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Dublin Rio Principles – Bridging the Gender Gap in Water Resource Management

– *Where do we stand, What lessons have we learned?*

18th June 2012 Time: 11:30-13:00

Venue: P3-6, RioCentro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Gender equality and women's empowerment goals are part of the cornerstones of the four Dublin Principles (1992), the UN Conference on Environment and Development, (1992), the 2000 Millennium Summit and the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD). Principle 3 states "Women play a central part in the provision, management and safeguarding of water". In addition, this institutional framework is upheld by the Convention on Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the Beijing Platform for Action.

This event seeks to influence the Rio outcomes and implementation as well as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the post 2012 MDGs. It also contributes to the Gender and Sustainable Development RIO+20 commitments. It will facilitate information exchange on gender strategies, actions, and lessons learned, on gender mainstreaming in water resources management throughout the world. The event also seeks to share knowledge and support for the implementation of the African Minister's Council on Water (AMCOW) gender strategy. We will explore the development of an Africa Network that will support AMCOW and provide a global model to bring these issues forward beyond RIO+20.

Women's empowerment is critical to improve water resources management. Regional and national level solutions thus require the development of water sector plans that are aligned with existing gender policy frameworks. Though considerable progress has been made, significant gaps prevail. Bridging this gender gap will require acceptance and implementation of Principle 3 of the Dublin Principles to promote positive policies, strategies and actions that seek to address women's needs; that equips and empowers women in ways defined by them.

Program:

Welcoming and introduction, 5 min
Presentation and Statements, 30 min
Panel debate and Discussion – open floor, 50 min
Summing up and Closing, 5 min

Chair: Hon. Rejoice Mabudafhai, Deputy Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, South Africa and Chair of the Network of Women Ministers and Leaders for the Environment



AGENDA

11:30-11:35	Welcoming and introduction	Brazilian Minister or Hon Rejoice Mabudafhasi , Deputy Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, South Africa and Chair of the Network of Women Ministers and Leaders for the Environment
11:35-12:05	Panelists Presentation: Statements and key note remarks	<p><i>The AMCOW Gender Strategy- priority areas for implementation, new ideas and concrete partnerships and resources for implementation</i></p> <p>Annika Markovic - Environment Ambassador, Ministry of the Environment and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden. <i>Lessons from the Swedish Government's experience in implementing gender mainstreaming in water resources management</i></p> <p>Ania Grobicki, Executive Secretary, Global Water Partnership (GWP) /Mercy Dikito-Wachtmeister, Senior Officer Global Initiatives GWP. <i>The GWP Gender Strategy, Ideas that have come through consultative process involving the GWP Gender Reference Group and the GWP Network</i></p> <p>Veerle Vandeweerd, Director of Environment and Energy, UNDP. <i>Exploring the Nexus between Gender Equality, Growth and Sustainable Development: –Policy options, and – lessons from UNDP</i></p> <p>Janet Kabeberi-Macharia Senior Gender Advisor, UNEP. <i>Mainstreaming gender into ecosystem services: Lessons learnt from selected countries</i></p> <p>Eiman Karar, Director Water Resources management, Water Research Commission, South Africa. <i>Gender dimension of mainstreaming gender into Water User Association, a WRC assessment</i></p> <p>Daniela Nogueira/and Ninon Machado, Gender and Water Alliance, Brazil. <i>How the integration of gender in water policies makes the development in Brazil sustainable</i></p> <p>Cristina Tirado, Director of the Center for Public Health and Climate Change at the Public Health Institute. <i>Integrating gender, water, food and nutrition security and health as key pillars of climate resilient development</i></p>
12:05-12:55	Panel debate and Discussion – open floor	Moderator: Hon Rejoice Mabudafhasi - Deputy Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, South Africa and Chair of the Network of Women Ministers and Leaders for the Environment
12:55-13:00	Summing up and closing	Hon Rejoice Mabudafhasi - Deputy Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, South Africa and Chair of the Network of Women Ministers and Leaders for the Environment

SPEAKERS



Hon. Rejoice Mabudafhai is the Deputy Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs in South Africa. Prior, she held the position as Deputy Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism of the Republic of South Africa. Hon. Mabudafhai is a Member of National Executive Council (NEC) of African National Congress (ANC), Co-Chair of the Global Network of Women Ministers and Leaders of Environment, and Chairperson of the Mvula Trust Board.



Ms. Annika Markovic is the Environment Ambassador at the Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Sweden. Prior, Ms. Markovic served as the Ambassador for Sweden to Brazil as well as the Ambassador for Sweden to the Philippines. Ms. Markovic has a degree in Economics from Stockholm University.



Dr. Ania Grobicki is the Executive Secretary of the Global Water Partnership and her experience and knowledge of water is extensive, and includes work on the water needs of industry, agriculture and energy, as well as research and practice related to water supply and reuse; water quality; water and health; effluent treatment technologies; and integrated catchment management. Dr. Grobicki has degrees in Chemical Engineering from the University of Cape Town and in Economics from the University of South Africa, together with a Ph.D. in Biotechnology from Imperial College, London.



Dr. Mercy Dikito-Wachtmeister is a Senior Officer, Global Initiatives, at the GWP Secretariat in Stockholm, and among her responsibilities is to provide leadership on gender. Prior, Dr Dikito-Wachtmeister served as Senior Network Officer for GWP Southeast Asia and GWP South Asia and has served on the Stockholm Junior Water Prize International Committee. Dr. Dikito-Wachtmeister served as an Ambassador on a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation funded project and was a co-editor of one of the series of Water Alternatives Journals. She holds a Ph.D. in the Political Sociology of Water Resources Management and a Post Graduate Diploma in Social Science Research.



Dr. Veerle Vandeweerd is the Director of the Environment and Energy Group at the UNDP. Dr. Vandeweerd oversees projects and funds that aim to protect the environment towards achieving the MDGs and promoting sustainable development. Before joining UNDP, Dr. Vandeweerd held leadership roles with the United Nations Environment Programme, and prior to joining the UN, Dr. Vandeweerd worked for Belgium's government as Director of Environment Reporting for the Flemish Environment Agency. Dr. Vandeweerd holds a Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Antwerp.



Dr. Janet Kabeberi-Macharia is a Senior Gender Adviser at the UNEP headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. Dr. Kabeberi-Macharia boasts a career spanning academia, non-governmental organisations, and international development organisations, and has over 20 years' experience in research, training, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of rights based programmes. Dr. Kabeberi-Macharia holds a Ph.D. in Law from the University of Warwick and a Master in Law from Columbia University.



Ms. Eiman Karar is the Executive Director for Management of Water Resources at the WRC, South Africa. Previously, she was the Director in the Department of Water Affairs of South. Ms. Karar is a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Member of the Southern African Regional branch of the GWP, registered professional natural scientist with the South African Association of Natural Scientists, Member of the Water Institute of South Africa and Chair of the WISA Law subcommittee of the Management Division and a Member of WaterNet. Ms. Karar has an MSc in Environmental Sciences and a project management Diploma.



Dr. Daniela Nogueira, Member of Gender and Water Alliance (GWA), Brazil, and a Public Policy Analyst at the Chamber of Regional Programs at the Ministry of National Integration Water for All, National Program Strategic Coordination. Dr. Nogueira is a Researcher coordinator of studies in political analysis and NGOs, evaluation of decision making processes, and implementation of governmental policies towards the consolidation of democratic institutions, local development, human rights, citizenship, gender and budgetary control. Dr. Nogueira has a Ph.D. in Sociology with emphasis in Democracy, Gender and Water and a M.A. in Political Science.



Dr. Cristina Tirado is the Director of the Public Health Institute's Center for Public Health and Climate Change, and is a leader and researcher in gender responsive climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies for health, water, food and nutrition security. Prior, Dr. Tirado has been working with the UN, WHO, governmental and nongovernmental organizations, and universities for 20 years worldwide. Dr Tirado. is a doctor of veterinary medicine and obtained her MSc. and a Ph.D. degree in environmental sciences from Cornell University.



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