

Environment and sustainability policy is not gender neutral. While this may seem obvious, one will find a fundamental lack of understanding in policymaking and society with regards to this statement. Initiative, commitment, research and networking are needed to overcome the resistences.

WELCOME TO GENANET - FOCAL POINT GENDER ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY

We consider gender justice an indispensable prerequisite for sustainable development. **genanet** has been created to raise awareness of gender equity in environment and sustainability policy and to integrate it into research, to implement gender mainstreaming in environmental policymaking and into the activities of environmental organisations. **genanet** will prepare position statements on recent environment and sustainability issues, discuss strategies to implement gender mainstreaming, and will put structures in place to allow effective lobbying of environment policy decisions from a gender perspective.

MAIN FOCUS OF GENANET'S WORK IN 2010

genanet's work will focus in 2010 on two issues: the first one aims to strengthen women's voices against nuclear power by supporting them in organising events, activities, demonstrations and so on. The second issue is closely connected to women's rejection of nuclear energy use: in a research project in cooperation with the Free University of Berlin, we will analyse why such a small share of women switch from energy providers delivering electricity produced by coal and nuclear to those delivering electricity produced by renewables. The aim of the project is to find out how to motivate them to change to a renewable energy provider.

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CLIMATE NEGOTIATIONS MORE EFFECTIVE IF GUIDED BY A LONG-TERM VISION

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Along with others at the August 2-6 climate change meetings in Bonn, women and gender groups expressed their support for the new UNFCCC Secretary General, Christiana Figueres, who in a meeting with civil society groups said that negotiations can be much more effective if we recognize a paradigm change based on responsibility to future generations. The human face of climate change must be understood.

Women representatives believe that this paradigm change requires a better understanding of the gender aspects of the issues. This includes an analysis of power relations within societies and institutions at all levels;...

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