



SESSION DESCRIPTION

J3 Incorporating gender considerations into climate resilient planning and implementation: Lessons from Southern cities.

Panel discussion

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OBJECTIVE

The inclusion of gender considerations into the planning for, and implementation of actions that promote climate resilience is crucial given the capability of women to contribute towards resilience actions, as well as their increased vulnerability to climate change impacts. However despite the growing body of knowledge supporting such interventions not enough work has been done to understand the intersection between gender and climate resilience particularly within cities.

Circumstances in cities differ substantially from those in rural areas for example weaker social cohesion and in some case a higher likelihood of food insecurity. However, cities also provide opportunities to women in that they contain a larger range of potential livelihood options. Dealing with the complexities of this context requires a particular set of interventions and considerations.

As such CDKN convened an interview-style panel discussion to consider the ways in which to implement a gender-responsive approach to climate resilience within cities by learning from the experiences of the global South. Panelists answered a series of questions that describe and probe their successes and challenges. This session contributed to the fourth thematic theme of the conference: Building Resilient Societies in particular sub-section 4: Social cohesion and the inclusion of marginalized groups.

OUTCOMES

Participants gained an understanding of the importance of including gender considerations into city resilience planning and implementation. Furthermore, they gained knowledge on interventions that have worked in other cities within the global South which could be appropriate in their contexts.



METHODOLOGY

- The host opened the session with a short introduction and overview of the session. **(5 minutes)**
- The Director of the CDKN Programme addressed participants highlighting the importance of gender considerations in climate resilience planning. **(10 minutes)**
- Each panelist had the opportunity to briefly describe a project/s in which gender was actively considered within their region. **(20 minutes)**
- The facilitator asked the panelists a series of questions and provided the opportunity for panelists to engage with each other. Each panelist was engaged in a series of questions and answers by their interviewer. **(30 minutes)**
- The facilitator managed questions and answers from the audience. **(20 minutes)**
- The host concluded with closing remarks. **(5 minutes)**

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