CONVENTION ON WETLANDS
CONVENTION SUR LES ZONES HUMIDES
CONVENCIÓN SOBRE LOS HUMEDALES
(Ramsar, Iran, 1971)

CALL FOR CASE STUDIES

Enhancing the knowledge on the linkage between gender equality, women's empowerment and the wise use, management and conservation of wetlands

The Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands is currently developing a guidance document on how to integrate gender-responsive approaches into the implementation of the Convention in accordance with Resolution XIII.18 on *Gender and wetlands*. Recognizing the importance of addressing gender equality and women's empowerment, this guidance document will assist the Contracting Parties in fulfilling their Convention obligations and meeting their international commitments specifically SDG 5 (Gender Equality). To make the guidance more practical for its wider use, the Secretariat is requesting case studies as inputs to fill a critical knowledge gap on the linkage between gender equality, women's empowerment, and the wise use, management, and conservation of wetlands.

The Secretariat seeks to collect initiatives and cases from Contracting Parties, international organizations, civil society organizations (national and international), indigenous peoples' organizations, academia, and other relevant actors who have experienced directly or indirectly in the involvement of women and girls in the conservation, wise use and management of wetlands. Such initiatives and cases could be from local, national and international levels, covering experiences in managing wetlands and its resources, effective use of wetlands, governance and decision-making, development of gender-responsive policies, and scientific approaches.

This invitation comes from acknowledging the importance and value of wetlands. Wetlands are essential to life on earth, supporting more than 125,500 freshwater-dependent species and as a provider of water and food to millions of people. Wetlands also play a vital role in combating and adapting to climate change by capturing and storing carbon to reduce atmospheric greenhouse gases and provide resilience to hazards such as flooding, storm surges and coastal inundation.

Case studies should be uploaded by **1 September 2020** using the online form at the following web address:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQqBmnijURMJuL_mDDZ_Cx5bySYwlkMuwx7Zwz6XTd5RNrLg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Case studies submitted in English, French or Spanish will be reviewed and collated, and the Secretariat may follow up to gather further information on individual projects or case studies.

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