## Brief Overview of the post: Gender and Climate Change Focal Point

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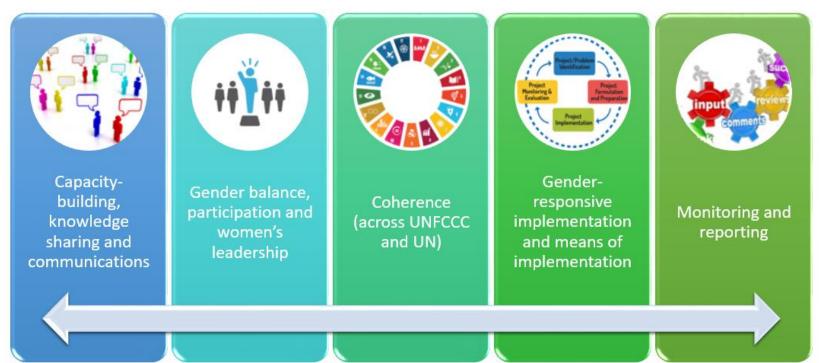
## Introduction

 In Liberia, Gender has been in action for sometime now but it has become more laudable when the position of Gender and Climate Focal Point decision was reached at COP22, decision 21 paragraph 22. Liberia nominated her Gender and Climate Change Focal Point at COP-24.

## Objectives of Gender and Climate Change

 There has been NO defined role of the Gender and Climate Change Focal Point at the UNFCCC level.
However, the following Objectives are considered:

**UNFCCC Gender Action Plan** 



#### **Achievement:**

*Liberia's Representation at COP24,SBI50 and COP25* 

- ✓ Following Gender related-issues at the UNFCCC meetings (contributed to the Lima Work Programme and Gender Action Plan)
- ✓ Gender is now being mainstreamed in some climate change related-activities at the National level
- ✓ Female participation to address Climate Change is now increasing.

## Challenges

- Climate change affects women and men differently in countries and it has a greater impact on women because they are of the larger population, and the most reliant on natural resources for their livelihoods.
- They have the least capacity to respond to natural hazards, such as droughts, landslides, floods and hurricanes.
- Furthermore, women commonly face greater risks and burdens from the impacts of climate change in situations of poverty, majority of women are considered the poorest compared to their male counterpart.

#### Other Challenges

- ✤ No Financial Support
- Low Capacity and Technical Assistance
- No accurate data or information to inform the World about women participation to address climate change

#### Conclusion

 Women's participation most be centre in all climate decision-making because inequalities often prevent them from contributing fully to climate-related planning, policy-making and implementations.

## Recommendations

- Build the Capacity of more Women to help in the fight against Climate Change
- Women must be in the centre of all Sectorial working groups and Climate Steering Committees
- That Gender must be mainstreamed in all conventions and Climate Change projects
- Financial allotment to promote Climate Action among women.

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