

Water and Gender in the DRR Context

“Accelerating Gender Equality in the Water Domain”

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Gender Mainstreaming in the DRR context

DRR is:

Defined as both the concept and practice of reducing disaster risks, through systematic efforts to analyse and manage the causal factors of disasters. It is concerned with managing intensive, extensive, and emerging disaster risks both hydro meteorological as well as geophysical.

Why does gender affect the way people experience disasters?



Many Cases show that women are more vulnerable to poverty and to the impacts of disaster.

However, they also show remarkable resilience in the face of risk and disaster to mobilize communities to prepare for and to respond to disaster.

How climate change is affecting hazard trends, and how these impact on women and men, girls and boys?

Gender Mainstreaming is:

The process of assessing the implications for women and men of any planned action, including legislation, policies or programmes, in any area and at all levels. It is a strategy for making the concerns and experiences of women as well as of men an integral part of the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes in all political, economic and societal spheres, so that women and men benefit equality, and inequality is not perpetuated. (UN ECOSOC, '97)

Gender mainstreaming addresses the concerns of both women and men and the relations between them. Gender mainstreaming is largely about supporting women's empowerment!

→ **Gender Analysis based on adequate INFORMATION First!**

TAKING STOCK OF GENDER EQUALITY IN THE WATER DOMAIN

The year 2020 was a pivotal year for women and girls worldwide:

- a) The 25th anniversary of the adoption of the 'Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action'
- b) 5-year milestone towards the end date of the Agenda 2030



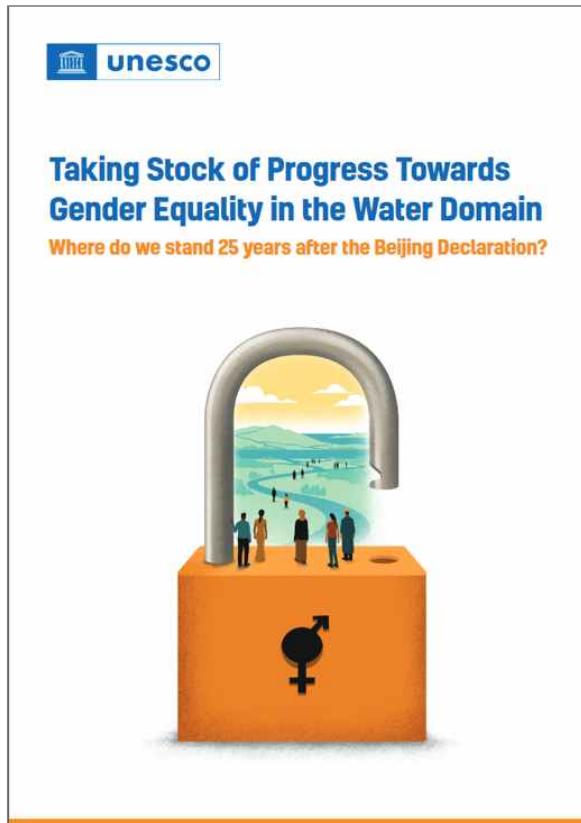
HOWEVER THERE IS LACK OF INFORMATION ON THE PROGRESS TO GENDER EQUALITY IN THE WATER DOMAIN

Water and Gender Working Group

50 experts in the field of water and gender from UN agencies, governmental institutions, regional organizations, NGOs, academia



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25 Years after the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action

< 10 years to the 2030 Agenda:

NOT ON TRACK WITH INTERNATIONAL PROMISES ON GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN

- ✓ Policy – Practice gap
- ✓ Low participation of women in leadership
- ✓ Social norms and stereotypes
- ✓ Lack of funding and of sex-disaggregated water data

→ **URGENT AND BOLD ACTIONS NEEDED!**

WE JOIN FORCES WITH THE SAME GOAL

OBJECTIVES

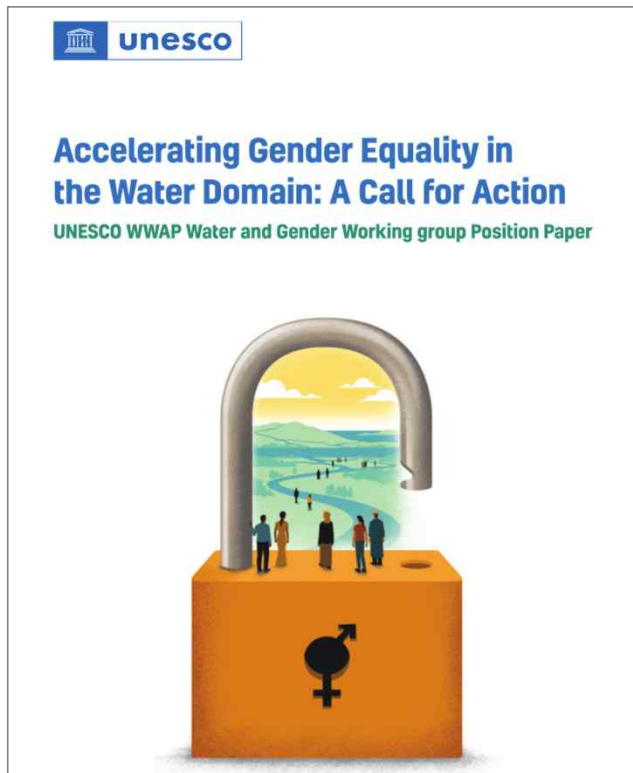
- **HIGHLIGHT** the need to accelerate gender equality and women empowerment in water
- **CALL UPON** government and policy makers, decision makers, donor agencies, institutional leaders and other relevant stakeholders
- **ENCOURAGE** the development and implementation of gender-inclusive strategies
- **ACCELERATE** action towards a gender-transformative water domain



Call for Action PILLAR I: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

POSITION PAPER FOR POLITICAL LEADERS AND DECISION MAKERS

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ACTIONS AND CONCRETE COMMITMENTS

- ACT upon principles of gender-equal funding;
- PRIORITIZE the collection of sex-disaggregated data (monitoring and eliminate data gaps);
- DEVELOP gender-transformative strategies and policies;
- NARROW the gap between policy and practice (HR, strengthening regulatory frameworks, gender assessments);
- FOSTER women's leadership beyond participation (gender perspective, capacity);
- COUNTER negative gender norms / stereotypes / taboos (education, awareness, legislation);

Call for Action PILLAR II: COMMUNICATION AND DISSEMINATION

➤ Massive communication campaign



➤ Informative meetings, regional and global events

2021

- LAC Regional pre-launch, San José (June)
- **SIWI World Water Week (global launch), Stockholm (August)**
- EU Water and Gender Conference, Brussels (October)
- Africa Water Week (November)

2022

- AIWW, Luan Bajo, Indonesia (March)
- WWF, Dakar (March)
- Asia-Pacific Water Summit, Kumamoto (April)
- Dushanbe Biennial HL Water Conference (June)
- EU Development Days, Brussels (June)
- UN HLPF, New York (July)
- SIWI WWW, Stockholm (August)

2023

- UN Conference on the Mid-term review of the Water Action Decade New York (March)

Call for Action PILLAR III: COUNTRIES JOIN THE INITIATIVE!

A MULTI-STAKEHOLDER COALITION

- Member States institutions
- UN Agencies
- International and regional organizations
- NGOs
- ODAs
- Private sector
- Civil society
- Academia



The Coalition has already 150 members and is open to other expressions of interest:

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