

Ecumenical Women United Nations Commission on the Status of Women 66th Session (2022) Survey

Purpose of the survey:

Ecumenical Women is an international coalition of church denominations and ecumenical organizations working towards gender equality and gender justice that have status with the Economic & Social Council (ECOSOC) at the United Nations.

As in previous years, Ecumenical Women will advocate at UNCSW 66 as the Commission considers the theme “Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes”.

Ecumenical advocacy at the UN depends on input and feedback from all stakeholders from diverse faith-based global organizations. Your input is valuable, as it will inform Ecumenical Women’s CSW 66 advocacy priorities and joint written statement. Your feedback will be reviewed by EW member organizations’ representatives.

This survey will aim to highlight the gender dimensions of the work of your organization in four areas: climate change, pollution, biodiversity, and disaster risk reduction. While this may seem repetitive to some, the survey was drafted this way intentionally in order to encourage us to think beyond only climate to the various aspects of environmental work. It will also try to draw out theological understandings of our relationship to the earth and the moral imperative to care for it as well as advocacy and policy recommendations to address these issues.

You are invited to fill out this survey by September 10th, 2021. There are 8 sections, with a total of 27 questions. We estimate the survey to take 45-60 minutes to complete, depending on how much detail you can share. The more details you can give, the better our statement to CSW can be, and the stronger our supporting advocacy work can be. Many of the question require a response, if you have no information to share please reply with N/A.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this survey!

Return Completed forms to: ewcsw66survey@gmail.com

Your Ecumenical Women member organization: *

Your name: *

Your email address:

Your agency/organization (if different than Ecumenical Women member organization): *

Geographical areas in which your organization and its members live, work or are engaged in ministries, programs or policies: *

What is your denomination/organization/agency's theology regarding the connection between faith, Christian values, creation care and environmental/climate justice? *

Women and Climate Change

4 questions, approx. 8-10 minutes

What are the most critical issues relating to climate change faced by you/ your organization's members? (ex: climate-induced displacement and migration, desertification/drought, flooding, sea level rise, food insecurity, etc.) *

How is your organization/agency working to address these issues and support populations affected by them? Can you share examples of how women and girls are demonstrating leadership in addressing these issues? *

In what areas is your organization working that focus on how women are disproportionately impacted by climate change? Can you give us examples? (For example, if women are the ones carrying water, and water is getting hard to find, their workload increases) *

What changes are needed to improve women's and girls' agency and empowerment, and gender equality? *

Women and Environment - Pollution

4 questions, approx. 8-10 minutes

What are the most critical issues relating to pollution faced by you/ your organization's members? (ex: clean water, clean air, waste management, etc.) *

How is your organization/agency working to address these issues and support populations affected by them? Can you share examples of how women and girls are demonstrating leadership in addressing these issues? *

In what areas is your organization working that focus on how women are disproportionately impacted by pollution? Can you give us examples? (For example, disproportionate impacts on women's health and child mortality) *

What changes are needed to improve women's and girls' agency and empowerment, and gender equality? *

Women and Environment - Biodiversity

4 questions, approx. 10-12 minutes

What are the most critical issues relating to biodiversity faced by you/ your organization's members? (ex: species extinction, crops, increased contact with disease, etc.) *

How is your organization/agency working to address these issues and support populations affected by them? Can you share examples of how women and girls are demonstrating leadership in addressing these issues? *

In what areas is your organization working that focus on how women are disproportionately impacted by biodiversity? Can you give us examples? (For example, biodiversity loss and degraded ecosystems can perpetuate gender inequalities by increasing the time spent by women and children in performing certain tasks, such as collecting valuable resources including fuel, food and water, and reducing time for education and income generating activities.) *

What changes are needed to improve women's and girls' agency and empowerment, and gender equality? *

Women and Disaster Risk Reduction

4 questions, approx. 10-12 minutes

What are the most critical issues relating to disaster risk reduction faced by you/ your organization's members? (ex: increased landslides and other natural hazards, access to resources, etc) *

How is your organization/agency working to address these issues? In what areas is your organization working that focus on how women are disproportionately impacted by climate-related disasters? Can you give us examples? *

How are women and girls demonstrating leadership in addressing these issues, particularly in climate resilience and disaster risk reduction policies? (For example, are women included in disaster management committees? Are women engaged in adaptation and mitigation strategies?) *

What changes are needed in disaster risk reduction policy and programming to improve women's and girls' agency and empowerment, and gender equality? *

Impact on marginalized communities

1 question, approx 3-5 minutes

What are your organization/agency/church advocacy priorities and/or programmatic priorities specifically focused on the rights of Indigenous peoples (especially women and girls) or other marginalized communities, particularly in the context of climate change, pollution, and biodiversity? *

Policy Recommendations

2 questions, approx. 5-7 minutes

What do you see as the role of faith-based organizations / churches in addressing this year's theme of: "Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes"? *

What are your organization's policy recommendations (at international, regional, or national levels) related to issues of climate change, pollution, biodiversity, and disaster risk reduction? *

Additional Information and Resources to Share

2 questions, approx. 2-3 minutes

Please share with us any resources (policy briefs, toolkits, multimedia, etc.) your organization has produced on these themes. (Please include links here, or email documents to ewcsw66survey@gmail.com)

Is there anything else that you would like to share as it relates to women and girls, and climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes?

Thank you!

We greatly appreciate your time and thoughtful contributions to this survey, and to the work for gender justice.