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Haiti will not build back better without the social, economic and political empowerment of women.”

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In Haiti, environmental degradation and poverty are closely intertwined. Already the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and one of the most devastated environments in the world, Haiti was recently deemed the most vulnerable country to climate change (Maplecroft, 2012). Every rainy season, tropical storms wreak havoc on the country—destroying crops and infrastructure, furthering erosion and droughts, and causing internal displacement and mortality.

The development of Haiti's ccGAP followed a request by the country's Climate Change Office, which collaborated with the IUCN Global Gender Office as lead institution, and with WEDO and the Convention on Biological Diversity as strategic partners, to undertake consultations in ten departments in Haiti and provide technical support to develop the ccGAP. This national process was underway during one of the most difficult and also opportune times in the country's history, given a challenging reconstruction process and the expectation of increased climate change impacts not too far down the road.



Overall Objectives:

The purpose of the gender and climate change program in Haiti is to ensure the integration of gender considerations in all policies and initiatives in environmental matters, particularly issues related to climate change, management and conservation of biodiversity, and land degradation, with a view to achieving the goals associated with sustainable development and the Millennium Development Goals.

Examples of Proposed Actions in Costa Haiti

<i>Priority Area</i>	<i>Action Involving Women</i>
 Agriculture	Strengthen the implementation of international frameworks on climate change and gender applicable to agriculture at national level
 Water Resources Management	Strengthen and implement a functional national platform to promote integrated approaches in water resources, climate change and gender
 Disaster Risk Management	Establish a monitoring mechanism for the integration of gender in disaster risk reduction
 Health	Develop and implement a communications strategy on health, climate change and gender
 Mitigation (Energy)	Train women in repair and extension components of solar photovoltaic systems and the production of improved stoves
 Mitigation (Forests)	Engage communities, including women's groups, to establish tree nurseries and to plant seedlings on public land and degraded forest areas
 Mitigation (Technology transfer)	Develop the capacity of men and women actors in the design of green buildings