



Gender Concerns International is a Gender and Development Organisation based in The Hague, The Netherlands. Gender Concerns International promotes women as agents of change and development, with a focus on capacity building, lobbying and advocacy, facilitating training, and supporting women's organisations in fragile states to improve the political, legal, social and economic position of women.

THE POST-COP GENDER WATCH INTERNATIONAL NETWORK (G-WIN)

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The Post-COP G-WIN

The **Post-COP G-WIN** initiative is an opportunity for Women’s and Civil Society Organisations to collectivise a multi-stakeholder voice to audit and monitor the implementation of environmental and sustainable development policies. Building on progress achieved so far, this network aims to enhance female leadership in environmental decision-making and policy implementation

Gender and Climate Change

The direct and indirect consequences of climate change and threats to environmental security and sustainability affect women and men differently:

- The majority of people whose livelihood depends on local resources threatened by climate change are women.
- When resources are scarce, girls suffer disproportionately due to unequal resource distribution because of the unequal status of

boys and girls in many households.

- Women are vulnerable to sexual abuse and sexually transmitted diseases following climate disasters.
- Climate disasters often result in the out-migration of men, leaving women with the bulk of household responsibilities in inhospitable living conditions.

Women’s unequal participation in decision-making processes often hinders their full engagement in policy-making and policy-implementation processes concerning climate change and environmental security and sustainability. This is despite women being generally supportive of pro-environmental policies and pro-environmental leaders. Consequently, women’s political participation is an under-utilized resource to reach the goal of environmentally friendly politics for a secure and sustainable world.

Moving Forward: Female Leaders for a Secure and Sustainable Future

Many initiatives have been taken to ensure women’s participation in environmental decision-making, including:

- Strategic Objective K in the Beijing Platform for Action
- Chapter 24 of Agenda 21
- The Gender Plan of Action under the Convention on Biological Diversity
- UNFCCC’s Lima Work Programme on Gender
- The Doha Miracle Gender Decision at COP 18
- The 2030 UN Sustainable Development Goals

To build upon the existing work and to strengthen the synergies among various relevant initiatives, much of the dedicated work and genuine commitment is still ahead of us. It is within this context that Gender Concerns International has launched the initiative of the **Post-COP G-WIN**. G-WIN, promotes an approach that

offers a multi-stakeholder platform for Women’s and Civil Society Organisations to work on the following issues:

- To audit agreements and declarations so far adopted at previous COPs
- To monitor the implementation of the Nationally Determined Contributions
- To promote new relevant development initiatives towards international stakeholders

Secretariat and Contact

The **Post-COP G-WIN** has been established in The Hague, The Netherlands, with an initial Secretariat at Gender Concerns International’s Headquarters.

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