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# The importance of the gender-environment nexus

Links, gaps and opportunities—  
especially toward meeting the  
SDGs

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# Presentation overview

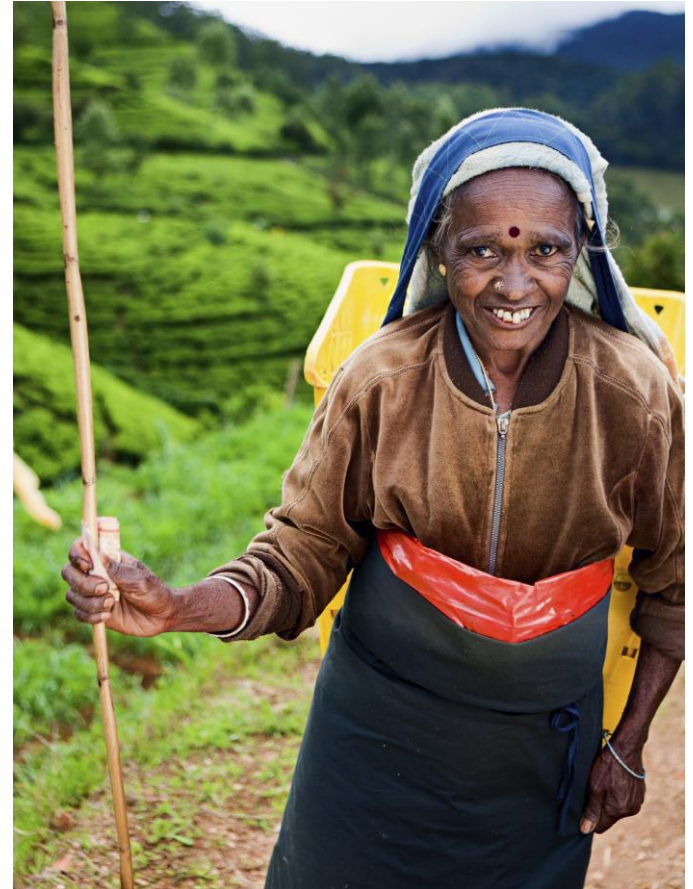
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- Gender-environment links
- Links reflected in SDGs
- Driving action with data (a.k.a., risking progress without it): gaps in SDGs indicators
- UN Environment-IUCN collaboration
- The road ahead

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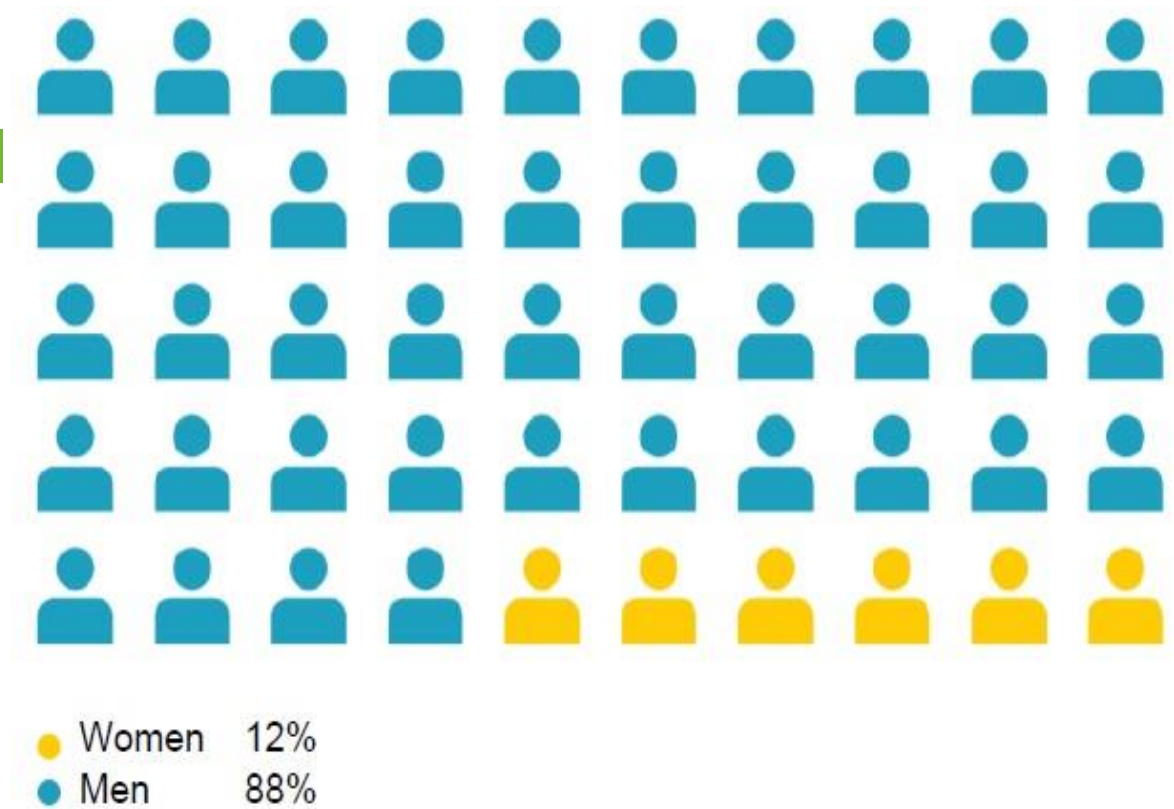
# Agriculture, food security and land ownership

- Women are on the frontline in food production
- Women – together with men – play important roles in agricultural work and production but lack equitable access to inputs
- Property rights and access to land are deeply insecure and inequitable in many parts of the world



# Women under-represented in environmental decision-making

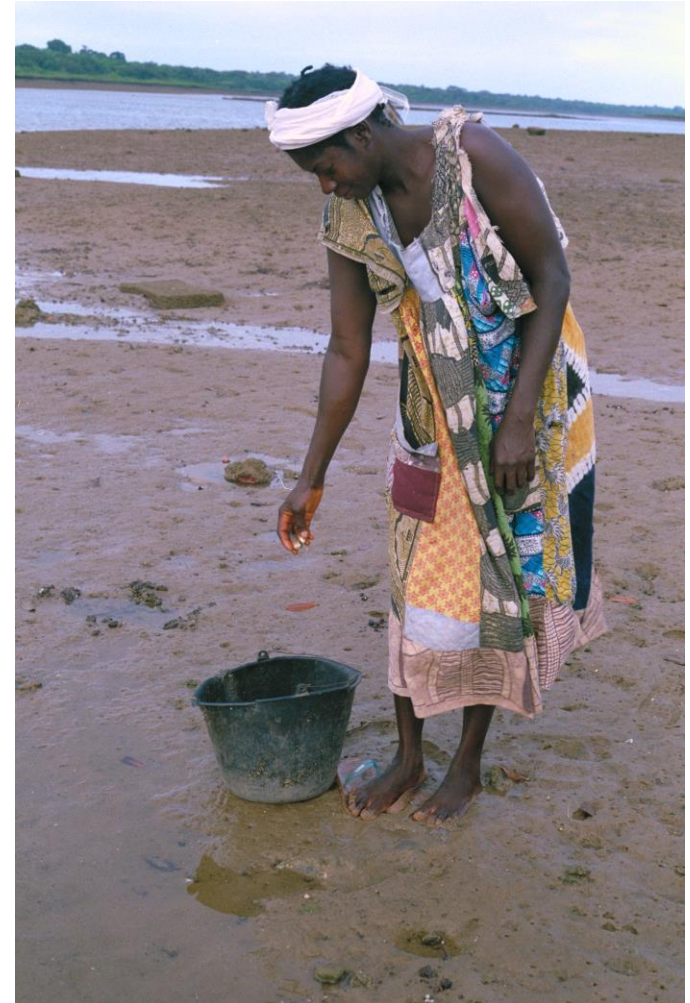
Heads of national environmental-sector ministries (EGI, 2015)





# Power of gender-responsive solutions: Water

- World Bank analysis: include women = 6-7x more efficacy
- UNDP: water projects with women 7x more efficient





# Climate change

- Women and men are experiencing climate change differently
- Disenfranchised populations at increased risk
- Gender-responsive climate change policies and action plans can prevent perpetuating existing inequalities and instead provide opportunities for enhanced gender equality and women's empowerment



# Gender mandates? Everywhere.

Strong **gender-environment policy framework** exists:

- Rio Conventions
  - Decisions
  - Gender Action Plans
- Financing mechanisms
- CEDAW, Beijing, HR frameworks increasingly recognize, prioritise gender
- Gender obligations under the SDGs, and one goal on gender equality (Goal 5) and interlinked targets



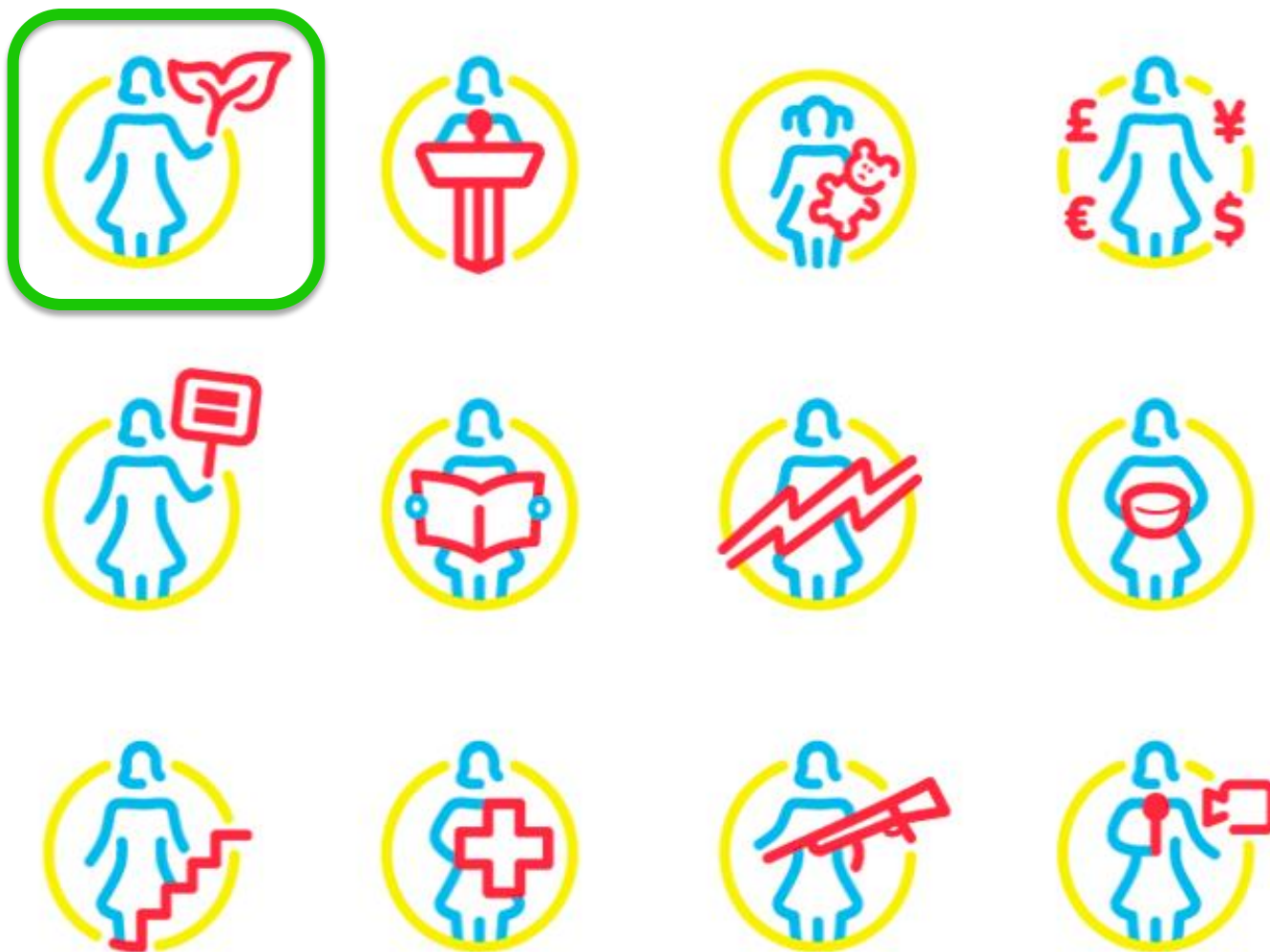
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Do we know enough to meet our  
goals?**

# The SDGs: a linkages agenda



# Beijing Platform: 12 critical areas

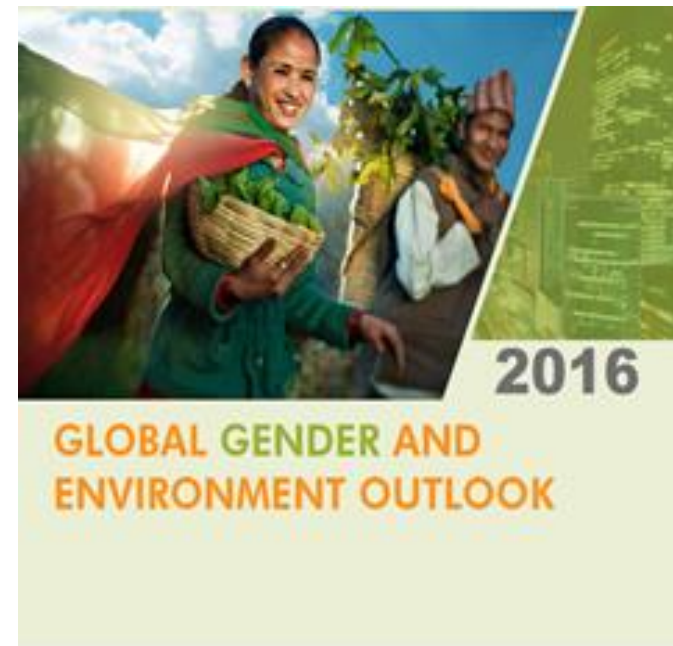
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# Gender-Environment Statistics Collaboration

- Desk review of gender and environment statistics at international and national level
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Beijing Platform for Action used as frameworks
- Inter-Agency Expert Group – Gender Statistics (IAEG-GS) meetings
- Expert consultations
- Case studies – partner countries:  
**Lao PDR, Kenya and Mexico**



# Gaps & opportunities – SDGs indicators

## Land tenure and rights

- (a) Proportion of total agricultural population with ownership or secure rights over agricultural land, ***by sex; and (b) share of women among owners or rights-bearers of agricultural land, by type of tenure***

SDG 5.a.1



# Gaps & opportunities – SDGs indicators

→ **Access to resources:** Time-use indicators used to measure how much time is spent, and by whom (disaggregated by sex), gathering these resources

→ **Climate change:** ‘Number of deaths, missing persons and directly affected persons attributed to weather-related disasters per 100,000 people, *by sex*’

Similar to SDG 13.1.1



# Data tells our story.

- But what do we need to do to support countries and organizations to collect it, share it, use it?
  - Gender-environment capacity building for statistical bureaus
  - Advocacy with women's and gender organizations
  - Tools for applying sex-disaggregated data for gender-responsive action
  - What can international partners do to facilitate information flow?

We invite you to tell us *your* story.

# Thank you!

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