



Women and Climate change



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GENDER EQUALITY BY 2015, YES WE MUST!

- www.genderlinks.org.za
- Online
- Contribution to Gender Links opinion and commentary services



MY SUBMISSIONS

- Talks about an up-to-date theme, “climate change”
- Series of articles focusing on women and climate change
- Tackles the issue through a gender-based approach



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Articles titles:

- Impact of climate change on women
- Environmental campaign led by a Beauty queen “Miando”
- Anticipation of a severe drought and its impact through gender-based view
- Young girls get engaged with the environmental initiatives at schools



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PROTOCOL TARGET	COUNCIL ACTIONS
Article 4: Implementation of legislative and other measures to eliminate all practices which negatively affect the fundamental rights of women, boys, and girls	An article encourages Madagascar, to make a decision to protect the environment.

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PROTOCOL TARGET	COUNCIL ACTIONS
Article 5: Affirmative action put in place with reference to women	The first article encourages Malagasy decision makers to include women in the decision-making process to protect the environment.

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PROTOCOL TARGET	COUNCIL ACTIONS
Article 13: State parties should ensure participation of women in decision making	Women should be integrated in the solution-finding process to tackle climate change.

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PROTOCOL TARGET	COUNCIL ACTIONS
Article 30: Encourage media to give equal voice to women and encourage articles on gender-specific topics	This article encourages the use of gender considerations by the media.

BACKGROUND

- Big talks on climate change
- Environmental issues for Madagascar
- In developing countries, women are left out during the talks, and the topic is not approached with a gender-based view.



OBJECTIVES

- Advocacy for decision making on climate change to protection environment
- Advocacy for Malagasy women
- A way to contribute to achieving the MDG goals and SADC gender and protocol targets



TARGETS

- State, government
- Environmental organizations
- Community on the ground



PROCESS



- Documentation on climate change
- Interest and participation in climate change talks
- Interview of primary sources (engineers, fishermen wives' associations, beauty queen, young girls, boys, experts, ...)
- Sources: 60% female and 40% male
- Quotes from UNFPA Gender Manager and climate change expert

FEEDBACKS

- Article welcomed by environmental organizations and non governmental organizations
- Women enjoy that their voices are heard
- International organizations welcome the articles.
- Articles were reproduced by national and international news agencies.
- Articles were quoted as reference for United Nations and other organizations' projects.



FOLLOW-UP

- Updated articles written on climate change
- A close follow up on organizations plan to tackle the impact of climate change



Thank you!