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Dublin Rio Principles – Bridging the Gender Gap in Water Resource Management

– Where do we stand, What lessons have we learned?

18th June 2012 Time: 11:30-13:00

Venue: P3-6, RioCentro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



Gender equality and women's empowerment goals are part of the cornerstones of the four Dublin Principles (1992), the UN Conference on Environment and Development, (1992), the 2000 Millennium Development Summit and the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD). Principle 3 states "Women play a central part in the provision, management and safeguarding of water". In addition, this institutional framework is upheld by the Convention on Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the Beijing Platform for Action.

This event seeks to influence the Rio outcomes and implementation as well as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the post 2012 MDGs. It also contributes to the Gender and Sustainable Development RIO+20 commitments. It will facilitate information exchange on gender strategies, actions, and lessons learned, on gender mainstreaming in water resources management throughout the world. The event also seeks to share knowledge and support for the implementation of the African Minister's Council on Water (AMCOW) gender strategy. We will explore the development of an Africa Network that will support AMCOW and provide a global model to bring these issues forward beyond RIO+20.

Women's empowerment is critical to improve water resources management. Regional and national level solutions thus require the development of water sector plans that are aligned with existing gender policy frameworks. Though considerable progress has been made, significant gaps prevail. Bridging this gender gap will require acceptance and implementation of Principle 3 of the Dublin Principles to promote positive policies, strategies and actions that seek to address women's needs; that equips and empowers women in ways defined by them.

Program:

Welcoming and introduction, 5 min
Presentation and Statements, 30 min
Panel debate and Discussion – open floor, 50 min
Summing up and Closing, 5 min

Chair: Hon. Rejoice Mabudafhai, Deputy Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs in South Africa