



*Nancy Rono on her farm with a chameleon, Bomet County, Kenya.
Photographer: Jonathan Caramanus, WWF UK.*

Connecting gender equality and biodiversity – for sustainable societies

Welcome to a webinar on how to promote gender transformative solutions for addressing biodiversity loss and climate change.

Date: Tuesday, 4th May, 2021

Time: 9:00–10:45 CEST

Organized by: The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Sida

When being empowered to take the space and opportunity, **women and girls in poor and marginalised communities are agents of change for sustainable development.** But due to gender inequality, these women and girls are seldom involved in decision making processes and their knowledge is not captured. At the same time, **they are disproportionately affected by biodiversity loss and climate change due to increased vulnerability and insecurity.**

Ensuring that women’s, men’s and youth’s perspectives are considered and integrated into policies and initiatives is necessary for effective and equitable biodiversity conservation and sustainable development.

By connecting ongoing policy processes with grassroots work by women’s and youth organisations – government and organisations can ensure that the work on gender equality and biodiversity are mutually reinforcing each other. During this virtual Development Talks we will explore the need to have both perspectives in mind for poverty alleviation and inclusive sustainable development.

As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the landmark Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and as we anticipate the adoption of a new Global Biodiversity Framework, we will gather development actors from global to local level to share and learn about the emerging evidence and how we can achieve better results by promoting both gender equality and biodiversity together.

Welcome to join!

The event will be broadcasted on [this livestream](#).

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Programme

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Moderator: Anna Axelsson, *Senior Advisor Environment and Climate Change, Sida*

Opening remarks

Carin Jämtin, *Director General, Sida*

Janine Alm Ericsson, *State Secretary, the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

Key note addresses: Interlinkages between gender equality and biodiversity loss and the guidance of international frameworks

Andrew Norton, *Director, International Institute for Environment and Development, IIED*

Violet Shivutse, *elected Chair of Huairou Commission’s Governing Council & Africa Regional Representative*

Panel discussion: Emerging evidence, promising approaches and opportunities for collaboration

Pragyaa Rai, *Indigenous Women’s Programme Coordinator, Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact, AIPP*

Martin Hultman, *Associate professor in Science-, technology and environmental studies, Chalmers University*

Lisa Arlbrandt, *Gender Expert, WWF Sweden*

Pernilla Malmer, *Senior Advisor, Swedbio, and member of Swedish CBD delegation*

Short film sequence: Youth engagement

Amelia Arreguin, *Regional Coordinator Latin America and the Caribbean, Global Youth Biodiversity Network*

Sohanur Rahman, *leader of Fridays For Future Bangladesh*

Closing remarks

Jan Wärnbäck, *Senior Policy Specialist, environment and climate change, Sida*

The webinar will include interactive elements and a short break. It’s free of charge and registration is open until we go live.

This Development Talks contributes towards the global campaign Generation Equality: Realizing women’s rights for an equal future and the Global action coalitions that were developed in response to the call of the UN Secretary General’s Decade of Action.

