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Counting on a Sustainable Future: Global Conference on Gender and Environment Data Event of the 28th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 28)

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Background

Women and men, in all their diversities, relate to and interact with the natural environment in different ways. For instance, they face different vulnerabilities and adaptive capacities to climate change impacts. Data indicate that women rely on natural resources for their livelihoods more than men do and literature is plentiful on the [disproportionate barriers women face](#) to own assets, limiting women's capacity to cope with disasters. These differences can shed light on shaping policies for natural resource management, as well as climate change mitigation and adaptation policies. Women, however, are also underrepresented in environmental decision-making, impeding progress in attaining a sustainable future for all.

However, data gaps remain in understanding the gender and environment nexus. Very few of the SDG environment-related goals include gender indicators and, among those that do, data is only available for 2 out of 10 gender-environment related SDG indicators. Beyond SDG, gender data is also scarce for other environment topics such as climate change, disasters, and conservation.

Recent developments have showcased that filling these data gaps is possible. For instance, by integrating [multiple data sources](#), utilizing [new methodology and tools](#) for survey data collection, analyzing [big data](#) and identifying [gender-environment indicators](#) that could be used for progress monitoring at national, regional and global levels, new data is being produced and policy makers are increasingly utilizing gender-environment indicators for policy monitoring. Through UN Women's global gender data programme, [Women Count](#), is supporting countries to increase the production and use of gender and environment data, exploring the use of alternative data sources to fill data gaps, and improve the measurement of environment indicators with a gender perspective. A lot remains to be done, however, to enhance the availability and use of statistics on the gender-environment nexus globally.

As part of existing global efforts to expand the understanding of the gender-environment nexus, **the Offices of the President of the 28th Conference of the Parties (COP 28) and the UN High-Level Climate Champion, UNFCCC, UN Women, IUCN, and WEDO**, will convene a global conference on gender and environment data. The two-day event will take place on 28-29 November 2023 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Speakers and participants will include UN Agencies, government officials and policy makers, leaders and commitment makers of the Feminist Action for Climate Justice Action Coalition and the Gender Environment Data Alliance (GEDA), private foundations, civil society organizations, indigenous leaders and local communities and academia.



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Objectives

The conference will provide a platform to exchange best practices, leverage innovation and find solutions to common challenges **to produce and use data on the gender-environment nexus**.

Specifically, it will aim to:

- Find a common understanding of what is meant by the gender-environment nexus;
- Provide an overall picture of data availability on gender and the environment and propose solutions to fill data gaps, including through the use of non-conventional data sources (e.g. geospatial information, big data etc.) and traditional and indigenous knowledge;
- Demonstrate the relevance and urgency of increasing the use of gender data to inform environmental policy design, implementation and monitoring of progress at the national, regional and global levels;
- Explore how indigenous peoples, local communities and civil society organizations are producing and using data to fuel advocacy and drive change;
- Highlight the importance of scaling up investments in the production and use of gender-environment data; and
- Issue a global call to action on gender and environment data.

Expected Outcomes

The outcomes of the conference will result in a **Global Call to Action on Gender and Environment Data** that will aim to collectively raise the profile of gender-environment data and its utility to inform the COP28. It will aim to generate momentum for leaders to make sure gender-environment data is more systematically and intentionally included to drive progress on gender-responsive climate action at the global, regional and national levels and recognized as a pre-requisite for monitoring progress on commitments on gender and the environment, such as 2024-25 cycle of National Determined Contributions, the next Gender Action Plan of UN Climate Change Convention and future Global Stocktakes of the Paris Agreement, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and the 2030 Agenda and other intergovernmental frameworks.

Agenda

Day 1

Time	Session
8:30 – 9:00	Registration
Welcome and opening remarks	
9:00 – 10:00	Welcome and opening remarks from the Co-hosts
Session 1: Setting the Scene: What does gender-environment nexus mean for achieving gender equality and women’s empowerment?	



10:00 – 11:15	This session will aim to create a common understanding on what the intersection of gender and environment means towards achieving gender equality and women’s empowerment (GEWE). It will highlight key priority issues that call for accelerated action to deliver on global commitments for women and girls and how data can be leveraged as a tool to drive change.
Session 2: Making women and girls visible: Understanding the state of gender and environment data	
11:15 – 12:30	This session will aim to present an overall picture of gender-environment data availability, explore how data systems and data collection, analysis and dissemination mechanisms are currently set up in national statistical systems to prioritize the measurement of the gender-environment nexus as well as exchange best practices and solutions.
12:30 – 2:30	Lunch break
Session 3: Bridging the gaps: Does technology, innovation and non-official data hold any promise?	
2:30 – 3:45	This session will aim to explore the potential and pitfalls of harnessing technology, innovation including the production and use of complementary data sources such as geospatial information systems, citizen generated data, and big data to improve the measurement of the gender-environment nexus.
3:45 – 4:00	Summary of Day 1 and closing remarks Co-hosts

Day 2

Time	Session
8:30 – 9:00	Registration
Session 4: From Data to Impact: Translating gender and environment data to feminist action on climate justice	
9:00 – 10:15	This session will aim to exchange best practices around advancing gender-just climate policy action at all levels through improved accessibility, understanding and application of gender-environment data.
Session 5: Behind the Numbers: Indigenous data to fuel advocacy and drive change	
10:15 – 11:30	This session will aim to highlight the important roles of indigenous people’s knowledge and science in improving the production and use of gender and environment data to fuel advocacy and drive change. It will also focus on the importance of forging partnerships and best practices.
11:30 – 1:30	Lunch break
Session 6: Barriers to Solutions: Financing for gender and environment data	
1:30-2:45	This session will aim to provide an overview on the current financial landscape for gender data, understand the financial needs and challenges from governments to



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	produce gender-environment data and highlight commitments and actions taken to scale up investments in gender and environment data.
Session 7: The road to a sustainable tomorrow: A Global Call to Action on Gender and Environment Data	
2:45 – 4:00	This high-level session will aim to highlight the importance of mainstreaming gender and environment data to inform the discussions in COP28, future COPs and to drive feminist climate action globally.
Closing remarks	
4:00 – 4:15	Closing remarks Co-hosts