

“Women Livelihood within Just Economic Transition”

14 November 2022 | 16:30-17:30 Cairo Time | Room P-14

Context and issue

Barriers to women’s economic empowerment are likely to persist in the economic transition if there is no dedicated focus to address them. Today, women tend to have poor working conditions as they are at risk of climate shocks and lack the skill-set to enable participation in better jobs in the transition. In addition, women entrepreneurs in the green sector and supply chains, face constraints such as assets ownership, access to finance and training/mentorship programmes, which limit their contribution to climate innovation¹.

It’s important to turn the climate challenge into an opportunity and leverage the green just environmental transition for women. A just environmental transition anchored on inclusive climate action, will play a strong role in empowering women and achieving gender equality through the promotion of better opportunities in education, skills development, decent work and employment, and social protection, which all in turn spur green growth.

Description and objectives of the session

This session will be attended by leading thinkers and practitioners from different development organizations. It will stir the conversation around how stakeholders can leverage opportunities for women living in different communities, and support them to deal with the impact of climate change.

The session will offer a platform for explaining how to leverage opportunities for women living in different communities namely: urban areas, rural areas and coastal areas within environmental just transition. It will discuss how to support women’s engagement with the economic opportunities emerging from the environmental just transition through capacity building, enhanced access to technology, land, information, and skills, with consideration to relevant economic sectors; as enhancing women’s agility and resilience in turn will enhance sustainable agriculture and fisheries, and food security in the context of achieving sustainable development.

¹ UK AID (2021) -

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/980912/Guidance3-WEE-Climate-Change-Primer.pdf

Targeted outcomes of the session:

- Proposed implementable solutions to generate opportunities for women in just environmental economic transition to be adopted and implemented.
- Enhanced awareness of the differential impact of the environmental transition on women living in different communities and their unique experiences in such contexts.
- Identified ingredients for a just economic transition that urgently takes into account the different needs and realities of women living in different communities.