

Foreword

This report was prepared following a call from OECD Member countries during the 2019 Ministerial Council Meeting (MCM) to integrate gender mainstreaming into all policy areas of the OECD. The OECD subsequently launched a “Gender Policy Platform: Accelerating Mainstreaming through the Sustainable Development Goals” with a particular focus on areas where the OECD had yet to apply a gender lens, environment being one of these policy areas. The work was financed through a Central Priorities Fund allocation and Voluntary Contributions.

The report provides an overview of the gender-environment nexus, looking into data and evidence gaps, economic and well-being benefits as well as governance and justice aspects. The analysis is conducted using the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Framework. Nine environment-related SDGs are examined under a gender-environment lens, covering topics such as sustainable agriculture and fisheries, biodiversity protection, ecosystem management, clean water and sanitation, affordable and clean energy, sustainable infrastructure and inclusive cities, responsible consumption and production, and climate action. This mapping exercise aims at building the evidence and help countries identify possible future work on gender mainstreaming in environmental policies.

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