Gender stereotypes in (international) climate change policies. How the prevalent use of ‘gender’ might perpetuate and reinforce traditional gender roles.

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Analyzing the Terms

- Gender Equality
- Gender Balance
- Gender Equity
- Multiple strategies for inclusion in interventions for adaptation/ mitigation:
  - Gender responsive, sensitive, gender considerations
Analyzing the Rhetoric

- Women as poor, women as victims, women as vulnerable
- Women are agents of change; women are powerful; women have solutions
- Women as altruistic stewards of the environment
Gender – a category of analysis

- Age, race, ethnicity, sexual preference
- Gender does not explain all categories of analysis but is crucially important as it cuts across all other intersections and is the basis of the structural ordering if society
- Gender perspective important to use in public policy—starting with a basis of addressing gender inequalities
Historicizing Interventions

- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5nP2Q00Hh0k&feature=ytube_gdata](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5nP2Q00Hh0k&feature=ytube_gdata)
Risks of Strategic Essentialism and Ways Forward

• What are the risks of this strategic essentialism?
• What are more integrated approaches moving forward?
  – Power up/ power down methodologies
Thanks

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