



# Summary of Day 4: Climate change and impacts on women

Community of Practice: Advancing women in forestry in the context of climate change





# Introduction

- 50 participants joined for Day 4.
- Participants were from Benin, Botswana, Cameroun, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Nigeria, Sudan, Zambia, Uganda,, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, South Africa, Mali, Togo, La Cote d'Ivoire.
- The Resource person was Mrs. Saadia Bobtoya Owusu-Amofa:  
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# Reflection of Participants

- The session started with a reflection on day 3.

Participants shared their reflections as follows:

- The CoP has been an eye opener for me, this program has taught me that similar challenges are been encountered in our countries and I hope the solutions to our challenges will be achieved.





# Presentation by Saadia

- Climate change has a direct relationship with land use
- Climate change has differentiated impacts on men, women and youth
- Women are more vulnerable due to
  - Economic
  - Socio-cultural
  - Political
  - Biological





# Presentation cont'd

- These factors have implication on:
  - Human rights
  - Decision-making
  - Education
  - Financial capacity
  - Exposure to violence
  - Healthcare
  - Access and control over resources





# Way-forward

- Women are effective agents and promoters of adaptation and mitigation
- Empower women to enable their effective participation in decision making
- Women's priorities and needs must be reflected in development planning and funding
- Stakeholders sensitized on the need and benefits of inclusivity in decision making
- Adaptation initiatives should identify and address gender-specific impacts on climate change





# Discussions

## • How has climate change affected your work?

1. Drought causing mortality of food crops.
2. High mortality rate among species used for restoration due to drought and high temperature is causing target species.
3. The productivity of food trees in terms of yield has declined eg. Mango
4. Some medicinal trees used about 10years ago are getting into extinction
5. Natural disasters causing animals to move into the homes
6. Prolonged drought is causing forestry productivity to go down since seeds are not germinating in the expected time
7. Increase herders and farmers' conflict; pastoralist is migrating and farmers farm land are being destroyed





# What do you think could have been done to reduce the impact?

1. Planting strategic trees and hybrid seeds that are resilient to the weather conditions
2. Practice agro forestry in our backyard or homes
3. We must intensify advocacy, sensitization, build a common awareness on for climate
4. Try to create space or distance between the animal habitats and human
5. Promote the planting of more indigenous trees to reduce its extinction
6. Provide shelter for seedlings to reduce the impact of high temperatures at the nursery
7. Extensive research and development should go into indigenous and exotic tree species cultivation
8. Alternate source of livelihood
9. Educate farmers on types of trees or crops







# Some Questions to Ponder

1. How has Climate Change Affected You In your work?
2. What do you think could have been done to reduce the impact that was felt?
3. What role can you play in this solution?
4. What do you need to make this contribution?
5. Where can you find these resources?





# Thank you

