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Mainstreaming gender in national drought plans, national action plans and national policies

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Description / Abstract

Achieving gender equality and social inclusion is essential for realizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly in food security, climate resilience, and drought management. Gender equality – ensuring equal access to resources like land and water – is crucial for creating inclusive, resilient societies. In agriculture and rural development, addressing gender disparities is key to improving food systems and ecosystem resilience. Social inclusion also empowers marginalized groups to participate in decision-making and climate action. Integrating gender equality and social inclusion is vital for effective climate resilience. A Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) framework recognizes that climate risks are not gender-neutral and that women, youth, and persons with disabilities possess unique knowledge and resilience. Gender-transformative approaches – engaging both women and men as agents of change – are essential for overcoming social barriers and promoting equality. The Feminist Critical Policy Analysis Framework (FCPAF) offers a structured approach to evaluate drought policies through a gender lens, identifying gaps and enhancing gender integration. Case studies of Grenada, Jordan, and Somalia reveal areas for improving gender and social inclusion in drought planning. Additionally, the Minimum Standards for Mainstreaming Gender Equality and Social Inclusion in Climate Action guide the development of gender-sensitive policies. By involving diverse social groups in drought response strategies, policies can address the needs of vulnerable populations, reduce social inequalities, and strengthen resilience. Mainstreaming gender equality in drought policies ensures more effective, inclusive, and sustainable climate action.

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