



GENDER MAINSTREAMING INTO NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTION (NDC)

PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY IN CLIMATE ACTION IN VIETNAM

CONTEXT

In Vietnam, like in many other countries, women are more vulnerable to adverse environmental impacts and have less access to and control over resources and a limited voice in decision-making processes. At the same time, studies have shown that climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts are more effective and sustainable if they take gender and social aspects into account. With the adoption of the Paris Rulebook at COP24, new requirements were stipulated to form “[...] public participation and engagement with local communities and indigenous people, in a gender-responsive manner”.

GENDER – A QUALITY FEATURE OF OUR WORK

The Support to Vietnam for the Implementation of the Paris Agreement (SIPA) Project funded by the German Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) through IKI

teamed up with UN Women, UNDP, and NGOs Climate Change Working Group (CCWG) to provide technical support for the government partner in mainstreaming and advancing gender equality into climate actions of the ongoing review and update of Vietnam’s Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC).

This newly formed Climate Change and Gender Working Group developed a strategy to sensitize members of the NDC review and update task force about the importance of gender mainstreaming in the NDC through (i) sharing international experience and national good practices; (ii) identifying gender gaps in current NDC; (iii) building capacity for key stakeholders including Vietnam Women’s Union; (iv) developing a policy paper & entry points for gender integration.

The process was documented by cooperation partners for public information and shared by the Vietnamese government representatives at UN Women’s workshop on gender integration in NDC in the Philippines in November 2019), by GIZ staff at UN Women’s meeting in Bangkok in January 2020. Besides, key activities of supporting the gender mainstreaming in NDC revision were also highlighted in the local media (e.g. Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE)’s website or Communist Party of Vietnam online newspaper).

IMPACT

The increased awareness of government officials and NDC Review and Update Task Force has led to the readiness to integrate key gender recommendations in the NDC revision process. The Climate Change and Gender Working Group has agreed a 2020 gender action plan which specifies joint activities of cooperating with government partners in the development and implementation of NDC and the National Adaptation Plan. At regional level, gender and social aspects are included in the process of the ASEAN statement development at COP26



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