Promoting Gender Equality in Climate Action through Capacity Building with Experts from across Asia-Pacific

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In collaboration with UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, the Centre jointly hosted a cross-country learning workshop on gender-responsive rights-based climate action from 23 to 25 May. The event provided a space to share knowledge and expertise to promote gender equality and solution-driven approaches to combat climate change. 43 government representatives and experts from 9 countries across Asia and the Pacific, the ASEAN Committee on Women, and ASEAN senior officials on the Environment gathered to exchange knowledge and experiences on gender and climate change in the region. The training concluded with a planning session where participants developed strategies to overcome potential challenges, promoting ongoing learning and discussion about gender equality and climate action. Read more.

Strengthening Data Skills for Stronger Gender-Inclusive Policies with Pacific Island Countries

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The Centre jointly organized a gender data training with the United Nations Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP) and international development organization Pacific Community from 29 May to 2 June. The training, which took place during the week of the 2023 Korea-Pacific Islands Summit, was attended by 30 government representatives from national statistics offices and ministries responsible for gender equality from 12 Pacific Island countries. Participants enhanced their capacity to effectively produce gender data to inform policymaking. The workshop also strengthened the dialogue and collaboration between users and producers of gender data. At the training, Statistics Korea, the country's statistics institution, provided information on the Republic of Korea’s implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) indicators from a gender perspective. They shared insights about their experience in producing sex-disaggregated statistics as part of their gender mainstreaming policy and highlighted examples of legal and institutional measures taken to promote gender-responsive policies. Read more.
At the "2023 Annual Summer Conference: International Development Cooperation for Gender Equality in Times of Global Crisis" at Ewha Womans University in Seoul, the Centre shared its recent work including capacity-building training programmes on gender statistics and research projects on the impact of climate change on women and the adoption of a statistical framework for measuring femicide. The Conference was co-hosted by the center, the Korea Association of International Development and Cooperation (KAIDEC), Ewha Institute for Development and Human Security (IDHS), and the Korea Institute for National Unification (KINU). The event included a session titled "Gender Equality Official Development Assistance (ODA) in a Global Crisis Era," where the Centre stressed the need to expand the role of gender equality in the ODA fields of climate change and information communication technology (ICT), beyond the traditional focus on the health and education sectors. Over 50 participants attended the session, including representatives from Korean development cooperation agencies, academia, and ODA project managers. Read more.

Dissemination of UN Women-UNDP Joint Report “The Paths to Equal - Twin Indices on Women’s Empowerment and Gender Equality”

The Centre contributed to disseminate the Twin Indices on Women’s Empowerment and Gender Equality called the Women’s Empowerment Index (WEI) and the Global Gender Parity Index (GGPI) by distributing a press release in the Republic of Korea. The twin indices, newly developed by UN Women and UNDP, provide a comprehensive assessment of women’s status globally, measuring women’s empowerment and assessing gender gaps across dimensions including health, education, inclusion, decision-making, and violence against women. The Centre’s contribution led to the publication of seven news articles in Korea.

In the new global report launched by UN Women and UNDP, an analysis of 114 countries using the two indices has found that women’s power and freedom to make choices and seize opportunities remain largely restricted. Globally, women are empowered to achieve on average only 60 percent of their full potential, as measured by the WEI. They achieve, on average, 72 percent of what men achieve across key human development dimensions, as measured by the GPPI, reflecting a 28 percent gender gap. No country has achieved full gender parity and fewer than 1 percent of women and girls live in a country with high women’s empowerment and a small gender gap.
The Centre engaged in the UN Women-FIFA Campaign, ‘Football Unites the World’, during the FIFA Women’s World Cup in Australia and New Zealand 2023 by distributing the press release in the Republic of Korea. The campaign aimed to celebrate the skills and achievements of the teams and players, to advance gender equality in football, and to prevent abuse and discrimination on and off the field. The press release distribution resulted in news coverage from top news outlets and newsletters in Korea during the World Cup season.

Jeongshim Lee, Director of the Centre, delivered a presentation on ‘Empowering Women and Girls with Disabilities and UN Women’s Role’ at the Busan World Disability Conference 2023 on 8 August. The presentation focused on the importance of empowering women and girls with disabilities and the agency’s efforts to support their full and active participation in society. The Centre also shared its work on establishing a network and developing knowledge products on women with disabilities, in partnership with UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific.
The Centre and UN Women Regional Office for Asia-Pacific hosted a training from 22 to 24 August, gathering forty-five youth leaders and experts from 13 countries in the Asia-Pacific region in the Republic of Korea. The training aimed to facilitate the exchange of existing tools, knowledge, and lessons learned on addressing technology-facilitated gender-based violence (TF GBV) among the participants and to develop country-specific plans of action for implementation. The Centre will publish the content covered at the training in the second edition of the Youth Guide to End Online Gender-Based Violence Toolkit during the 16 Days of Activism to End Violence Against Women in November 2023. Read more.

Knowledge Products

**Women's Empowerment Principles Workshop for the Republic of Korea**

Issued in July, this brief covers in detail the content of the Women’s Empowerment Principles (WEPs) Workshop for Korea, held in April 2023. It introduces best practices and lessons learned for each Principle from global WEPs signatories. Designed for private sector companies interested in joining or existing WEPs signatories, this note provides practical insights and guidance for successful implementation of the principles. Read more.

**Data on Women and Technology: An Expert Consultation in the Republic of Korea**

The brief covers an expert consultation on the gender differences in the interaction with technology. It provides technical guidance for researchers, government officials, and civil society organizations on how to measure related data to address the scarcity of comprehensive and sex-disaggregated data on women and technology. Read more.