

AGENDA

Canada-Chile Virtual Knowledge Exchange on Gender-Responsive Climate Action

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

13:00 to 16:00 (Ottawa) / 14:00 to 17:00 (Santiago)

[Zoom Link](#)

1. Background

Climate change is one of the greatest global challenges of our time, and its impacts are particularly severe for women and girls, especially those living in vulnerable conditions. Recognizing the importance of adopting inclusive, gender-responsive approaches in climate policies, both Chile and Canada share a commitment to promoting fair climate actions that integrate a gender perspective into their public policies.

This project seeks to strengthen bilateral cooperation between both countries to address these challenges, leveraging their respective experiences and strengths in implementing the [Belém Gender Action Plan](#) adopted at COP30 to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Its implementation advances climate action that promotes gender equality, human rights, and the full, effective, and meaningful participation of women and girls, while considering the multiple forms of discrimination faced by different groups.

For Chile, it is essential to recognize the need to integrate the gender dimension into climate change policies, in line with the implementation of the Framework Law on Climate Change and the application of its principle of equity and climate justice in Chile. Women—especially those in rural, Indigenous, and other vulnerable communities—are the most affected by climate change, making it necessary to integrate a gender perspective to address existing gaps and prevent them from widening or replicating.

For its part, Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) applies Gender-Based Analysis Plus (GBA+) across all areas of work, including all stages of the policy cycle—from research, consultations, and analysis to program design and implementation, reporting, and evaluation—as well as all internal decision-making processes in areas such as recruitment, staffing, and procurement. The Government of Canada is committed to applying GBA+ to improve its policies and attain better results, by being more responsive to the diverse needs and circumstances of the populations they serve. Some of ECCC's programs that have integrated gender and diversity approach are Clean Growth and Climate Change Mitigation, the Climate Change Adaptation program, and Weather and Environmental Observations, Forecasts and Warnings.

2. Objectives

- Share perspectives on the priorities and implementation of gender and climate policies in Canada and Chile.
- Exchange knowledge and promising practices on gender-responsive climate policies, programs, and initiatives, including those that advance the rights of Indigenous Peoples and integrate their perspectives, knowledge, and leadership in climate governance.
- Explore opportunities for future Canada-Chile collaboration in support of the Belém Gender Action Plan, including technical cooperation, capacity building, and monitoring and reporting approaches.

3. Program

Time	Activity
13:00 – 13:05 (Ottawa) 14:00 – 14:05 (Santiago)	Introduction Moderator: Felipe Cortés , Chile's Long Term Climate Strategy Coordinator, Ministry of the Environment of Chile (MMA)
13:05 – 13:20 (Ottawa) 14:05 – 14:20 (Santiago)	Session 1: Advancing Gender-Responsive Climate Action: Insights from the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) This introductory session will provide an international perspective on gender-responsive climate action and set the stage for the discussions that follow. Expert: Sandra Cavalieri , Hub Manager, Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) Secretariat (10 min) Q&A
13:20 – 13:50 (Ottawa) 14:20 – 14:50 (Santiago)	Session 2: Chilean Gender-Responsive Climate Action This session will provide an overview of Chilean policies, initiatives, and international outreach efforts related to the Belém Gender Action Plan and UNFCCC COP processes. Experts: - Johanna Arriagada , Gender and Climate Change Focal Point under the UNFCCC, Climate Change Division, MMA (10 min)

	- Paula Fuentes, Professional, International Affairs Office, MMA (10 min) Q&A
13:50 – 14:20 (Ottawa) 14:50 – 15:20 (Santiago)	Session 3: Canada’s Approach to the Belém Gender Action Plan and Gender-Responsive Methodologies at ECCC This session will provide an overview of Canada's approach to implementing the Belém Gender Action Plan and the application of GBA Plus at ECCC. Experts: - Beatrice Thompson-Merrigan, Policy Advisor, Policy and Negotiations, Strategic Policy and International Affairs Branch, Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) (10 min) - Amanda Monforton, Director, Environmental Justice and GBA Plus Division, Strategic Policy and International Affairs Branch, ECCC (10 min) Q&A
14:20 – 14:50 (Ottawa) 15:20 – 15:50 (Santiago)	Session 4: Gender-Responsive Climate Finance and Implementation This session will examine how Canada and Chile are advancing gender-responsive climate action through financing, technology, data, and project implementation. Participants will share experiences and lessons learned on integrating gender considerations into climate policies, programs, and projects, while also discussing the role of key actors, including women environmental defenders. Experts: - Isidora Cubillos, Gender and Climate Change specialist, Gender and Climate Change Project, UN Women, and Javiera Rauld, Gender and Climate Change specialist, CBIT-2 Project, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) (10 min) - Naima Imam Chowdhury, Senior Gender Equality and Policy Specialist, Program Support and Oversight Division, International Assistance Partnerships and Programming Branch, Global Affairs Canada (GAC) Q&A
14:50– 15:00 (Ottawa) 15:50 – 16:00 (Santiago)	Break

15:00 – 15:30 (Ottawa) 16:00 – 16:30 (Santiago)	Session 5: Women and Green Skills This session will examine policies and programs to accelerate gender equality and diversity in clean energy transitions and close the gender gap. Experts: - Johanna Arriagada, Gender and Climate Change Focal Point under the UNFCCC, Climate Change Division, MMA (10 min) - Emily Theodore, Policy Analyst and Co-Lead of the Equal by 30 Campaign, International Engagement, Energy Systems Sector, Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) (10 min) Q&A
15:30 – 16:00 (Ottawa) 16:30 – 17:00 (Santiago)	Session 6: Women and Indigenous Leadership in Climate Action This session will feature perspectives from Indigenous experts on gender-responsive climate action, leadership, and inclusive climate governance. Experts: - Johanna Arriagada, Gender and Climate Change Focal Point under the UNFCCC, Climate Change Division, MMA (10 min) - Dr. Andrea Norris, Indigenous Science Manager, Indigenous Science Division, Science and Technology Branch, ECCC (10 min) Q&A
16:00 (Ottawa) 17:00 Santiago)	Closure