



8th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation (APAN) Forum

Feminist action for climate justice: An enabler to building the resilience of communities

29 August 2023

08:45 - 11:00 Hrs (Korea Standard Time)

Songdo Convensia, Incheon City, Republic of Korea

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Background

A changing climate affects everyone, however, its impacts are not gender-neutral. Women and girls bear the disproportionate impacts of the climate crisis, which amplifies existing gender inequalities and poses unique threats to their livelihoods, health, and well-being. Recognizing the specific needs, but also the respective capacities and contributions of women as the agents of positive change will be crucial for building the resilience of communities. To ensure that the bold ambitions of the 1995 Beijing Platform for Action on women's rights are finally implemented and that the Sustainable Development Goals are achieved, the **Generation Equality Forum (GEF)** was launched in 2021 with a 5-year action agenda to accelerate investment and catalyze collective action on gender equality. Convened by UN Women, the GEF is an innovative global multi-stakeholder partnerships forum mobilizing governments, civil society, youth-led organizations, international organizations, philanthropy and the private sector for gender equality. Feminist Action for Climate Justice (FACJ) is one of the six Action Coalitions (AC) of the GEF with 234 programmatic, financial, advocacy and policy commitments from the governments, private sectors, civil society organizations and philanthropies.

Globally speaking, the Asia-Pacific region is the most populous, the most disaster-prone region and accounts for the highest share of greenhouse emissions. But with the vast renewable energy potential, diverse ecosystems and emerging markets, the region has enormous prospects for a gender-just equitable transition to a low-carbon economy. Unlocking this potential requires leveraging regional cooperation and partnerships. The 8th Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) Forum offers an unparalleled opportunity for regional actors to share information, knowledge and best practices in adaptation and resilience building.

This pre-APAN panel discussion jointly organized by the UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) will constitute sharing practical solutions and exploring partnership opportunities for advancing feminist action for climate justice in the Asia-Pacific region. It will be built around the forum's thematic area of focus "**resilience of**

communities” and discusses **gender-responsive policy and programming** as an enabler to transformative adaptation that leaves no one behind.

The session will provide a platform to learn, share and catalyze collective commitments for the Feminist Action for Climate Justice (FACJ) Action Coalition of the Generation Equality Forum (GEF). GEF is a multi-stakeholder initiative to **catalyze partners, increase investments and results** in gender equality, **accelerate progress** towards achieving the objectives of the Beijing Platform for Action and the SDGs, as well as sustain and expand a **movement of support for gender equality** with civil society and youth leadership and activism at its heart.

Target Participants

35-40 adaptation practitioners and policymakers attending the 8th APAN Forum and other adaptation events under the wider umbrella of KGAW 2023 are expected to join this pre-forum event in person. Virtual participation via Zoom will be enabled for wider participation.

Format

The session will be presented as a panel discussion hosted in person over a breakfast conversation. Pre-registered online participants will connect via the Zoom platform. Here is the link to register for online participation:

<https://unwomen.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwrf-qorzoIGta43WcrYG8VaWRMOr90sBeb>

Agenda

Time (KST)	Session	Speakers/Facilitators
08:45-09:00	Breakfast and Registration	Organizers
09:00-09:05	Introduction	Maria Holtsberg Climate, DRR and Humanitarian Portfolio Lead, UN Women
09:05-09:15	Opening and Welcome Remarks	H.E. Sabra Ibrahim Noordeen Special Envoy for Climate Change, the Republic of Maldives
09:15-09:30	Introduction to the Generation Equality Forum and the Feminist Action for Climate Justice (FACJ) Action Coalition	Emad Karim Advocacy and Campaigns Coordinator, UN Women

09:30-10:20	<p>Panel discussion</p> <p><i>Mainstreaming gender and climate change in the Philippines: A national perspective - Rachel Anne Herrera, Commissioner, Climate Change Commission, Government of the Philippines</i></p> <p><i>Opportunities and challenges for effective youth engagement in gender-responsive policy and programming - Jolly Nguyen, 30 for 2030 Network Member, UN Women</i></p> <p><i>Community-led action and movements - Flora Vano, Country Program Manager, ActionAid Vanuatu</i></p> <p><i>Advancing women's leadership in climate action - Sanjana Chhantyal, 30 for 2030 Network Member, UN Women</i></p>	Moderated by Maria Holtsberg , Climate, DRR and Humanitarian Portfolio Lead, UN Women
10:20-10:45	Q&A session	Moderated by Maria Holtsberg , Climate, DRR and Humanitarian Portfolio Lead, UN Women
10:45-10:50	Wrap up the panel discussion	Maria Holtsberg Climate, DRR and Humanitarian Portfolio Lead, UN Women
10:50-11:00	Way forward and closing	Mozaharul Alam Regional Coordinator, Climate Action, UNEP and Head of APAN Secretariat