


## SEVENTH SHARING & LEARNING SEMINAR Gender and Adaptation to Climate Change

26 August 2011, 08:30 - 13:00 hours  
Siam City Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand



Gender is a neglected dimension of efforts to mainstream adaptation to climate change into development. This is despite clear evidence that vulnerabilities to extreme climatic events and effects of poverty reduction and other development interventions often exhibit strong gender differences. Access to key financial, technical and social resources that could make women's livelihoods more resilient are often constrained by gender relations. At the same time women are not passive recipients of the roles and circumstances in which they find themselves. A better understanding of the strategies used by women and men to cope and adapt could inform adaptation interventions so they contribute more to addressing inequalities in development. We anticipate that such analyses will need to pay attention to other intersecting dimensions of social difference such as socio-economic class, ethnicity and ecological or natural resource contexts.

Despite this growing awareness of gender issues in development, the road to integrating gender-responsive dimensions into climate adaptation strategies remains unclear. This seminar aims to take these discussions a step further by interrogating the usefulness of 'gender' in climate change adaptation practices.





## Expected Outcomes

- Awareness of gender-related differences in potential impacts of, and vulnerabilities to, climate change, and their underlying causes
- Identification of main gaps, needs and lessons for policy processes initiating gender-responsive Climate Change Adaptation programmes and strategies
- Improved ideas on how to incorporate gender into climate change adaptation practices

## Output

The main output of the seminar will be a synthesis report summarizing discussion points and take-home messages.

## Target Audience

The Seminar is targeted to policy and decision-makers, practitioners, researchers working in the fields of climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction, gender issues and development.

## PROVISIONAL AGENDA

08.30-09.00	Registration
09.00-09.10	Welcome
09.10-09.25	Keynote Address
09.25-09.55	<b>Session 1 : Gender-related differences in impacts of, and vulnerabilities to, climate change, and their underlying causes</b>
10.00-10.15	Q&A
10.15-10.30	Refreshment Break
10.30-11.00	<b>Session 2 : Gender responsive climate change adaptation practices: good examples and lessons learnt</b>
11.05-11.20	Q&A
11.20-11.50	<b>Session 3 : Gender responsive climate change adaptation policies and policy processes: challenges at national, regional and international levels</b>
11.55-12.10	Q&A
12.15-12.45	Facilitated Group Discussions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are potential traps and pitfalls in efforts to integrate concerns with gender in climate change adaptation initiatives?</li> <li>• What are some specific, highly innovative ways, through which adaptation related activities could</li> </ul>
12.45-12.55	Synthesis
12.55-13.00	Thank you & Announcements on Adaptation Forum 2011
13.00	Lunch

### Please note the logistic details:

Date : Friday, 26 August 2011

Time : 08.30 – 13.00 hrs

Venue : Siam City Hotel, 477 Si Ayuthaya Road (BTS: Phaya Thai)

*All participants are invited to join the lunch at 13.00*

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