



Commonwealth Secretariat & SLYCAN Trust

Strengthening Capacities for Innovative Just Transition Approaches for Gender and Youth Integration into Climate Action

PCCB 4th Capacity-Building Hub

Just Transition & Sustainable Economies Day

Friday, November 11th, 13.15-14.30, Tonino Lamborghini International
Convention Center, Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt

Background

Processes for building climate resilience, managing climate-related risks, and transitioning to low-carbon development must be inclusive and participatory and include gender-transformative measures, empowering women, youth, and vulnerable groups to become agents of change and benefit equally. Channelling financial resources and technical capacity to generate equitable gender and social benefits through climate action and empower youth and vulnerable groups is essential to capitalize on the socio-economic resourcefulness of the whole of society and enable an inclusive, resilient, and gender-just transition.

The session will highlight capacity-building needs and approaches for mainstreaming cross-cutting issues into a just economic transition, including gender, youth empowerment, and elements of Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE¹). Solutions and case studies include gender mainstreaming into NDCs, comprehensive and participatory risk management mechanisms, climate-friendly and sustainable entrepreneurship, and youth engagement and empowerment through capacity-building and knowledge-sharing related to a just transition.

At the event, the Commonwealth Secretariat will also launch a new guidebook titled ***'Gender Integration in NDCs - A Commonwealth Best Practice Guide'*** to share practical experiences and examples from the Commonwealth on strengthening capacities and financing for a gender-just transition through climate action within and beyond NDC Implementation. SLYCAN Trust will present the Global Youth Forum on Climate Change, an initiative of SLYCAN Trust Youth to facilitate youth engagement and empowerment through partnerships and collaborations at national and international level.

Objectives

The main objectives for the event are as follows:

¹ The over-arching goal of the UNFCCC ACE is to empower all members of society to engage in climate action, through the six ACE elements - climate change education and public awareness, training, public participation, public access to information, and international cooperation on these issues

- To enhance understanding of capacity-building needs for a gender-responsive, inclusive, and innovative just transition towards sustainable, resilient, and climate-friendly economies.
- To contribute towards an improved understanding and appreciation of best practices and examples for adopting gender responsive, inclusive, participatory, and/or youth-centred approaches to integrate capacity-building towards a just transition in the design and implementation of NDCs and other policy processes.
- To contribute towards increased knowledge- and experience-sharing as well as networking on practical ways and opportunities for financing a gender-just and risk-informed transition within and beyond NDC implementation, looking at both the public and private sectors.
- To document innovative approaches and good practices in capacity-building for a just transition and sustainable economies.
- To launch and raise awareness of the Commonwealth resource, 'Gender Integration in NDCs - A Commonwealth Best Practice Guide'.
- To enhance visibility of platforms related to youth engagement in climate processes, including the Global Youth Forum on Climate Change.

Expected Outcomes

The desired outcomes for the event are:

- Social media and communication materials building on key discussion points of the session and documenting examples and good practices that were discussed and shared.
- Increased awareness and use of available resources and mechanisms, including the 'Gender Integration in NDCs - A Commonwealth Best Practice Guide,' to support enhanced inclusion of cross-cutting issues in the next NDC update cycle and other climate-related policy processes.
- Identification of key challenges and needs on strengthening capacities and financing for integration of gender equality, youth empowerment, and inclusion in climate action, including a gender just transition, and the support mechanisms available to support this.
- Scaled-up engagement of youth in collaborative processes including the Global Youth Forum on Climate Change.

Expected Participation

This event is expected to bring together a range of different stakeholders, including civil society organizations; youth-led and women-led organizations; youth; Government officials and Country representatives involved in NDC processes, capacity development processes, and other relevant thematic areas; Multilateral Development Banks and development partners; private sector institutions; researchers; and technical experts.

Agenda

Time	Item
Moderator: Catherine Allinson, Director, Future Earth Ltd.	
13.15-13.20	Welcome and opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Vositha Wijenayake, Executive Director, SLYCAN Trust
13.20-13.35	Launch of the “Gender Integration in NDCs - A Commonwealth Best Practice Guide” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keynote Address - The Rt. Hon. Patricia Scotland KC, Commonwealth Secretary-General Presentation - Ms. Uzoamaka Nwamarah, Adviser, Climate Change, Commonwealth Secretariat Remarks - Ms. Amanda McKee, Director, Knowledge and Learning, NDC Partnership Support Unit
Co-moderators: Catherine Allinson, Director, Future Earth Ltd.; Vositha Wijenayake, Executive Director, SLYCAN Trust	
13.35-14.00	Moderated panel interventions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Ezra Christopher, Monitoring & Evaluation Consultant, Department of Environment, Antigua and Barbuda Mr. Kavindu Ediriweera, Global Youth Forum on Climate Change Mr. Dennis Mombauer, Director: Research & Knowledge Management, SLYCAN Trust Daniel Stadtmüller, Secretariat of the InsuResilience Global Partnership Mr. Fredrick Njehu, Senior Policy Advisor, Pan African Advocacy, Tearfund
14.00-14.20	Breakout Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group 1: Policy level - (Facilitator: tbc) Group 2: Gender (Facilitator: Lelemba Phiri, Founder and Principle, Africa Trust Group) Group 3: Youth (Facilitator: Sajani Ranasinghe, Sri Lanka) <p><i>Guiding question: What are innovative solutions for building capacities for a just and climate-resilient economic transition?</i></p>
14.20-14.30	Reporting back <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group rapporteurs - 2 min each (1-2 key takeaways)
	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Ruth Kattumuri, Senior Director, Economic, Youth, and Sustainable Development Directorate, Commonwealth Secretariat