

## Implementing Inclusive, Green Economy Approaches: Asian Regional Dialogue on Country Experiences and Ways Forward

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### Talking Points:

1. focus on economics and financing mechanisms, what does this mean for groups that are marginalised from these dialogues, decisions and markets?
2. Reference to women as ‘vulnerable group’ frames them as passive and dependent, rejects their primary roles as farmers, environmental managers, entrepreneurs.

*“if women in rural areas had the same access to land, technology, financial services, education and markets as men, agricultural production could be increased and the number of hungry people reduced by 100-150 million.” (FAO, 2011)*

3. Structural and cultural barriers to women’s inclusion exist, especially in relation to financial mechanisms and sectors of forestry, environment, agriculture
4. Countries that do not address these barriers risk loss of contributions from large percentage of their stakeholders and rights holders. Can we afford such exclusion?
5. Resources:
  - *Getting REDD+ Right for Women: An Analysis of the Barriers and Opportunities for Women in the REDD+ Sector in the Asia/Pacific Region, USAID, 2011*

- *UN Business Case for Gender and REDD+*

#### 6. Actions:

- Analyse barriers at institutional and community levels
- Recognise women's roles as stakeholders and rights holders
- Support mechanisms that enable women's meaningful participation and equitable benefit sharing
- Provide support directly to women's groups and organizations who can strengthen leadership capacities and networks
- Male and female decision makers can champion women's inclusion and gender equality, can model the behaviour
- Design and support projects that address barriers (ie, workloads, illiteracy, land tenure laws)
- Uses standards and certification schemes to incentivise flows of resources to activities that support inclusive green approaches.