

Annex Six

Extracts from GAC's "Environment and Climate Action" to implement Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy

See the full Action Plan at https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/issues_development-enjeux_developpement/priorities-priorites/fiap_environment-paif_environnement.aspx?lang=eng

Canada's approach to environment and climate action is human rights-based, and aims to challenge the discrimination faced by women and girls, and by all marginalized and vulnerable individuals, such as Indigenous people, migrants and people with disabilities.

To ensure that developing countries are supported in their efforts to safeguard the environment and reduce greenhouse gas emissions and pollution, and that women and vulnerable people actively participate in climate mitigation and adaptation efforts, Canada:

- works in partnership(s) ... to strengthen climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies, in line with nationally determined contributions and national adaptation plans, ...;
- seeks ... to improve environment-related laws and practices that may undermine gender equality, such as those that do not recognize women's land tenure or ability to own a business;
- works with women-led groups to help them engage on environmental issues and ensure that their specific needs and interests are taken into account in strategies that address climate change, resource use and environmental degradation;
- engages a full spectrum of stakeholders, including women and men, girls and boys, as key partners in bringing about desired environmental and social outcomes ... [and] ... to reinforce accountability and transparency in governance processes; ...
- supports the training and empowerment of local, Indigenous, youth and women-led groups ... so that they are better equipped to ensure that their knowledge and experiences are taken into account, and that their needs are addressed as part of the dialogue on environmental issues.
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Given the scope and scale of global climate change challenges, it is essential to engage private-sector players through innovative approaches to climate finance, such as leveraging private investment in mitigation and adaptation activities.

To support the transition towards low-carbon and climate-resilient economies, Canada:

- provides concessional financing to initiatives that support clean growth and that help developing countries lower their emissions and adapt to climate change. This type of financing, which includes low-interest or long-term loans, will help to mobilize significant and additional private and public investments in climate initiatives;

- supports innovative strategies and tools to enhance resilience building and adaptation, such as climate risk insurance ...
- seeks opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy, phase out carbon-based energy, support clean technologies, and increase energy efficiency, while ensuring that people in developing countries have access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern sources of energy ...
- fosters innovative and gender-sensitive financing strategies to increase clean growth in sectors such as agriculture, transportation, forestry and manufacturing, drawing on innovative financial mechanisms and new partnerships where appropriate, including with private investors;
- supports women's skills development and job opportunities in clean growth, science and environment-related fields ...

This path [supporting healthy, resilient and adaptive communities] strategically focuses on supporting the leadership and ownership of women, youth and vulnerable groups in developing local practices and technologies, such as climate-smart agriculture and food systems, sustainable agriculture and forestry, and comprehensive land and water management, that equip them to plan, prepare and respond to sustainability challenges. This approach also incorporates disaster-risk reduction, including strategies to improve climate resilience.

To ensure that its development assistance helps build healthy, resilient and adaptive communities, Canada:

- supports local involvement, knowledge building and ownership of environmental practices, infrastructure and technologies that ensure that vulnerable and marginalized people are equipped and able to deal with the onset of natural disasters, environmental degradation and various consequences of climate change;
- involves local and Indigenous peoples in building, sharing and maintaining their traditional ecological knowledge, as an essential tool to understand and solve sustainability issues;
- promotes women and Indigenous people's access to, and control over, land, water and forests ... as key components of community resilience to climate change and natural disasters;
- supports the adoption of climate-smart agricultural practices and food systems (including the introduction of new techniques and seed varieties), integrated water resource management and sustainable soil, land and forest management, in a manner that recognizes and responds to the particular needs and priorities of both women and men.
- supports developing countries, particularly coastal and small island developing nations, to implement climate change adaptation measures and undertake disaster preparation, recovery and reconstruction. ...
- fosters improvements in the immediate economic and living conditions of women and girls, by developing climate-resilient infrastructure, technologies and practices that

address the gender imbalance in household responsibilities, such as by reducing the amount of time women and girls spend collecting water, growing food and securing fuel.