

# WOMEN IN WATER DIPLOMACY AS KEY TO ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

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# QUESTIONS

WHAT IN YOUR OPINION WOULD BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE POLICY MEASURE TO ENSURE:

- MORE **WOMEN INVOLVED AS PROFESSIONALS IN WATER-RELATED JOBS?**
- MORE **WOMEN INVOLVED IN WATER DIPLOMACY?**
- **INFORMED CHOICES AND CO-DECISION-MAKING BY WOMEN IN WATER-RELATED ISSUES?**

## RECOMMENDATIONS (ALL MOST UNANIMOUS)

- INVOLVE **WOMEN IN ALL PHASES** OF THE PROJECT/PROGRAMME CYCLE FROM DESIGN, ALLOCATION OF MEANS, TO IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING
- IMPLEMENT THE **HUMAN RIGHTS** TO WATER AND SANITATION THROUGH A GENDER-LENS  
(REF. SPECIAL RAPPOORTEUR ON HRW&S)
- ENSURE **VOCATIONAL TRAINING** ESPECIALLY FOR WOMEN SO THEY CAN INDEPENDENTLY MAINTAIN FACILITIES AND SERVICES FOR INTER ALIA DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION. AND/ OR GET ENTRY TO THE FORMAL WATER-RELATED LABOUR MARKET

## RECOMMENDATIONS (HIGH LEVEL OF AGREEMENT)

- SOLUTIONS SHOULD BE APPROPRIATE , NEEDS-BASED AND ALSO BASED ON INFORMED CHOICES (AND NOT “CREATE” NEW PROBLEMS)
- GET COMPANIES REALLY AWARE AND INVOLVED: ENCOURAGE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE **WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PRINCIPLES** (WEP) AND WOMEN FRIENDLY CONDITIONS IN THE WORK PLACE (LIKE WASH FACILITIES)
- STIMULATE (DECENTRALISED) WOMEN/USER FRIENDLY APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION ALSO AT SMALLER SCALES; INVEST MORE IN UPSCALING FIT-FOR-PURPOSE, GENDER SENSITIVE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR POTABLE WATER AND SANITATION

## RECOMMENDATIONS (HIGH LEVEL OF AGREEMENT)

- ENSURE GENDER/ **SEX- DISAGGREGATED** DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS FOR MORE INFORMED, APPROPRIATE POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION
- ESTABLISH AN UN **INTERNATIONAL YEAR** ON WATER AND WOMEN TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE INTERCONNECTEDNESS BETWEEN SDG 5 AND 6 AND ENHANCE POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES TO REACH ALL TARGETS



# ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS MENTIONED

- MAKE PEOPLE AND ESPECIALLY WOMEN AWARE OF THE DEVASTATING EFFECT OF DEFORESTATION (AND HELP TO FIND ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY)
- PROMOTE RAINWATER HARVESTING AND EDUCATE ON POSSIBLE MEASURES ALSO AT SMALLER SCALE
- WORK WITH UTILITIES TO DEVELOP GENDER/ WOMEN FRIENDLY MEASURE BOTH IN THEIR HR POLICY AND DELIVERY OF SERVICES
- REACH OUT TO YOUNG ACADEMIC WOMEN TO ASSIST WITH APPROPRIATE RESEARCH
- REACH OUT TO WOMEN LEGAL EXPERT TO ENHANCE INPUT FOR WATER DIPLOMACY
- INVEST IN WASTE WATER TREATMENT AND MANAGEMENT