



Interactive Roundtable

11) Women and the Environment

Tuesday, 4 November 2014, 16:30 - 18:00

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Introduction: The roundtable will highlight the following strategic objectives for governments: i) Active involvement of women in environmental decision-making at all levels. Specifically the role of women in confronting the effects of climate change and their contribution to sustainable development; contribution of governments in reducing the burden of climate change on women. ii) Integration of gender concerns and perspectives in policies and programs. iii) Contribution of government in reducing the burden of climate change on women vis-à-vis their commitments made by governments. iv) Impact of development and environmental policies on women including mitigation efforts.

Convener	Adebisi Adebayo , Senior Advocacy Officer, IAC
Moderator	Lorena Aguilar , Global Sr. Gender Advisor, IUCN
Speakers	Michel Jarraud , Secretary General, WMO Hilary Gbedemah , CEDAW member Nadejda Vakhitova , Rep., Women of Mountains Group Irene Dankelman , Adviser, WEDO Corrine Hart , Director, Cleanstoves Ewa Larsson , President, Green Women Liliya Abbazova , Youth Program Coordinator, Association for the Environmentally Clean Fergana
Rapporteur	Ariel King , Founder & President, Ariel Consulting International
Recommendations, Q&A	From the floor
Interpretation	Provided from and into English, French and Russian

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Short Bios: Women and the Environment

Convener: Adebisi Adebayo is the Senior Advocacy Officer, Inter African Committee on Practices Affecting the Health of Women and Children. A Social Scientist and Gender expert with over 20 years of experience on diverse development issues from a gender perspective. She has carried out research and written multiple times on sustainable Development issues like health, human rights, and environment as they affect Women.

Moderator: Lorena Aguilar, IUCN Global Sr. Gender Advisor has over 25 years of experience in projects and initiatives involving public policy development, building local institutions and the incorporation of social and gender issues into development. Lorena established and consolidated the IUCN Global Gender Office, seeking to promote gender equality and women empowerment for achieving biodiversity conservation and sustainable development. She has created and is part of some of the most influential international gender networks; e.g. the Network of Women Ministers and Leaders of the Environment and the Global Gender and Climate Alliance. She is the author of over 70 publications.

Rapporteur: Ariel King Founder, President, Ariel Consulting Inc. has focused on International Public-Private Partnerships in Development for over 35 years across 11 countries. She is also the president of the Ariel Foundation a non-profit organization with an international focus on children and youth in Leadership, Entrepreneurship and Community Service world-wide. She is also the Economic, Cultural and Social Council (ECOSOC) Permanent Representative for various Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) at the United Nations in Geneva, Vienna and New York. She has published widely on International Health Policy.

Speaker: Michel Jarraud, Secretary General, World Meteorological Organization is a scientist and "Ingénieur de la Météorologie". He has acted in several other capacities regarding Climate Change and Sustainable Development issues. In 2002, he led the coordination of WMO's contribution to the World Summit on Sustainable Development and its follow-up. He is the current Chair of UN Water and also a member of the Preliminary Management Oversight Board (Pre-MOB) of the ISDR system.

Speaker: Ewa Larsson, President, Green Women, Sweden, was a member of the Swedish parliament for eight years and a member of the Nordic Council and is now a councilor. She is passionate about the involvement of women participating at all levels in society, patriarchal structures and male domination in economic development, choice of Energy systems and Chemicals in productions.

Speaker: Hilary Gbedemah is a Lawyer and Gender Advocate is an Expert on the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW Committee) and has extensive experience in its thematic areas. With thirty-seven years' legal experience comprising private legal practice, she is currently Rector of Ghana's premier paralegal Training institute. In 1997, she was appointed the Senior Legal Advisor at the Volta Regional Office and was in charge of the Legal Awareness Program which was funded by the Netherlands Development Organization (SNV) in partnership with the Women in Law and Development in Africa (WILDAF) and ACTIONAID Ghana.

Speaker: Irene Dankelman is Director of IRDANA and lecturer at the University of Nijmegen (Netherlands). During her more than 35 year professional life, she has worked for, UNIFEM (presently: UN Women) and Oxfam-Novib, and is actively involved in international, regional and national organizations, including WEDO (Women's Environment and Development Organization), WECF (Women in Europe for a Common Future) and Both ENDS (Environment and Development Services for NGOs).

Speaker: Corinne Hart is Director, Gender & Humanitarian Programs for the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves. She works closely on the gender impacts and livelihood creation opportunities within energy access issues. Prior to her work on increasing access to energy and clean cooking technology in the developing world at the UN Foundation, she worked in the Capitol Hill office of California Congresswoman Grace Napolitano. From 2003-2005, Ms. Hart was a corps member of Teach for America and taught special education for two years in New York City.

Speaker: Nadejda Vakhitova, is a representative of Women of Mountains which carries out comprehensive training for women and children on climate change adaptation and sustainable development. One of their projects "Adaptation to Climate Change" won the Rio de Janeiro-Climate Adaptation of the Women's Rio +20 Good Practice Award- 2012. Nadejda has 10 years of experience in climate change and protection of the environment issue.

Speaker: Liliya Abbazova, Youth Coordinator, Association for the Environmentally Clean Fergana, is a Youth and gender equality expert. She holds a Master's degree (Ecology) and has written on environment protection and climate change adaptation.
