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COP of Implementation: Women-led solutions to Climate Change

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GERMAN PAVILION, SHARM EL-SHEIKH

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While the effects of climate change are felt by many; women, girls, and other marginalized groups are disproportionately affected by it. Climate change related phenomena such as global warming, ecosystem deterioration, and extreme weather events add further pressure to already existing intersecting inequalities, such as unequal access to economic or educational resources, land, technology or job opportunities. Women are often the first in line to mitigate the negative impacts of climate change, such as shortages in water, food, and other essential resources.

Not only women act as main caretakers, first responders and solution finders. A 2019 study found that the participation of women in the political process of natural resource management is associated with better resource governance and conservation outcomes. Increasing women's representation in parliaments leads to firmer climate change policies, therefore resulting in lower emissions. Given access to resources, women become community leaders, shapers, and shifters. When given secure right and land access, women have shown to utilize limited resources more sustainably. Hence, involving women in the process of designing adaptation and mitigation measures, and implementation is key in reaching holistic, sustainable, and decisive solutions that are community-oriented and really matter.

But beyond bringing women to the table, projects, policies, and funds need to adopt agender lens. By understanding the distinct experiences of women and other marginalized groups, solutions can be formed that offer a better future for everyone – least by adding layers of perspective and shaping an image of diverse realities to be considered in the implementation processes.

Furthermore, a gender lens helps to highlight women's crucial role in leading sustainable transformation. Women have profound knowledge and experience, especially at the local level, so the importance of their participation in decision-making and negotiations is indisputable.

In Egypt and Germany, women are important drivers of climate action, with Egyptian Minister of Environment Dr. Yasmin Fouad and German Minister of Foreign Affairs Annalena Baerbock holding key positions in both national and global climate politics. Equally, the new generation of climate activists worldwide is spearheaded by young women like Greta Thunberg and Luisa Neubauer. Egypt has underlined the key role of women in this field, as highlighted in the National Council for Women's (NCW) brief "Egypt's Global Perspective: Women, Environment, and Climate Change" published in March 2022.

The implementation of previous commitments and concrete solutions is a key topic of COP27. In the framework of this event, we want to see how women in Egypt are already leading concrete climate action on the ground - as founders of green social enterprises, environmental organizations, consultants, and policy makers. After two short scene-setters, an all-female panel will showcase how they are safeguarding the environment, raising awareness, finding economically attractive ways to reduce and reuse resources, and act as role models for future climate scientists, activists and entrepreneurs. The session will present a wide range of concrete women-led solutions for better and more inclusive implementation of climate-action in the COP host country, providing a learning-opportunity for both policy makers and change makers in Egypt and beyond.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Cairo Climate Talks are conceived, organized and hosted as a cooperation between the German Embassy in Cairo, the Egyptian Ministry of Environment, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ).



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