



BRS perspectives on gender and chemicals/waste management

Webinar on Women's leadership in addressing chemicals and waste issues

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Gender in the UN

International mandates passed in the last 20 years have required UN member states to *integrate gender into environmental management*:

- ✓ Principle 20 of the Rio Declaration
- ✓ Text of the Convention on Biological Diversity
- ✓ 1995 Beijing Platform of Action
- ✓ Paragraph 20 of the UN Millennium Declaration
- ✓ Paragraph 20 of the Johannesburg Declaration
- ✓ 2005 World Summit Outcome document
- ✓ 2012 Rio+ 20 Outcome document
- ✓ SDGs - Goal 5 Target 5a

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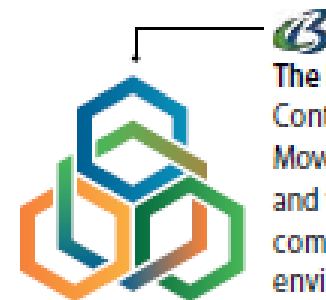
Gender
mainstreaming
in the
chemicals and
waste MEAs

The Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (BRS)

Multilateral environmental agreements that aim to protect human health and the environment from hazardous chemicals and wastes by promoting environmentally sound management.



The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants is an international environmental treaty that aims to eliminate or restrict the production and use of persistent organic pollutants (POPs).



The Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal is the most comprehensive global environmental treaty on hazardous and other wastes.



The Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade is a multilateral treaty to promote shared responsibilities and open exchange of information in relation to the trade of hazardous chemicals.



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Pocket Guide to the BRS Gender Action Plan

Integrating a gender perspective in the
sound management of chemicals and waste



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- **Gender mainstreaming within the Secretariat**

Developing an understanding amongst and support from BRS staff on the issue of gender equality, particularly in the context of BRS operations and activities.

- **Implementing gender mainstreaming activities with partners**

Ensuring that the Secretariat's programmes and projects are planned and implemented from a gender equality perspective.

- **Integrating gender considerations in the implementation of the BRS Conventions**

Promoting consideration of gender issues in hazardous chemicals and waste management at the national, regional and global levels.

BRS Gender Action Plan

Developed in 2012, updated each COP cycle



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BRS Gender Action Plan

- I. Data gathering and sharing
- II. Training and skill development within BRS Secretariat
- III. Principles of gender equality, equity and mainstreaming in BRS Standard Operating Procedures
- IV. Capacity building and technical assistance activities
- V. Public outreach and awareness
- VI. Gender-balanced participation in BRS meetings and activities
- VII. Cooperation with partners through networks and partnerships on gender
- VIII. Evaluation of BRS GAP and development of new BRS GAP



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Educate	Educate both men and women on the risks associated with chemicals, taking into account gender disparities in access to information.
Raise	Raise awareness of the linkages between chemical exposures, the effects on human health and the environment, and gender differences in risks and impacts.
Support	Support mandatory labeling of all chemicals in products to ensure the right to information.
Promote	Promote a multi-stakeholder approach to ensure the participation of women and vulnerable populations in policy development and decision-making processes for the sound management of chemicals and waste.
Implement	Implement the polluter pays principle and the precautionary principle for chemicals that are harmful or suspected to be harmful to human health and environment, through regulatory measures.
Gather	Gather gender-disaggregated data and research on the intersection between women and chemicals.
Strengthen	Strengthen women's rights, in particular their participatory rights, in all aspects of decision making, chemical production, use and disposal.



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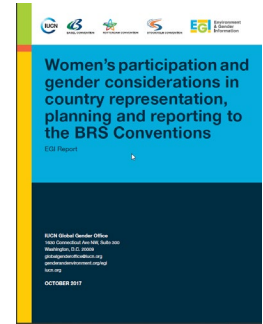
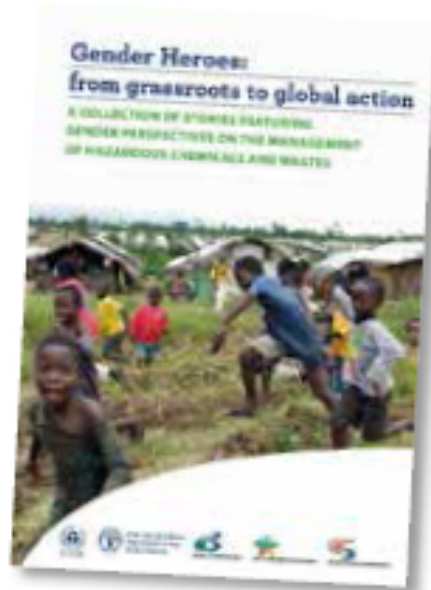
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Celebrating our gender heroes

The BRS Secretariat's publication "Gender Heroes: from grassroots to global action" features stories that illustrate actions being taken every day by individuals and communities to protect the most vulnerable members of our population from the potentially harmful effects of certain chemicals and wastes. The authors of these stories come from all different corners of the world.



These gender heroes should be recognized and celebrated, and the Secretariat endeavours to do just that through its website and publications.



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CASE STUDIES KENYA & TUNISIA 2022

Gender and the BRS Conventions

TRAINING OF THE TRAINERS – LEVEL 1

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Resources available



[Information on gender mainstreaming in the chemicals and waste agenda](#)



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[SDG Goal 5](#)

- UN-system resources
- Open-online courses on gender
- Regional and national initiatives