

IUCN and the Global Canopy Programme launch gender and REDD+ feature on the REDD Desk knowledge sharing platform

Washington, DC – The [Global Gender Office \(GGO\)](#) of [IUCN](#) (International Union for Conservation of Nature), and the [Global Canopy Programme \(GCP\)](#), are pleased to announce a partnership to integrate gender into the [REDD Desk platform](#)—the largest online collaborative resource for REDD+ information, news and analysis. For the first time ever, there is now a comprehensive information source with tools and analysis on mainstreaming gender into REDD+ programming and policy.

Integrating gender considerations into REDD+ planning and implementation is a key issue for numerous countries. As a part of USAID's [Gender Equality for Climate Change Opportunities \(GECCO\) initiative](#), GGO has endeavored to create a space that supports institutions and REDD+ countries with continued gender and REDD+ resources, in order to expand the impact of effective methodologies, lessons learned, and best practices, as well as to identify key process opportunities for advocacy and technical support. As a unique user-friendly knowledge platform, the REDD Desk, works to meet the needs of diverse stakeholders by centralizing and clarifying complex information related to REDD+. The new information on gender which has been added to the platform further enriches the REDD Desk's broad array of tools, such as its REDD+ Encyclopedia, its detailed overviews of national progress towards REDD+ readiness in 28 countries, its library of resources, and its cutting edge analysis on REDD+ Markets and Standards.

The gender information added to the REDD Desk site includes:

- A gender equality Encyclopedia page
- Up-to-date information on gender equality added to each country overview
- Numerous resources on gender equality, which include knowledge products and IUCN's REDD+ Gender Roadmaps

With the aim to inform stakeholders, including governments, civil society, the private sector, and academia, about the state of play on REDD+ and to encourage South-South learning and exchange of information on various REDD+ relevant issues, efforts to integrate gender into the REDD Desk platform will continue in the coming months. Ultimately, this will raise awareness of gender and REDD+ issues and best practices, and will provide users with easy access to the most innovative information and knowledge products related to gender-responsive REDD+ responses and outcomes.

Lorena Aguilar, Senior Global Gender Adviser, IUCN, says, "In order for REDD+ to become a successful mechanism to combat climate change, and in order to provide real environmental benefits while protecting and promoting the rights of communities in tandem, gender-responsive standards and safeguards must be mainstreamed into the very core of REDD+ policies and programs. By integrating gender themes through the REDD Desk platform, we are leveraging advancements in women's empowerment and gender equality to provide an array of support options for national, regional, and global REDD+ activities that can advance women's empowerment and gender equality."

Louisa Denier, Senior Manager for GCP's policy projects, states, "GCP's REDD Desk has over 13,000 unique visitors a month and is widely accessed by REDD+ practitioners worldwide. It's a great platform through which important gender information such as this can effectively be disseminated."

Interviews are available by request. For more information about this work please visit the [GGO website](#), the [REDD Desk website](#), or the [GCP website](#) or contact Maggie Roth, GGO Communications Officer, at maggie.roth@iucn.org.