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Gender and Climate Change in the Republic of Serbia

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Legislative framework

- Draft Climate Change Law
 - Public (March-April 2018) and inter-ministerial consultations finished, comments currently being addressed.
 - Transposes relevant EU acquis and sets up the ground for fulfillment of obligations towards UNFCCC.
 - One of the **objectives (MRV)**: establish mechanisms for the **timely, transparent, accurate, consistent, comparable and complete reporting and verification** of information about the meeting of obligations under the UNFCCC and under the Kyoto Protocol, Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement, as well as for the **monitoring and reporting of anthropogenic GHG emissions** by source and removals by sinks, and **climate change adaptation measures** taken in a cost-effective and economically viable manner.
 - Establishment of National Climate Change Council (an advisory body of the Government) - Representative of the Office of the Commissioner for Protection of Equality will be a member of NCCC



Second National Communication (2017)

- Gender and Climate Change Study prepared under Second National Communication, as a separate document
- General focus on gender issues in climate change adaptation and mitigation

Key points in CC adaptation:

- Women may have different needs for adaptation than men.
- Acknowledge women's role in adaptation
- Design gender-sensitive adaptation policies and measures.
- Enhance women's abilities and opportunities to mitigate disasters and cope with climate change.

Key points in CC mitigation:

- Consider that sources and level of emissions of women and men differ substantially, independently of their age and income.
- Based on surveys, women tend to be more concerned about climate change and would prefer more ambitious efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions than men
- Women are more willing than men to change their behavior in order to save energy and purchase low-carbon emitting product



Third National Communication and Second Biennial Updated Report

- In the period 2017-2021, GEF funded project
- The Project will take into account **gender mainstreaming** in line with Gender Responsive National Communications Toolkit developed by the Global Support Programme through UNDP and in collaboration with UNEP and GEF.
- The project in both reports (3NC and 2BUR) will ensure that **gender disaggregated data**, wherever applicable by age, will be consistently included.
- The **gender dimension** in the 3NC and 2BUR will be meaningfully involved, not only considering **women as beneficiaries** but also in the **decision-making** process of climate change related activities.
- The 3NC and 2BUR will consider **different roles of men and women** in Serbia, how they may **affect the country's ability to deal** with climate change mitigation and adaptation.



Climate Smart Urban Development Challenge project

- UN WOMEN - UNDP cooperation on **implementation of the gender elements** of GEF funded “Climate Smart Urban Development Challenge” project (2017-2021).
- **Improving access to data** for socially responsible urban development **and to innovative solutions and models** for climate smart development of Serbian municipalities.
- Proposed activities will **ensure gender mainstreaming** of the processes, indicators, targets, and results and will reflect **differentiated impact of proposed actions to men and women**.
- **Gender component was one of the criteria for evaluation of project ideas**
- CSUD participated in the event “Women parliamentary network 2018” in order to present gender and climate change related actions within the project.

Other -

- UNDP together with UN WOMEN published a **Gender and Climate Change training book** based on which multiple trainings have been conducted.
- As on the COP23 in Bonn was decided, an **Gender Action plan** should be prepared.
- Republic of Serbia, together with UN WOMEN and UNDP submitted an **report on Gender and Climate Change in Serbia**, which contains **information on gender mainstreaming** in national strategies and plans, delegation actions in previous COPs and measures from the perspective of gender.



Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (2019-2021) (1)

- Gender Mainstreaming in the Project
 - Initial Gender Analysis for Serbia prepared,
 - Project preparation has involved **consultation with gender specialists** and consultations about **gender issues**
 - In the inception phase of the project, an **engagement strategy for women and vulnerable groups** will be designed to ensure gender and vulnerable community dimensions are adequately addressed.
 - During the project inception the **mandatory UNDP gender marker will be applied** (rated for gender relevance). This will for example include a brief analysis of how the project plans to achieve its environmental objective by **addressing the differences in the roles and needs of women and men**.
 - **Gender issues will be monitored** throughout project implementation. These will be tracked **on an annual basis** as part of the Annual Progress Report/Project Implementation Review. Other gender-relevant markers will be identified and tracked as appropriate.
 - The project design and implementation will ensure both an **adequate balance of participation** in the project, and the **equitable distribution of benefits**.
 - **Gender-sensitive indicators** to be monitored per good practice. As one of the cross-cutting issues, the Project will take into account **gender mainstreaming** as well, and in line with Gender Responsive National Communications Toolkit developed by the Global Support Programme through UNDP and in collaboration with UNEP and GEF.

Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (2019-2021) (2)

- CBIT project will ensure that **gender disaggregated data** are incorporated in the MRV system, as well as that future revisions and improvements of NDCs are taking into account **gender sensitive mitigation and adaptation measures**.
- Particular attention will be dedicated to **gender differentiation** of vulnerability assessments and climate change adaptation planning and **incorporation of gender** into disaster risk management.
- Also, it will provide **specific guidelines and tools on how to prepare gender sensitive climate change policies and measures**, based on the data and information produced under the MRV.
- In addition, the CBIT project will provide **tools** for making the data collected within the other climate change and DRR related data/information management systems (such as the GHG Inventory, National Risk Registry, National Geodata Portal, etc.) **gender sensitive**, to the extent possible.
- Within the project an **Action plan** will be developed which will ensure tracking of implementation of all mentioned activities.



Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (2019-2021) (3)

Conclusions:

For a capacity development initiative on climate change to be successful in Serbia, it must **take four steps related to gender**:

1. Recognize the **importance of women** in the management of climate change information and in the development, implementation, and monitoring of climate-related policies and measures;
2. Take into account the **differentiated roles of men and women** in climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction, and climate-related investments.
3. **Encourage gender balance and women's participation** in all project activities and in climate change programs more broadly, particularly when there are entry points such as peer exchanges, trainings, and advisory support to policy-makers.
4. **Collect gender-disaggregated data and gender-related information**, provide findings as appropriate to other organizations, and promote the use of findings in reporting to relevant UN conventions. Specific action items are included in the proposed Action Plan.



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