# GOVERNANCE AND COORDINATION MECHANISMS TO FACILITATE GENDER-RESPONSIVE CLIMATE POLICY AND ACTION

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### **BACKGROUND**

- Climate change remains central to Ghana's development agenda because of its risk to the sustenance of our key economic sectors.
- The level of risk to our economy has motivated the bold steps to decisively address climate change holistically
- Addressing pressing economical and climate needs are very fundamental for sustainable development

### **BACKGROUND CONT.**

- Ghana has formulated and implementing policies and programmes to:
  - reduce deforestation
  - promote adoption of renewables
  - water to productive use
  - promote all-inclusive planning at all levels
- Gender, finance, technology and capacity are key pillars for Ghana's climate change agenda

## THE GENDER INSTITUTIONAL HISTORY IN GHANA

- the creation of the Ministry Gender,
   Children and Social Protection in 2013
  - to promote the implementation of activities that address the rights of women and ensure the growth, survival and development of children
  - Department for Gender tasked to integrate gender issues into development policies and coordinate gender activities

## THE GENDER INSTITUTIONAL HISTORY IN GHANA

• The previous four national medium-term development plans (GPRS I & II: 2001-2009 and GSGDA I & II: 2011-2017) recognised gender inequality as a significant development challenge and put forward specific policy action to address them

### GENDER AND CLIMATE CHANGE IN GHANA

- Flowing from the national plans, several line ministries, local government authorities and CSOs designed programmes to translate vision into concrete ground level activities
  - national climate change policy (NCCP) (MESTI, 2013)
  - REDD+ strategy (FC, 2016)
  - Forestry Development Master Plan (FDMP) (FC, 2016)
- all recognize the need to address gender and climate change issues

### THE NCCP AND GENDER

### **FOCUS:**

promoting equal opportunities and affirmative action for women and vulnerable groups in Climate change adaptation and mitigation through gender mainstreaming into national and sub-national climate change related policies" (NCCP, 2013).

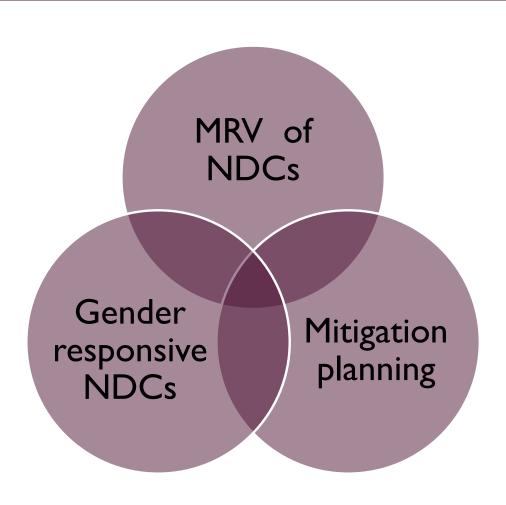
## GENDER GOVERNANCE PROCESSES UNDER GHANA'S NDCs

- Gender was recognized in Ghana's NDCs and a whole programme has been dedicated for gender
  - build resilience by implementing a community-led adaptation and livelihood diversification for sensitive groups.
- Some consultations were done on gender, however, gender views are still under represented

#### UNDP'S NDCS SUPPORT PROGRAMME

- Assist developing countries to scale up action in support of their National Determined Contributions (NDCs).
- Enhance technical and institutional capacity to implement NDCs in at least 18 countries,
- Facilitate the implementation of Ghana's NDCs, within a policy, institutional and operational framework that is forward looking and results driven.

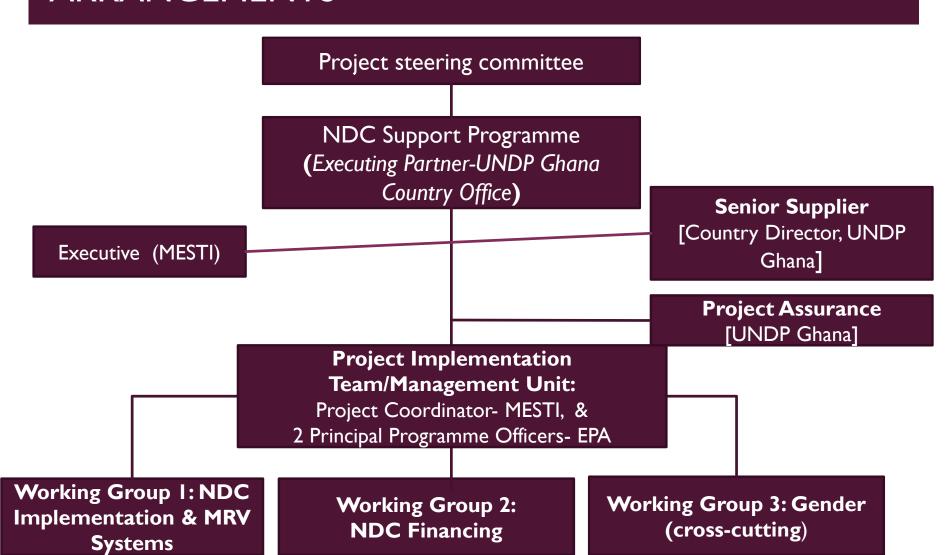
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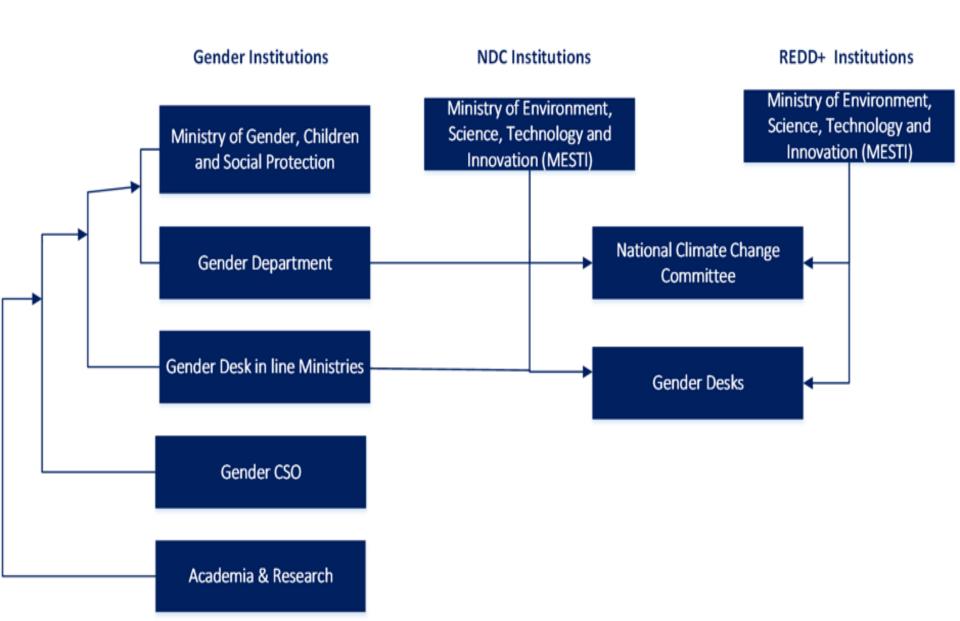
#### GENDER RESPONSIVE NDCS

- Undertake gender assessments of climate planning, policy, and reporting mechanisms /instruments.
- Analyse national conditions to understand gender context of NDC implementation.
- Analyze/prioritize relevant sector policies, strategies from gender equality perspective.
- Establish/Develop gender equality tools, indicators and data systems to track and report on gender-responsive actions in the NDC.
- Develop Action plan to incorporate findings, including measures/strategies to transform gender stereotypes in priority sectors.

### GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS



#### Governance Structure for Gender and NDCs in Ghana



#### GOING FORWARD......

- 1. Ghana will be integrating gender-responsive approaches into institutional frameworks for NDC implementation
- 2. Ghana will conduct an in-depth gender analysis as a pre-scoping exercise.
- 3. As part of this analysis, it will examine legal, policy and institutional frameworks related to climate change and gender with special consideration given to the 31 actions that will be implemented to meet Ghana's NDC commitments.
- 4. As much as possible, the analysis will address issues on gender trends, structures of decision-making bodies, and gender diversity of participating institutions

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