



Gender innovations: strategies to address “gender” in climate change policy

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At COP18 in Doha, Parties agreed to a decision on gender balance as a means to reach gender equality. Gender differences are evidenced in climate change mitigation and adaptation with regards to carbon footprints, impacts of climate change, climate solutions, and access to funds.

However, by simply integrating ‘gender’ into the current climate change agenda, we risk undermining the integrity of the gender concept. To analyze and address climate change from a gender perspective requires a reframing of the problem in such a way to take into account the root causes of inequality. Integrating gender into existing policies and practice by merely responding to existing gender roles might actually result in reinforcing current gender relations. In order to achieve a true eradication of inequalities, a transformation and change in current discourses, systems and governance structures is required.

We want to start a discussion with a view to create awareness about the different gender perceptions in climate change discourses, to identify common ground, to consider how research can contribute fundamental insights and to speed up the implementation of gender responsive climate change policy.

Agenda

Welcome and introduction

Ulrike Röhr, LIFE e.V.

Gender stereotypes in (international) climate change policies. How the prevalent use of ‘gender’ might perpetuate and reinforce traditional gender roles

Emilia Reyes, Equidad de Genero and Bridget Burns, WEDO

The social construction of climate change. How and what can feminist research contribute to gendered climate policy

Dr. Sybille Bauriedl, University of Kassel

Gender and transition in climate governance. The relation between nominal and substantive representation in Scandinavian climate policy-making

Dr. Gunnhildur Magnusdottir, Malmö University

Discussion and strategizing