

Annual Meeting of the SPECA Thematic Group on Gender and SDGs

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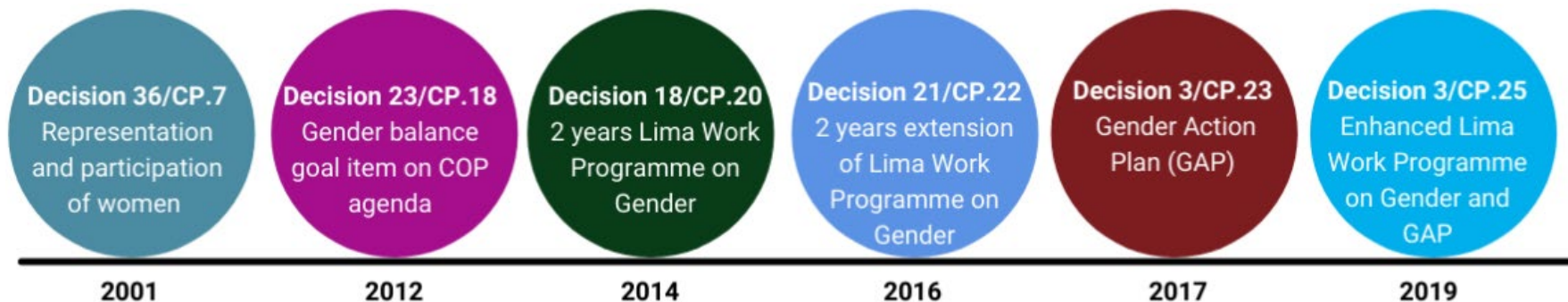


- **Gender equality** in the context of **Intergovernmental Processes** of the IPCC
- **UNECE's activities** in the SPECA region to strengthen women's economic autonomy in the context of the climate crisis
- **Group Discussion:** Challenges and opportunities in paving the way forward

Women's economic empowerment and green economy in the context of Intergovernmental Process of the IPCC



- In the **Paris Agreement (1/CP.21)**:
 - Parties acknowledge that, "when taking action to address climate change, respect, promote and consider... gender equality, empowerment of women and intergenerational equity."
 - Parties have focused on two goals under the dedicated gender and climate change agenda item:
 - Improving gender balance and increasing the participation of women in all UNFCCC processes
 - Increasing awareness and support for gender-responsive climate policy and action
- 5-year enhanced Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan adopted during **COP25**.
- At **COP27** key discussion topics include:
 - Women at The Center of Planning & Response
 - Women Livelihood Within Just Transition
 - Women and Climate Change Finance



UNECE's activities in the SPECA region to strengthen women's economic autonomy in the context of the climate crisis: key highlights



- **Energy transition and the post-COVID-19 socioeconomic recovery**
– role of women and impact on them: publication due in December 2022
- The 1999 UNECE/World Health Organization Protocol on Water and Health places specific emphasis on equitable access to water and sanitation
 - **Equitable Access Score-card**: supporting policy processes to achieve the human right to water and sanitation for all
- UNECE/ FAO joint publication “**Forest Sector Workforce in the UNECE Region**: Overview of the Social and Economic Trends with Impact on the Forest Sector”



UNECE's activities to strengthen women's economic autonomy in the context of the climate crisis: EPRs in SPECA countries



- Gender mainstreaming in the [Environmental Performance Review \(EPR\) Programme](#) – Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.



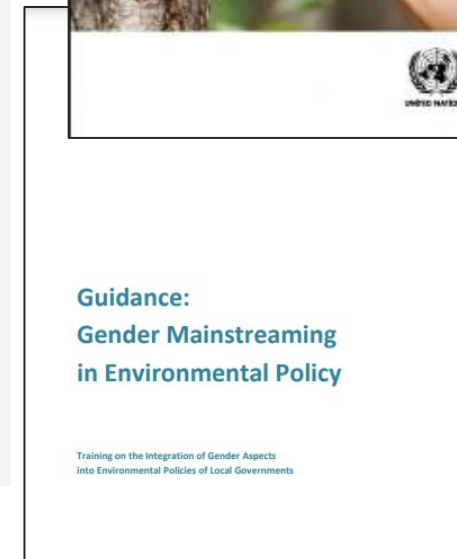
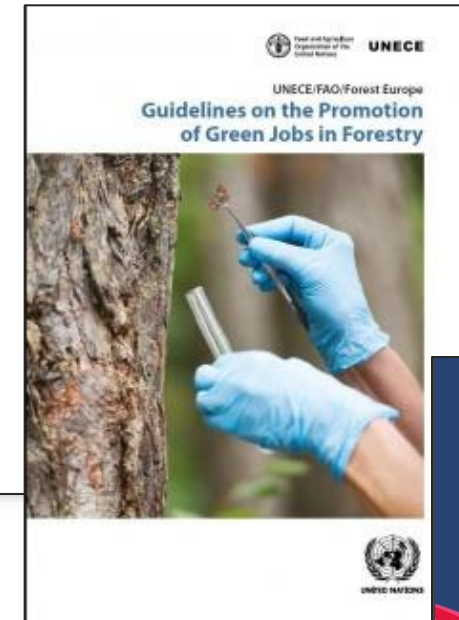
Source: UNECE map of EPR reviewed countries



UNECE's activities to strengthen women's economic autonomy in the context of the climate crisis in the Pan-European region



- The **Gender Responsive Standards Initiative** from the Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies (WP.6):
 - Integrating a gender lens in the development of standards and regulations.
 - Ensuring active participation of women in the standards development process.
 - *Guidance on Gender-Responsive Standards* finalized this year.
- Guidelines on the **promotion of green jobs in forestry**
- **Capacity building** activities: Supporting gender-responsive environmental policies at the local level



Group Discussion: Challenges and opportunities in paving the way forward



- Challenges in **integrating gender equality and inclusivity in environmental policies** in the SPECA region
- Ways to **champion participation and leadership of women and girls in shaping climate solutions** in the SPECA region in view of the ongoing COP27
- **Best practice examples** from projects and investments in the SPECA region to achieve SDG 5 and advancing environmental sustainability



Thank you!

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