

EMPOWERING CHANGE: WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN CLIMATE JUSTICE

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ABSTRACT

The global response to climate change is undergoing a transformative shift, recognizing the importance of diversity and gender perspectives. Gender dynamics intersect profoundly with climate action, shaping policies, perspectives, and participation. Women's involvement in climate policy is pivotal, acknowledging their unique insights and experiences. Their active engagement fosters inclusive and sustainable solutions, accounting for the disproportionate impacts of climate change, especially in developing nations. Indigenous women, deeply connected to their lands, play a vital climate justice role. Their traditional ecological knowledge offers holistic approaches to adaptation and mitigation, emphasizing community resilience.

Gendered climate activism is a dynamic force, showing how gender identities intersect with environmental advocacy. Women and gender-diverse individuals lead grassroots movements, emphasizing environmental and social challenges' interconnectedness. Despite pivotal roles, challenges persist, including underrepresentation and discrimination. Recognizing indigenous women's wisdom and amplifying diverse activists' voices fosters inclusive and just climate solutions. Policies from this perspective address gender-related vulnerabilities and ensure comprehensive sustainability. In essence, gender is intricately woven into climate action, driving policy, activism, and justice. Recognizing women's contributions, amplifying Indigenous voices, and dismantling barriers for gender-diverse activists are vital for a holistic climate crisis response.

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