

GENDER MATTERS IN BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION: LAUNCH OF REGIONAL TRAINING MATERIALS

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Concept note

1. The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) explicitly recognizes in its preamble the vital role that women play in the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and affirms the need for the full participation of women at all levels of policymaking and implementation regarding the conservation of biological diversity.
 2. True to this commitment, the Convention on Biological Diversity, through its 2015–2020 Gender Plan of Action, has put forward a basis for Parties to integrate a gender perspective into the national biodiversity planning process, and materials have been developed to raise the awareness of Governments, women’s organizations and other entities on the linkages between gender and biodiversity.
 3. In 2017, the vision to develop training materials on gender and biodiversity to support capacity development was put into action with a gathering of gender and biodiversity experts from the Asia-Pacific region, to share experiences and lessons learned from gender mainstreaming in their countries.
 4. After further review and carrying out a training of trainers exercise and delivering the training to a representative group of participants, the Gender and Biodiversity Training Materials for South-East Asia and the Pacific have been finalized and are ready to be disseminated and put to use.
 5. The materials are intended to support gender trainers to strengthen capacity development of government officials and associated actors working on biodiversity policy and programming. This includes addressing (a) why gender-responsive approaches are important for biodiversity policy and planning; (b) key policy considerations; and (c) how to go about integrating gender dimensions into biodiversity policy and programming in practical terms.
 6. In collaboration with the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) Philippines, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will formally launch the training materials and provide an overview of the training modules through a webinar entitled “Gender Matters in Biodiversity Conservation: Launch of Regional Training Materials”, to be held on 25 March 2021 at 10 am (UTC +8). This is intended to contribute to the celebration of International Women’s Day on 8 March and National Women’s Month in the Philippines.
 7. The webinar will be opened by Ms. Theresa Mundita S. Lim, Director of ACB, and Mr. Alexander Shestakov, Director of the Science, Society and Sustainable Futures Division of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.
 8. An overview of the materials will be provided by Ms. Maricel Aguilar (Gender Specialist), Ms. Kris Baleva (ACB) and Ms. Katherine Viñegas (GIZ). This will be followed by an open question-and-answer period.
 9. The webinar will be hosted by ACB on several platforms, such as Zoom and Facebook Live.
 10. Those wishing to participate in the webinar launch on Zoom can register [here](#).
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