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Women, children and climate change Designing an economic policy research agenda

Climate change is one of the greatest challenges facing humanity today. It has implications on all dimensions of welfare, livelihoods and economic prospects. These effects are being felt by all countries, but developing countries are the hardest hit. Within them, the most vulnerable populations, especially women and children, are also impacted the most.



The effects of climate change will differ from one population to another, depending on a number of factors. Gaining a deeper understanding of how different populations will be affected or respond to these challenges is crucial to informing the design of policies and interventions that will effectively support mitigation and/or adaptation.

Climate change presents numerous challenges to child development, health and well-being, including increased malnutrition through changing agricultural yields and greater risk of disease and death through the higher frequency of extreme weather events. Women and girls, who may face additional social, economic and political barriers and do not have the same access to resources, may also be impacted disproportionately. Meanwhile, recognizing women and children as pro-active agents of change will lead to more sustainable and equitable interventions.

Convening a dialogue to share existing knowledge and identify key information gaps

As part of its 2018 Annual Conference, PEP will organize a special forum involving policy actors, development partners and international experts from around the world to define an effective and inclusive policy research agenda on “women, children and climate change” for the forthcoming years. As such, the discussion will concentrate primarily on the policy needs and perspectives that researchers should understand before engaging in related studies.

The conclusions will be synthesized and serve to inform a prospective agenda for future PEP research initiatives.

Furthermore, as is the case of all PEP annual conferences, the event will present an opportunity for local and international experts, from different fields, to come together and share their perspectives on this common yet multifaceted challenge.

Policy Forum objective

Identify specific evidence gaps where research can engage with policy to define inclusive solutions for women and children in the face of climate change.

Expected outcomes

- Better understanding of:
 - How children and women in developing countries are affected by and respond to climate change effects.
 - Key policy needs and perspectives for researchers to understand before engaging in related studies.
- Identification of priority issues to be addressed through coordinated policy research agendas in forthcoming years.

Program

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| 8:30 – 9:00 | Arrival & registration |
| 9:00 – 9:30 | Welcome remarks and official opening <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jane Mariara, Executive Director of PEP- Mustapha Nabli, Chair of the PEP Board of Directors- Arjan de Haan, Employment and Growth program leader, IDRC- Shailesh Nayak, Director, National Institute of Advanced Studies |
| 9:40 – 12:00 | Children and Climate Change Moderated by Neeta Goel , Senior Evaluation Specialist, 3ie, India |
| 9:30 – 10:30 | Panel discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Panelists propose and discuss key policy research issues and evidence gaps• Q&A with audience Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Paul Mitchell, Climate Change Manager, Save the Children, Australia- Sudeshna Chatterjee, CEO, Action for Children's Environments, India |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee break and group photo |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | Breakout session Audience grouped in tables, by research method , to discuss best research approach(es) to address one or more key issues identified by panelists. Table chairs/secretaries present the group's suggestions. |
| 12:00 – 13:30 | Lunch break |

13:30 – 16:00 **Women and Climate Change**

Moderated by [Nancy Spence](#), Director, ESDA, Canada

13:30 – 14:30 **Panel discussion**

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- Q&A with audience

Panel

- [Jyoti Parikh](#), Executive Director, IRADe, India
- [Nishtha Satyam](#), Head of Strategic Partnerships, Policy Impact and Public Relations, UN Women, India
- [Bijal Brahmbhatt](#), Director, MHT, India

14:30 – 15:00 Coffee break

15:00 – 16:00 **Breakout session**

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16:00 – 16:15 **Closing remarks**

Swapna Mukhopadhyay, former president of the PEP scientific committee