts of the climate crisis on sexual and reproductive health and rights”

	<i>Plenary discussion</i>
9:30 – 10:30	<p>Discussion: Gender-responsive regenerative blue economies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angelique Pouponneau, Seychelles Conservation and Climate Adaptation Trust “Ocean protection and conservation in the context of climate change and disaster risk reduction” • Noelene Nabulivou, DIVA, Fiji “Advancing feminist discussions on Gender, Oceans, Climate and Ecological Justice” • Mereoni Chung, Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN) “Blue economy, oceans and the climate crisis: Keys for gender, economic and ecological justice” <p><i>Plenary discussion</i></p>
10:30 – 11:30	<p>Discussion: Gender-responsive just energy and climate transitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christina Suprapti (Titi), Aksi! for Gender, Social and Ecological Justice, Indonesia “Building women’s resilience through urban climate policies” • Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt, Australian National University “Gendering just energy transition” <p><i>Plenary discussion</i></p>
11:30 – 12:00pm	Wrap up and close (discussion of recommendations)