

Moving from Commitment to Action

Key actions for inclusive climate governance

- Institutionalize gender targets and dedicated climate budgets
- Mandate sex-, age-, disability-, and ethnicity-disaggregated data
- Expand finance for women-led and Indigenous enterprises
- Invest in STEM, technical training, and leadership development
- Support rights-based, community-driven climate solutions
- Strengthen cross-sector partnerships

Climate Resilience must be *inclusive*

Equity strengthens adaptation.

Leadership strengthens communities.

Inclusive governance strengthens the region.

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Asia Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism

Gender and Social Inclusion in Climate Change and Renewable Energy Policies in Asia Pacific



Women farmers at work in their vegetable plots near Kulu town, Himachal Pradesh, India. Photo by Neil Palmer, licensed under the CC BY-SA 2.0.



A Region at Risk

Nearly half of the world's climate-vulnerable population lives in Asia Pacific. Intensifying storms, sea-level rise, droughts, and resource degradation threaten livelihoods.

Women and marginalized communities face disproportionate impacts

Root Causes of Unequal Impact



Limited land and property rights



Restricted access to finance and technology



Underrepresentation in governance and decision-making

Global frameworks call for Gender and Social Inclusion (GESI), but implementation across the region remains uneven.

Where Gaps are Most Visible

Agriculture

Women comprise 40–65 percent of the agricultural workforce, yet only 13–35 percent hold titled land. Services and technologies remain male-centric.

Water and Sanitation

Women manage household water but are underrepresented in governance and planning.

Disaster Risk Reduction

Women face higher mortality risks due to mobility constraints and limited participation in disaster structures.

Energy Access

1.1 billion people lack clean cooking access. Women remain underrepresented in renewables and face decision-making barriers in energy adoption.

Climate Finance

Less than 0.01 percent of global climate finance directly supports both climate action and women's empowerment.

Women-led Initiatives

Bangladesh

Women's Federations in Mangrove Restoration and Community Seed Banks

Fiji

Solar Mama Barefoot Vocational College; UNDP Gender-Prioritized Solar Minigrids

India

Gender-Mandated Food Security and Land-Rights Allocations under the National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture

Philippines

Women-Led Solar Micro-Grids in Eastern Samar and Mindoro (Mangyan Solar Cooperatives)

Thailand

Women's Community Bioenergy Hubs for Coastal Fisheries