Gender equality and sustainable ocean management

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What I will talk about

• SwAM
• Gender mainstreaming
• Examples SwAM’s national work
• Gender equality, sustainable ocean management and poverty alleviation
• Gender equality in ocean sciences
• Gender equality in SwAM’s international development cooperation
• What we need more of!
SwAM responsibilities and international engagement

• National Governmental Agency
• Ministry of Environment and Energy
• Broad and integrated assignment
• National implementation
• International components important
International components

AGENDA 2030
SDG 6 & SDG 14

SOURCE TO SEA

EU related work
Regional and global conventions
Bilateral Cooperation on Environment and Climate (BRIICS)
International Development Cooperation (LDC, SIDS)
The essence of gender mainstreaming

• Gendermainstreaming is the dominating approach for achieving gender equality goals used in Swedish public administration

• Gendermainstreaming is not a goal in itself but a way of promoting gender equality, dismantling inequality and reaching gender equality goals

• Decision making powers, economic opportunities, access to education and much more – all spheres of work and life
Some examples

• How is a problem identified based on a gender perspective? **Problem analyses**
• Analyzing who is benefiting from resource allocations **Budget analyses**
• How does a specific solution affect women and men? **Outcome analyses**
• Gender statistics and disaggregated data **Monitoring**
• Setting **gender equality goals**!
An example from Swedish local water councils

Problem analyses

- Pilot in the Region of Gotland. Councils highly dominated by men
- Focus groups divided by sex
- Men’s priorities: shorter term infrastructure investments and fisheries
- Women’s priorities: longer term environmental concerns
- Result: A more diverse, inclusive and sustainable water agenda was communicated

➤ What happens when women (or men) are excluded?
An example from the Swedish work with developing a **Marine Spatial Plan**

**Outcome analyses, gender statistics**
- Gender segregated labour market
- Gender equality - MSP social sustainability analysis
- How will men’s and women’s working opportunities be affected in tourism, energy, defense, transportation, fisheries etc?
- Data on regional scale
- **Result:** Expected negative effect on women’s working opportunities in one coastal region, neutral effects in others

➢ **Next step: what to do about it?**
Gender equality, sustainable ocean management and poverty alleviation

- Men and women play important but often different productive, economic and social roles in poor coastal zones.
- Different use of resources and expression of environmental concerns.
- Women are essential contributors to the fisheries sector but have less power and capital.
- Unequal tenure and sometimes legal rights.
- Women highly excluded from management positions in powerful ocean industries and governance structures.
- Visible and invisible social barriers.
- Women with little education more vulnerable to exploitation.
Gender equality and sustainable ocean management and poverty alleviation

- Better inclusion of gender equality = better development result
- Underlying structures causing poverty and inequality
- Conflict prevention
- Strengthened resilience
- More focus on sustainability of resources
- Well-being
- Many commonalities between south and north
Gender equality in ocean sciences

• Role of women in ocean sciences often overlooked
• Importance of equal value and opportunity of women and men’s research
• Female scientists as role models and agents of change
• Linking science and governmental policy and action to promote gender equality across spheres of work
SwAM OCEAN –
SwAM’s International Development Cooperation programme 2019-2022: Gender equality approach

• Gender mainstreaming and with gender equality goals:
  ➢ Strengthen women’s economic rights in ocean and fishery management
  ➢ Strengthen women’s participation and influence in ocean and fishery management decision-making
SwAM OCEAN –
SwAM’s International Development Cooperation programme 2019-2022: Gender equality- how?

- Gender studies:
  - Marine spatial planning
  - MPA management
- Advocacy, methodological development
- Gender equality in Trade in Fisheries Services and Small Scale Fisheries
- Gender dialogues and gender data integration
- LDCs and SIDS
- Focus on Southwest Indian Ocean
- Partnerships are welcome!
More attention to:

- Women as researchers, knowledge holders, producers and entrepreneurs in ocean science and blue economy
- Support women to express and produce own research agenda, advocacy, innovation, business
- More attention to women in ocean governance, including justice
- Strengthening a right based approach to women’s participation
- Gendermainstreaming as a given process in sustainable ocean management
- If it is not written down and said, it does not exist! gender markers, partner contracts, gender dialogues,…
- Governments and science community in stronger partnerships for gender equality
Thank you!

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