

## 2020 GLOBAL FORUM ON ENVIRONMENT



# March on Gender

MAINSTREAMING GENDER  
AND EMPOWERING WOMEN  
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

### SAVE THE DATE

5-6 March 2020, OECD Conference Centre, Paris

The Global Forum on Environment brings together policy makers and experts from OECD member and partner countries to share best practices and discuss policy challenges related to the environment agenda. Representatives from business, inter-governmental organisations, research centres, civil society organisations and other relevant institutions are also invited to join the discussions.

Countries are currently facing the urgent need to tackle the climate crisis, reduce pollution, and protect our planet's biodiversity and other natural resources, while simultaneously ensuring that a transition to a low-carbon greener economy delivers benefits to all. To meet environmental goals and in line with Agenda 2030, policy- and decision- makers need to consider links between environmental policy responses and other goals, such as achieving gender equality and women's empowerment. In response, the **OECD's 2020 Global Forum on Environment will focus on "Mainstreaming Gender and Empowering Women for Environmental Sustainability"**. Identifying the right synergies between gender equality and environmental policies can reinforce both, increasing their respective effectiveness.

This Global Forum on Environment will review selected environment-related sectors and policies through a gender and inclusiveness lens, specifically:

- health
- infrastructure development, including transport, city and settlement design
- biodiversity, agriculture and fisheries
- green energy and a "just transition"
- circular economy, consumption patterns and waste management
- environmental justice and the empowerment of women and youth.

Participants will have an opportunity to discuss needed transformations at global, national and local levels to achieve both environmental and gender equality goals.

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**Thursday 5 March 2020**

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**Session 1: Opening – scoping discussion**

**Session 2: Integrating gender into environmental policies: data and evidence challenges**

The session will identify available evidence and gaps on the gender-specific impacts of environmental degradation, pollution and natural hazards, and differences in exposure by gender; and discuss ideas for completing the range of existing SDG indicators linking gender and environmental goals.

**Session 3: Differentiated environmental impacts on women's and men's health and well-being**

This session will focus on the importance of considering gender when evaluating the health impacts of environmental pollution and chemical exposure and identify gap areas where further work could be carried out by governments, also considering the role of the private sector.

**Session 4: Sustainable and inclusive urbanisation, settlements and transport infrastructure**

This session will identify challenges, lessons learned and good practices to make urban and settlement planning and transport infrastructure more gender conscious, and will highlight how a gender lens could reduce the overall environmental footprint of infrastructure.

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**Session 5: Gender-specific consumption patterns, circular economy and behavioural insights**

This session will engage in a discussion between policy makers, behavioural scientists, business and civil society to identify ethical and effective mechanisms to deliver lasting change in consumer patterns and waste management practices to promote sustainability and well-being. It will also present initiatives that have brought about better solutions in water, sanitation and waste management via women's greater engagement.

**Sessions 6.1 and 6.2 (parallel sessions): Economic opportunities in greener economies**

**Session 6.1: Biodiversity, agriculture, fisheries: changing economic opportunities for women and men**

This session will review evidence and examples of the inter-relation between women's economic empowerment and biodiversity, including policy tools that could be used to support both gender equality and biodiversity restoration. It will also identify challenges and good practices on how gender roles and occupational activities could be leveraged for a better management of land and marine resources.

**Session 6.2: Greening energy and ensuring a 'just transition' for women and men**

This session will aim to identify potential solutions for transforming the energy sector in order to accelerate the low-carbon economic transition, and the role that women can play therein.

**Session 7: Environmental justice for empowering women and youth**

This session will highlight how engagement with women and youth advocacy groups may improve environmental policy making and governance, and enhance environmental justice for all.

**Session 8: Conclusions and closing**

The key messages of the Forum's discussions will be summarised and will inform possible future work of the OECD.