



The Global Gender and Environment Outlook (GGEO) will, for the first time:

PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE, FIT-FOR-USE, COMPENDIUM OF GENDER-RESPONSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

By providing access to evidence-based global and regional information and data, tools and approaches for governments and other stakeholders, to support integrating gender perspectives into environmental policies, plans and programmes.

ENABLE BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ENVIRONMENT USING A DIFFERENT APPROACH AND A GENDER LENS

By highlighting interactions, linkages and trends, the GGEO assessment will provide a holistic outlook that will validate and raise awareness of the interplay between gender and the environment. Approaching environmental understanding through a gender lens demands new questions, emphasizes different dimensions of human-environment relationships, and requires unique methodological tools and approaches – even changing the frameworks themselves.

LEAD THE WAY FOR MAINSTREAMING GENDER IN ALL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS AND ANALYSES

By highlighting its transformative impact and setting new benchmarks and standards on assessment, analysis and decision-making for the environmental sector and beyond.

DRIVE IMPACT THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

UNEP will use the assessment's findings to strengthen capacity and partnerships that will serve as a global platform for future co-operation with key stakeholders. The project will bring together the best expertise on gender and environment from different parts of the world across a wide range of networks that will be engaged in its development, implementation and outreach.

THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE, INTEGRATED AND GLOBAL ASSESSMENT ABOUT GENDER AND THE ENVIRONMENT



The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is the UN system's authoritative advocate for the environment. It keeps our global environment under regular review and provides governments, policy-makers and other stakeholders with the up-to-date information and knowledge they need to track progress and take informed decisions.

With this founding mandate, UNEP's Global Environment Outlook (GEO), an integrated environmental assessment with a future-looking approach, provides a comprehensive synthesis and up-to-date analysis about the state and trends of the environment. It is an important way in which UNEP makes available credible, scientific data on the environment, and presents policy-relevant analyses at global and regional scales. The 6th edition of GEO (GEO-6) is due to be published in mid-2017. The process is underway with the recent nomination of over 850 global and regional government and NGO representatives and experts who will participate in its preparation and review.

Recognizing the importance of highlighting gender from an environmental perspective, and in response to a call from the Network of Women Ministers and Leaders for the Environment, UNEP made a commitment at Rio+20 to undertake a ground-breaking initiative to ensure that gender considerations would feature more prominently in its global environmental assessments.

UNEP's governing body welcomed this announcement and the Global Gender and Environment Outlook (GGEO) is due to be published at UNEA-2 in May, 2016.

A NEW GLOBAL BENCHMARK FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

THE GLOBAL GENDER AND ENVIRONMENT OUTLOOK



LEADING THE NEXT GENERATION OF INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND DECISION-MAKING



THE STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT BOTH REFLECTS AND SHAPES GENDERED NORMS, ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIORS

Around the world, environmental conditions impact the lives of women and men in different ways as a result of existing inequalities. Gender roles often create differences in the ways men and women act in relation to the environment, and in the ways men and women are enabled or prevented from acting as agents of environmental change. Everyone, women and men alike, have an important role to play in moving towards environmental sustainability. Recognizing women as part of the solution is therefore not only a human right in itself, but also provides a unique opportunity to address the often deep-rooted inequalities in society that impact negatively on the urban and rural environment.

An impressive body of work since the 1980s makes clear that environmental analysis is sharpened, enhanced, and transformed by a gender-sensitive lens. But although knowledge on gender-environment linkages is already available, it is rather scattered and represents very diverse sectors, geographic scales and periods of time. Therefore, a comprehensive regional and global insight in the relevant issues at stake is limited.

By exploring future sustainability pathways from a gender perspective, we have the opportunity to envisage the future we can have and make a tangible difference in the lives of people around the world, while taking care of the environment.



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The GGEO report is due to be launched in May 2016 at the 2nd United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) meeting, firmly placing gender analysis at the heart of global environment assessment and bringing gendered perspectives on the environment to the attention of the world's policy-makers and sustainability leaders.

Initial funding from the Government of Norway supported the GGEO's development while further funding is being sought. The process is currently underway and strategic partners from the Network of Women Ministers and Leaders for the Environment and civil society are collaborating closely on its development. Through an online Community of Practice, wide participation is welcomed.

GET IN TOUCH

Contribute to the GGEO process by registering for the Community of Practice on <http://uneplive.unep.org/community> today! For further information on the GGEO, please contact the GGEO team on GGEO.Info@unep.org.

THE GGEO WILL MAKE ENDURING CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMUNITY UNDERSTANDING AND POLICY APPROACHES TO THE ENVIRONMENT

THE GGEO'S ANALYTICAL FRAMEWORK

The Driver-Pressure-State-Impact-Response (DPSIR) framework will be used for the analysis of the gender-environment nexus and to inform decision-making by describing the interplay between human activities and the environment from a gender perspective. In order to focus on policy options and solutions-oriented responses, the project will go a step further by additionally highlighting best practices and inspiring examples. It will also continuously benefit from emerging approaches in integrated environmental assessment by linking to the GEO process. This will ensure that new, robust, methodologies are taken into consideration and that the GGEO will build on and enhance the DPSIR framework, tailoring the GGEO process to best capture and examine human wellbeing and ensure that gender elements are integrated in the most appropriate way.



THE GLOBAL GENDER AND ENVIRONMENT OUTLOOK MILESTONES

2012

- Network of Women Ministers and Leaders for the Environment (NWMLE) challenges UNEP to integrate gender analysis more fully into the GEO process
- UNEP commits to produce an integrated environment assessment entirely through the lens of gender analysis at the Rio+20 UN Conference on Sustainable Development

2013

- UNEP's Governing Body welcomes the commitment to produce a GGEO
- Norway commits seed funding in support of GGEO process

2014

- UNEP conducts the First GGEO International Expert Group Consultation in Geneva, Switzerland, to assess the relations and trends of gender and the environment
- Multi-stakeholder consultation on the GGEO in Bonn, Germany

2015

- Sweden supports gender mainstreaming in UNEP's work
- First Author Meeting/Writing Workshop, New York, United States of America
- Peer-Review of Chapters 1 and 2
- Second Author Meeting/Writing Workshop
- Peer-Review of Chapters 3 and 4

2016

- Editing, design and layout
- Production of publication and e-Book; translation
- GGEO presented to governments at the 2nd United Nations Environment Assembly, Nairobi, Kenya