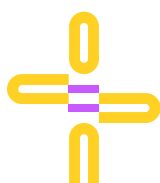


Fair, sustainable and effective

Gender equality as the basis for climate and biodiversity policies

The worldwide climate and biodiversity crises and ongoing gender inequality are intrinsically linked. These pressing challenges can only be solved with an integral and inclusive approach.



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How are gender equality, climate, and biodiversity connected?

Investing in women's rights and gender equality is essential in order to address the climate and biodiversity crises effectively. Women – in all their diversity – contribute to the conservation of biodiversity, restoration of our ecosystems, and to successful climate solutions using their expertise, including their local and Indigenous Knowledge. It has been known for many years that the structural participation of women in decision-making is crucial for achieving more commitment and results on climate action and biodiversity preservation.

However, in spite of their knowledge, strength, and creativity, women frequently are not provided a seat at the tables where political decisions are made. What's more, they often do not have proper access to funding to carry out their activities. This also applies to the LGBTQI+ community, Indigenous Peoples, and others in a marginalised position, such as people living in poverty. These groups are disproportionately affected by the impacts of the climate and biodiversity crises. Not only is this unjust, the enduring gender inequality prevents us from effectively addressing the climate and biodiversity crises.



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The Netherlands as a leader in women's rights and gender equality

For decades, the Netherlands has been one of the international frontrunners when it comes to women's rights and gender equality. At the UN climate summit in Dubai, for example, the Dutch government prioritised gender equality in their mandate. In addition, the Netherlands has committed itself to internationally agreed objectives to promote women's rights, gender equality, climate action, and biodiversity. That is why we're calling on the Dutch government not to relinquish this role as a champion of women's rights and gender equality, and to put locally led (women's) organisations from the Global South centre stage in addressing the climate and biodiversity crises. They are key to the advancement of effective solutions.

Recommendations

The paper 'Fair, sustainable and effective – Gender equality as a basis for a climate and biodiversity policies' is about the intrinsic link between gender equality, climate and biodiversity. These goals can only be achieved if Dutch policy is set up in a way that safeguards equal rights and challenges unequal power dynamics. For this reason, we call on the government to draw from successful examples on the ground, often led by local (women's) organisations from the Global South. Use the QR code to read the various case studies in the paper, which serve as inspiration and demonstrate what works and what does not work at the local level.

We make the following three comprehensive recommendations:

- » Prioritise in Dutch policy and programmes structural and meaningful participation in political decision-making by women and girls in all their diversity – ranging from local levels to international climate negotiations.
- » Ensure that funding becomes more accessible for local (women's) organisations and that all climate and biodiversity finance advances gender equality.
- » Ensure that different policy initiatives are mutually reinforcing instead of hindering or undermining each other. Priority should be given to universal human rights, including women's rights, and environmental and climate agreements. Bring all financial flows in line with the Paris Agreement and ensure that this fossil fuel phase-out plan promotes international equity and gender equality.

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