



RCC East and Southern Africa  
Collaboration for Climate Action

## Concept Note

### INTEGRATION OF GENDER IN PREPARATION OF NDCs AND LT-LEDS IN EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICAN COUNTRIES

Venue: TBC (Namibia)  
Date: 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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#### Introduction

Long-Term Low-Emission Development Strategies (LT-LEDS) are important policy instruments to define low emissions development pathways for countries as part of their implementation of the Paris Agreement. LT-LEDS' outlook offers important opportunities for leveraging socio-economic transformations associated with low carbon economic pathways to achieve gender equality and women's empowerment. In addition, [Decision 20/CP.26](#) of the UNFCCC encourages processes that include engaging women's groups and national women and gender institutions in the process of developing, implementing, and updating climate policies, plans, strategies, and actions. In the same vein, [the UNFCCC's Enhanced Lima Work Programme on Gender \(LWPG\) and its Gender Action Plan \(GAP\)](#) - Decision 3/CP.25 aims to advance gender balance and *integrate gender considerations into the work of Parties and the secretariat* in implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement to gender considerations in climate policies and action. The 2023 [LT-LEDS Synthesis Report of the UNFCCC](#) indicates that there is only an average form of synergies between the current LT-LEDS and social welfare, human well-being, and no clear evidence on linkage to gender issues. In fact, where these synergies were frequently mentioned in the SDB 5 report, this is missing or overlooked in most of the countries' LT-LEDS.

In the efforts to improve gender responsiveness of countries' LT-LEDS, in 2022, UN Women in collaboration with GGGI developed [a step-by-step methodology to integrate gender in LT-LEDS](#) in the context of the LT-LEDS of Burkina Faso.

This methodology can be adapted and applied by other countries willing to improve gender outcomes of climate policies, namely NDCs which are due by 2025 and LT-LEDS. Furthermore, the synergies can lead to inclusion of gender co-benefits as part of the LT-LEDS processes.

The UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre for East and Southern Africa in collaboration with its partners, in recognition of the necessity to enhance the knowledge of East and Southern African countries through peer exchange, learning initiatives and programs, is organizing a 3 day peer exchange and hands-on regional learning engagement on the integration of gender in NDCs and LT-LEDS to enhance the knowledge of key stakeholders who have a role to provide input to formulate gender issues into NDCs and LT-LEDS. This is part of the ACCF funded project to is implementing a project to build the capacities of women and National Gender Climate Change Focal Points in this region.



## Objectives

The aims of the peer exchange and learning workshop is to:

1. Use the methodology prepared by UN Women - [a step-by-step methodology to integrate gender in LT-LEDS](#) as a case study to draw lessons that can be applicable in the participants' countries
2. Increase participants' knowledge and understanding that will enable them formulate gender issues into climate policies;
3. Encourage collaboration and peer learning across countries in East and Southern Africa to support the integration of gender in climate instruments

## Outcome

A facilitator will work with the NGCCFPs pre-workshop with the aim of having a working draft guide on integrating Gender in NDCs and LT-LEDS ready by the time of the regional engagement. The facilitator will lead sessions to have a common understanding and approach in finalizing the Guide for each country. At the end of the workshop, every country should have a step-by-step Guide which will be a living document for reference and continuous improvement in consultation with relevant sector experts in their home countries.

## Methodology

The 3 day hands-on workshop will be an interactive learning session incorporating presentations, group exercises, use of audio-visual materials among others. (see programme for more details)

## Participants

Resource persons will be from different partners and subject experts. Target audience are National Gender and Climate Change Focal Points of the countries in East and Southern Africa. The timing of the session is critical as countries in the region are at different stages of preparing their NDC 3.0 which are due in 2025.

## Venue and date

The proposed venue of the workshop will be in Namibia, Southern Africa. The proposed date for the workshop is 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024. It is anticipated the outcomes of the workshop will contribute to effective involvement of the NGCCFPs in preparations of the revised NDCs before the submissions in 2025.

## Draft Programme

### Day 1

Time	Session description	Speakers & facilitators
08:30- 09:00	Arrival and registration	RCC
09:00 – 09:20	<p><b>Opening and introduction</b></p> <p><b>William Otieno (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome, the role or workstreams of the RCC, an overview of project (ppt), importance of the workshop.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACCF (Rita/Emile) – 10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACCF's approach to supporting gender transformation,</li> </ul> <p><b>Host government rep [TBC]</b></p>	<p>William Otieno, RCC Regional Lead</p> <p>ACCF (TBC)</p>
09:20 -09:25	<p><b>Interactive session [RCC]</b></p> <p>Two menti quiz – (5 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What do you expect from this workshop?</li> <li>How familiar are you with the process of preparation of NDCs/LT-LEDs?</li> </ul> <p><b>RCC: Overview of the agenda</b></p>	All
<b><i>Scene setting presentations</i></b>		
09:25 – 10:45	<p><b><u>Introduction to NDCs and LT LEDS.</u></b></p> <p>Deep dive into IPCC/UNFCCC sectors This session explains what each sector means in terms of emission sources, activities that generate them and examples of mitigation actions. This session simplifies the IPCC Nomenclature so that the participants can practically visualize the actions in the sectors to inform their participation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Energy</li> <li>Agriculture</li> <li>LULUCF</li> <li>IPPU</li> <li>WASTE</li> </ol>	RCC NDC/LT-LEDs Expert
10:45 – 11:00	Tea break	
11:00 – 13:00	Continuation of the deep dive into IPCC/UNFCCC sectors	RCC
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
<b>Session two</b>		
14:00 – 15:45	<p><b><u>Relevant COP Decisions</u></b></p> <p>This session introduces participants to relevant COP decisions related to NDCs, LT-LEDs and Gender issues. The session fleshes out some key practical implementation of activities relating to man and women for example on Article 6 actions relating to land management which have a huge implication on</p>	RCC TBD

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	women particularly for forestry related projects around share of proceeds and leakage.  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u><b>NDCs &amp; LT-LEDS</b></u></li> <li>2. <u><b>Article 6</b></u></li> <li>3. <u><b>GENDER (GAPs)</b></u></li> <li>4. <u><b>GST</b></u></li> <li>5. <u><b>Common timeframes</b></u></li> </ol>	
15:45 – 16:00	Ice breaker/ Tea break	
16:00 -16:45	Q & A session	All participants
16:45- 17:00	<b>Wrap up</b>	UNFCCC   RCC ESA
<b>DAY 2</b>		
8:30 - 9:00	Introduction to Day 2 [Recap of day 1]	UNFCCC   RCC ESA
9:00 -10:45	<b>Step by Step Process of Integration Gender issues into Climate Action (NDCs &amp; LT-LEDS)</b> This session will take participants through a simple step by step process of integration of Gender issues into the NDCs & LT-LEDS. An example of Burkina Faso will be used as a case study. This will empower the participants to better advocate for and include their issues into the next round of NDCs.	RCC Partner/Facilitator
10:45 – 11:00	Tea break	
11:00- 13:00	<b>Step by Step Process of Integration Gender issues into Climate Action (NDCs &amp; LT-LEDS)</b>	UNFCCC RCC ESA
13:00 -14:00	Lunch break	
14:00 – 15:45	<b>Breakout sessions (Integration Gender into NDCs)</b>  This session utilizes the knowledge gained by the participants thus far to screen out an NDC for a particular country for each group . The participants will choose a sector and within the sector they identify Actions /Strategies to figure out if they are inclusive in their framing. They will then put up suggestions as to how they would want to see gender reflected in the actions. This is done for all the actions in the chosen sector of a particular country by each group.  The group will come up with suggested actions for the next round of NDCs for that chosen Sector.  <b>The group chooses a rapporteur and a facilitator. Prepare a presentation for presentation on Day 3</b>	Facilitators  All participants
15:45- 16:00	Tea break	

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session description</b>	<b>Speakers &amp; facilitators</b>
16:00 – 17:00	<b>Wrap up</b>	
	<b>DAY 3</b>	
08:30 – 09:00	[Recap of day 2]	
09:00 – 10:45	<p><b>Group report back</b></p> <p>Group representatives will report back on their findings from the country NDC sector issues in terms of Gender Framing gaps and their suggested activities for the next NDCs for their chosen sectors.</p>	<p><b>All Participants</b>  <b>Facilitated by</b>  <b>Partners/RCC</b></p>
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11:00 – 13:00	<p><b>Group report back</b></p> <p>Group representatives will report back on their findings from the country NDC sector issues in terms of Gender Framing gaps and their suggested activities for the next NDCs for their chosen sectors.</p>	<p><b>All Participants</b>  <b>Facilitated by UN</b>  <b>Women/ RCC</b></p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break	
14:00 – 15:00	Discussion on the next steps	All Participants
15:00 – 16:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Closing session</b></p> <p>Recap of key outcomes; next steps; feedback; and ending remarks</p> <p><b>Final Project Remarks</b></p>	<p>UNFCCC</p> <p>ACCF</p>