

UNFCCC Adaptation Calendar 2017

# Women leading adaptation action



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Climate change has already affected all continents, impacting people, livelihoods, food security and ecosystems. The adverse impacts of climate change do not discriminate between men and women but women are more vulnerable. The majority of the world's poor are women who generally face higher risks and burdens in the face of climate change.

At the same time, women play a crucial role in responding and adapting to the impacts of climate change and in building resilience in their countries and communities. Participation of women in decision making at all levels has led to improved outcomes in climate related policies and projects. Policy and project formulation and implementation without women's meaningful participation can increase existing inequalities and decrease the effectiveness of adaptation.

The UNFCCC process and its Paris Agreement highlight the importance of the development and implementation of national climate policies that are gender-responsive and gender-sensitive. An increasing number of climate change adaptation projects and programmes demonstrate this approach in action.

An interactive, electronic version of the calendar is available via <<http://unfccc.int/5854>>.

### Further information:

- Gender and climate change: <<http://unfccc.int/7516>>
- Nairobi work programme synopsis paper on gender-sensitive approaches and tools for adaptation to climate change: overview, available tools, good practices and lessons learned: <<https://goo.gl/nvnNlm>>
- LDC Expert Group paper on strengthening gender considerations in adaptation planning and implementation in the least developed countries: <<https://goo.gl/MUjR2>>

Cover photo: Diversifying income to overcome extreme poverty and adapt to drought in North Kenya. Photo by The BOMA Project. Through the BOMA Project led by a U.S. nonprofit and Kenyan NGO, vulnerable women in North Kenya are diversifying and generating income through activities not tied to the drought-impacted traditional livestock industry. Women are starting small businesses in their rural communities which enables them to pay for food, school fees and medical care for their families.

For further information see <<http://unfccc.int/7839>>

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Improving farmers' lives and livelihoods through the Bhungroo water harvesting system in Gujarat, India



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With women's leadership, the Bhungroo water harvesting system has given female farmers in Gujarat, India, year-round access to water. This has provided land ownership and food security, and helped them be free from debt and participate in local governance of agriculture and water resources.

Photo: Bhungroo

For further information see: <<http://unfccc.int/8694>>



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**Making livelihoods climate resilient through sustainable herding and income diversification in Mongolia**



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The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is supporting herder households to prepare for the shocks related to climate change and extreme weather events. Climate resilience particularly for female members of these households and households headed by women is increased through sustainable pasture management and income diversification, including through dairy and handicraft production.

Photo: ADB

For further information see: <<https://goo.gl/5pL3bD>>

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Providing a successful business strategy for cattle farmers in Nicaragua through climate and gender-smart livestock production



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Through successfully engaging women farmers and enabling their access to resources, the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) improves their level and conditions of participation in the cattle sector. Farmers' families gain increased food security and household income while carrying out climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Photo: Shadi Azadegan/CIAT

For further information see: <<https://goo.gl/LbecBI>>

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**Establishing vegetable gardens to improve food production and increase incomes in rural Cambodia**



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In six countries including Cambodia, women are building resilience to climate change through establishing vegetable gardens with support from the Government of Canada, the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and the Canada-UNDP Climate Change Adaptation Facility (CCAF). Women are able to produce healthy food that improves nutrition and generates additional livelihood options broadening their earning capacity.

Photo: UNDP CCA

For further information see: <<https://goo.gl/RoIF7C>> and <<https://goo.gl/gCoR8V>>



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**Working together to protect mangrove ecosystems and livelihoods in the north of Guinea**



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With the Planting Trees to Save the Mangrove project, women in the North of Guinea are working together to protect forests. Mangrove wood has been replaced by solar as an energy source and women are planting trees, which also provide an additional income source.

Photo: Planting trees to save the mangrove

For further information see: <<http://unfccc.int/9270>>

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**Empowering participation of women in national adaptation planning processes in Moldova to build resilience**



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Through a project supported by the Austrian Development Cooperation Agency, women are encouraged to participate in national adaptation planning process to ensure that women are an integral part of it. The aim is to empower women and encourage equal participation in resilience-building activities, including training in climate-resilient farming practices.

Photo: Old Orhei by V. Corcimari/EU Clima East Programme, UNDP Moldova

For further information see: <<https://goo.gl/JZTC6E>>



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Ensuring that women's voices are heard to strengthen development processes in Peru



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With involvement of women in risk management and climate change adaptation network 'GRIDES', their voices are being heard in local government proposals. This promotes a transformative gender approach to help reduce vulnerabilities and gender gaps and strengthen development processes.

Photo: Practical Action

For further information see: <<https://goo.gl/1f7dxX>>



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Reducing climate risks through women leading on climate change adaptation in Mali



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To reduce the risks that climate change poses to livelihoods and food security, Mali's National Directorate of Agriculture is focusing on empowering women as leaders of adaptation efforts. Women in Mali are enhancing adaptive capacity and building climate resilience in the agricultural sector with support from UNDP, the Government of Canada and the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF).

Photo: UNDP CCA

For further information see: <<https://goo.gl/oFLOJV>>

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Collaborating with scientists and practitioners to strengthen the adaptive capacity of the Kainai First Nation in Canada



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Through a majority woman-led participatory approach to collaborate with scientists and practitioners, the Kainai First Nation (also known as the Blood Tribe) is enabled to increase their climate change knowledge and skills. Tribal specific climate education tools have been developed, with support from The Rockies Institute, to support climate risk assessment and adaptation planning.

Photo: Kansie Fox/Kainai First Nation

For further information see: <<https://goo.gl/5MeEJP>>

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**Adopting an integrated approach to water management in Myanmar's dry zone to reduce climate impacts**



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In Myanmar's dry zone marginal farmers and landless workers are enhancing their capacity to reduce the risks and effects from recurring droughts, floods and erosion, with support from the Adaptation Fund. Within this vulnerable group, women and female-headed households are given special focus through an integrated water management, crop and livestock adaptation programme.

Photo: UNDP CCA

For further information see: <<https://goo.gl/34h8CV>>



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**Integrating gender equality as an essential component of Tuvalu's national adaptation programme of action (NAPA)**



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In addressing its urgent and immediate adaptation needs through its national adaptation programme of action (NAPA), Tuvalu focused on gender mainstreaming and gender equality. National Committees were encouraged to ensure a gender balance in their membership and thus increased the number of women at the decision-making level.

Photo: Nick Hobgood/Flickr

For further information see: <<https://goo.gl/1u1nK9>> and <<https://goo.gl/QUSlhk>>

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Gender mainstreaming in water management in Bangladesh to build the adaptive capacity of women



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Through the Char Development and Support project in partnership with the Gender and Water Programme Bangladesh, women are supported to build their capacity and increase their resilience to climate change. This includes through integrated water resource management and enhancing livelihood security.

Photo: Shaila Shahid/Gender and Water Alliance Bangladesh

For further information see: <<https://goo.gl/sqVixB>> and <<https://goo.gl/a1uBbm>>