

**World Forum on Climate Justice**  
**Session on Climate Justice and Gender**

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The World Forum on Climate Justice witnessed significant discussions around the need for actively mainstreaming gender concerns into climate change mitigation policy. The session on Climate Change and Gender emphasized the need for climate change literature in general and climate justice literature in particular to engage with significant social identities like gender. We need to understand that decarbonisation can expose certain socio-economic groups to greater risks. It was argued that justice implications are multiscalar and transformation to a low carbon economy should have fairness as an essential operating principle to avoid trade-offs. The key aspect that resonated throughout the four presentations was the need to engage with the “intersectionality question” while considering the gendered aspects of climate change. The general practice of homogenising women as a single entity with universal vulnerabilities was identified to be a critical area which needed significant academic and policy interventions. Gender intersects with multiple social identities like class and race among others. Hence understanding the gendered implications of climate change requires due understanding of the power relations which governs access to resource use as well as institutionalised cultural practices. Key takeaways are:

- Intersectionality is the key while understanding gendered aspects of climate change adaptation and mitigation.
- Need for representation and participation of indigenous women in leading the climate crisis.
- Gender needs to be seen in its relational aspects; power structures in the society need to be carefully studied and acted upon.