



The Untapped Potential of Women and Girls in NDCs 3.0



Over 90% of countries did not submit their NDC on time.

The third round of NDCs was initially due on February 10, 2025. Despite the rising urgency for comprehensive climate action, only **13** of the 195 parties managed to submit their national climate plans by the February deadline.



NDCs represent a key opportunity for making sure climate action and efforts towards reaching gender equality go hand in hand.

Women and girls, along with other marginalized communities, face disproportionate impacts from climate change, despite being underrepresented in climate-related decision-making.

Analysis:

31 NDCs SUBMITTED BY SEPTEMBER 10

87%

of all submitted NDCs include references to **'gender'** (27 NDCs). These often take the form of general commitments to gender equality or by identifying it as a cross-cutting theme for the NDC.

77%

of NDCs mention the term **'women'** (24 NDCs). Only **13** NDCs (42%) mention **'girls'**.



23% (7 NDCs) make no mention at all to women or girls.

Over half

of the NDCs (16) acknowledge the **differentiated impacts** of climate change on women, or list women under "vulnerable groups", often alongside children, the elderly and Indigenous Peoples.



Broad commitments to gender equality and acknowledgements of differentiated impacts **must be accompanied by action-oriented targets, strategies and policies** to turn words into action.

55%

of NDCs include **actions or strategies** focused specifically on women and girls.

Key Findings:

Women appear in a majority of NDCs, but room for improvement remains.

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Less than one fifth of NDCs (6) explicitly recognize that women are **underrepresented** in climate-related decision-making. Still, **58%** of NDCs (18) share some commitment or actions to improve women's participation in climate decision-making.

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Less than one third of the NDCs (32%) explicitly mention women or women's rights groups as **stakeholders** engaged in the NDC planning and preparation process.



Only when women have an equal seat at the table, and girls have equal opportunities to get there, can climate action be **fair and effective**.

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of NDCs (11) include mentions of **gender responsive climate finance** or **gender-responsive budgeting**.

4

NDCs reference **care work** (13%).

7

NDCs include an **inter-sectional perspective** (22%).

3

NDCs mention the **Lima Work Programme on Gender** (LWPG), the main roadmap for gender-responsive climate governance under the UNFCCC (<10%).

When it comes to gender equality, NDCs are often lacking:

- **Depth:** with gender-responsive actions and targets that allow tracking progress.
- **Breadth:** with actions across mitigation, adaptation, and all sectors, beyond energy alone.



Ahead of COP30, countries must put forth new NDCs that tap into the extraordinary potential that women and girls bring for keeping the 1.5 goal alive, building inclusive resilience, and securing climate justice.