



**Social Aspects  
of Mitigation**  
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## **The Case for Social Aspects**

**IPCC AR4: Four main criteria that should be used to evaluate carbon mitigation instruments and policies**

- ▶ **Environmental effectiveness**
- ▶ **Cost effectiveness**
- ▶ **Distributional and equity effects**
- ▶ **Institutional feasibility**

**Analysis of intra-national equity effects, if done, is currently focusing on poverty**



**Disparities within countries:  
More social categories than just poverty!**



**Urban - Rural**



**Age**



**Gender**



**Social factors in climate policy**

**Vulnerability to the impacts of climate change**

**Carbon footprint**

**Capability to reduce carbon emissions**

**Perceptions and behaviour**

**Participation in decision making**

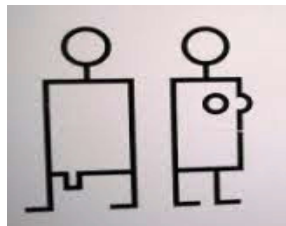
**Socio-economic impact of policies & measures**



## Gender = poor women?



## Gender as a social category



Biological



social category

## **Gender Dimensions Underlying causes of gender differentials**

**Segregation in education**  
**Income and wealth**  
**Care economy, livelihoods**  
**Unpaid labour**  
**Cultural constraints**  
**Legal discrimination**



## **How is Gender Linked to the Social Factors?**

|                                  |                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Segregation in education</b>  | <b>Vulnerability</b>           |
| <b>Income and wealth</b>         | <b>Carbon footprint</b>        |
| <b>Care economy, livelihoods</b> | <b>Capabilities</b>            |
| <b>Unpaid labour</b>             | <b>Perceptions / behaviour</b> |
| <b>Cultural constraints</b>      | <b>Participation</b>           |
| <b>Legal discrimination</b>      | <b>Socio-economic impacts</b>  |

... a multitude of linkages, just some of them shown here ...



## Intersectionality

- ▶ People live multiple, layered identities derived from history, social and power relations
- ▶ Social categories not independent from one another: overlap and mutually reinforce
- ▶ Not only for research **but also for policy-making**
  - > address inequalities / multiple discriminations
  - > impact on access to rights and opportunities
  - > about discrimination, but also about privileges
  - > recognize actors, institutions, policies norms that intertwine to create a given situation
- ▶ Makes the whole thing more complex and sometimes contradictory!



## From Gender Balance to Gender Justice

- ▶ Gender balance
- ▶ Equal participation
- ▶ Recognise and address gender roles
- ▶ Equitable and fair distributional effects of benefits and burdens
- ▶ Transformational effects



## Social & Gender Responsive Climate Policy

Is both about **"WHAT"**

- ▶ E.g. which technologies are acceptable?
- ▶ Technologies not separate from the whole social and institutional system
- ▶ Structures and infrastructures as important

.. and **"HOW"**

- ▶ Tools & methodologies required to improve design of policies and programmes  
e.g. Social and Gender Impact Assessments
- ▶ Involvement of social and gender experts able to properly apply the tools



## Example: Feed in tariff for RES (Germany)

### Side Effects

- ▶ Job creation
- ▶ Higher end user price per kWh
- ▶ Profitable investments in RE plants

### Gender Aspects

- ▶ Low income households most affected
- ▶ Larger proportion of new jobs benefiting men
- ▶ Limited possibilities to invest for women

### Potential Remedies

- ▶ Fair distribution of extra costs
- ▶ Education, labour market
- ▶ Preference for community based projects



## **Example: Energy saving service for low income households (Germany)**

### **Side Effects**

- ▶ **Cost savings**
- ▶ **Skills development for long-term unemployed**
- ▶ **(Temporary) jobs**

### **Gender Aspects**

- ▶ **Almost all trainees male**
- ▶ **Almost all clients female**

### **Potential Remedies**

- ▶ **Specific measures to target women as trainees**
- ▶ **... and men as clients**
- ▶ **Gender sensitive information**



## **Recommendations**

- ▶ **Effects on social and gender equity are not only „side effects“ or „co-benefits“**
- ▶ **Consider social and gender dimensions from the very beginning and at all levels -> multidimensional approach**
- ▶ **Incentivise robust actions even if quantification of effects is not possible**
- ▶ **...**



## **GenderCC - Women for Climate Justice**

- ▶ **Global network of women NGOs and gender experts**
- ▶ **To integrate gender justice in climate change policy at local, national and international levels**
  
- ▶ **Awareness Raising**
- ▶ **Advocacy**
- ▶ **Capacity Building**
- ▶ **Implementation**



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