

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and CARE International cordially invite you to a public event on

Gender dimensions of climate and disaster resilience

29 February 2016, 18:00 – 20:00

Maison de la Paix, Auditoire A2, Petal 2, Geneva, Switzerland

In many contexts gender inequalities constrain the influence and control of women and girls over decisions governing their lives as well as their access to resources. Unequal power relations between women and men and pervasive gender stereotypes are among the structural constraints that become exacerbated in crises. Addressing them will contribute to enhancing women's rights, participation, and leadership in prevention and reduction of climate and disaster risk at all levels.

A debate on climate-resilient livelihoods and gender inequalities regarding the distribution of rights, resources and power that constrain many women's' capacities to adapt to climate change and disaster is now particularly timely. The recent agreement reached at COP21 as well as the work of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women on a General Recommendation on gender dimensions of climate change and disaster risk reduction will shape future work on climate change of civil society and policy makers alike.

This public event will offer an opportunity to hear the joint call of constituencies to sketch the respective roles of civil society, states and UN human rights mechanisms in moving towards gender sensitive responses to the effects of climate change.

Welcome remarks

- ❖ Hubert René Schillinger, Director Geneva Office Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

Key note remarks:

- ❖ H.E. Ambassador Cecilia Rebong, Ambassador of the Philippines and Chair of the Climate Vulnerable Forum
- ❖ Robert Glasser, Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) for Disaster Risk Reduction

Discussants

- ❖ Martha Rojas-Urrego, CARE International
Gender and climate change after the Paris Agreement
- ❖ Palash Mondal, CARE Bangladesh
Resilience in the face of recurring floods: A Testimony from Bangladesh
- ❖ Asha Kambon, Public Policy Expert, Trinidad and Tobago
Gender-related dimensions of extreme weather events: A Testimony from the Caribbean
- ❖ Nahla Haidar, Chair of the CEDAW Working Group on gender-related dimensions of disaster risk reduction and climate change
A Treaty Body perspective on climate resilience and disaster risk reduction

Moderation

- ❖ Joanna Bourke-Martignoni, Geneva Academy

☞ **Light refreshments will be served from 17:30** ☞

This is a public event. Please simply indicate your intention of attendance to hpeters@fes-geneva.org