



# Women acting against Climate Change!

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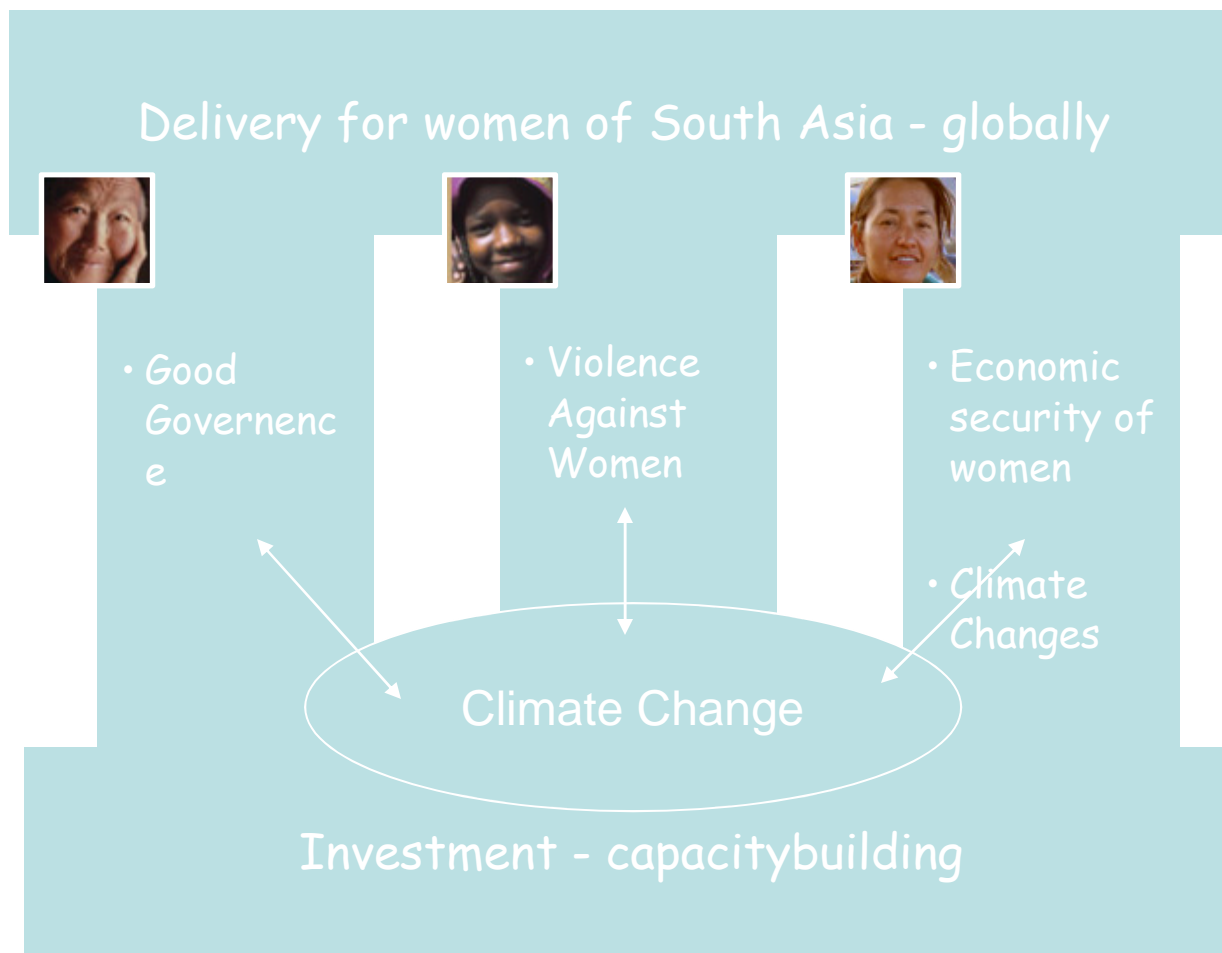
# Women as change agents in societies - globally

Women are poised to drive positive change and contribute to a global response

(Inés Alberdi, Executive Director, UNIFEM, 30 July 2009)

- Therefore it is important to enhance the capacity of women: women as farmers, women as managers of resources, women as rightful owner of land, women involved in decision making and planning, women as entrepreneurs

# UNIFEM's holistic approach





# Women's responsibilities for livelihoods



Climate change impact on women - she managed it!



## How does climate change affect women?

- Loss of the livelihood bases (fundamental)
- Reduction of crop yields and food
- Shortage of Safe Water
- Induced Natural Disaster
- Resource Scarcity
- Unsafe and distress migration
- Increased violence
- Increased mortality of women and children



## Addressing the challenges

- Governments: demand driven policy, inclusive growth and promises for carbon intensity cuts
- Private and public sector: corporate social responsibility
- Academia: proactive, gender sensitive research
- Women's organization: network, capacity building
- Local communities: involvement - planning, decision making and movement
- Development agencies: support government, civil society, academia - based on national priorities



## Women as resource

"To see women only as victims is to miss the point."

(Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, 01-12-2009)

## Women have knowledge for sustainable use of natural resources



Economic security of women





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## Women as skillful workers and entrepreneurs



Capacity building - gives new possibilities



# UNIFEM South Asia; activities on Climate Change

## **Production and management of Knowledge:**

- Study on Adivasi Women: "Engaging with Climate Change"
- Participation in national, regional and international forums
- Arrange national and regional workshops with diverse groups

## **Policy/Advocacy:**

- Working with UN Cluster on Climate Change to strengthen India's National Action Plan on Climate Change
- Working with India's Parliamentary Forum on "Climate change and global warming: Social, economic implications"

## **Awareness raising:**

- Engaging with civil society and concerned women's organizations, coalitions and tribunals



# UNIFEM South Asia proposed work

**Increasing sensitivity on the gender differential impact of climate change:**

**Supporting national planning for:**

1. Enhancing women agency in management and social audits (NREGA)
2. Inclusion of single women in creation of environmental productive assets (NREGA)

**Capacity development to address climate change with diversified, alternative livelihoods:**

1. Up gradation of traditional knowledge & skills
2. Introduction of new knowledge & technologies
3. Women's independent control/ access to knowledge, technology & assets



We can and we will -  
let us DO it together!

Thank You!

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