

Workshop report for the review and validation of the Nigeria Gender Action Plan

30th November 2018, Stonehedge Hotel, Abuja

INTRODUCTION

In implementing the Paris Agreement and Nigeria's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) at the Conference of Parties (COP23), adopted a Gender Action Plan, which would be integrated into Parties Climate Action i.e. the Paris Agreement. For a more holistic climate action, it is important that Nigeria has a unified voice on gender and climate change issues.

To domesticate the Gender Action Plan, there is a need to develop a National Gender Action Plan (GAP) that takes into consideration our national circumstances. This document would serve as a guide in mainstreaming gender into climate change plans and programs. A draft GAP was developed in 2016 and a workshop for the Review and Validation of Nigeria's Climate Change Gender Action Plan held on the 30th November, 2018.

ATTENDANCE

This workshop, which is being supported by the Climate Change Agriculture and Food Security (CAAFS) and International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), brought together key stakeholders from MDA's, CSO's, NGO's and gender experts to develop ways to improve, validate and create strategies to implement the document.



OPENING

The meeting started with a welcome address by the Deputy Director (V&A), Department of Climate Change (DCC), Hajia Halima Bawa-Bwari on behalf of the Director DCC, Dr Yerima P Tarfa. She welcomed all while stating the purpose of the workshop.

The workshop was formally declared opened by the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Environment (FMEnv) Mr Aliboh L. Leon, who was represented by the Director, DCC, Dr Yerima P. Tarfa. In his opening remarks, he reiterated the objective of the workshop which was to discuss how gender dimensions will support the implementation of the Paris Agreement and possible ways for mainstreaming gender concerns into national policies and action plans. He stated that one of the outcomes from this workshop was the development of a draft gender action plan document.

STRUCTURE OF MEETING

There was an overview of the Draft Gender Action Plan Document delivered by the Consultant Dr Vicky Sylvester, who reviewed an abridged version of the document. There were comments from the review, some of which are as follows;

- The need to have an all-encompassing title for the document
- INDC should be replaced with NDC since that is what is in place after the ratification of the Paris Agreement.
- The need to be consistent with the flow
- The need for further clarification on capacity building for the various group activities.
- The title should include Nigeria so as to domesticate the document.

BREAK OUT SESSIONS

The Participants were divided into 3 break out groups for an in-depth analysis and review of the document. Each group came out with observations from the part they reviewed.

RECOMMENDATION

1. The observations from the break out groups be forwarded to the Consultant to effect the necessary changes.
2. Soft copies be sent to Participants in order to make track changes and revert back accordingly.

CLOSING

The document was validated by the Participants with the clause that all corrections be effected in the final document. This was followed by closing remarks from the Deputy Director (V&A) DCC, who also declared the workshop closed on behalf of the Director DCC.