"Girls' Rights and Environmental Justice: An Intergenerational Dialogue"

Side Event: 10th Asia-Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development

27 March 2023, 5:30 pm (GMT+7) VIRTUAL

Meeting link: Webinar Registration - Zoom

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Plan International Asia Pacific

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Registration
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Background
In this side event, we will place diverse girls and young women from across the region in the front and center of the conversation highlighting the crucial role of gender equality and girls and young women's participation in achieving SDGs 6 and 11, among others by inviting them as main speakers to share their initiatives to contribute to COVID-19 response, to climate justice, and disaster risk and resilience. We shall also provide a platform for intergenerational dialogue with other women leaders and activists including representatives from AICHR, SAARC, and from the Pacific.

Key Questions and Outcomes
The side event seeks to respond to the following questions:

1. How have girls and young women been experiencing the impact of COVID-19, climate crisis specifically access to clean water and sanitation, and disasters?
2. Were policies and programs that seek to address these problems gender transformative? Have they provided space for girls and young women's participation, so their needs were considered, and proposed solutions heard?

3. What have been girls' initiatives to accelerate COVID-19 response, promote climate justice and disaster resilience? What were their strategies? Challenges? Lessons Learned?

4. What can older advocates share as guidance and support to girls and young women advocates?

5. What are concrete ways that states can do to accelerate COVID-19 response, pursue climate justice and disaster resilience in a gender transformative manner?

**Programme**

5:15 pm - 5:20 pm  
**Opening Remarks**  
Bhagyashri Dengle, Plan APAC Regional Director

5:20 pm - 5:23 pm  
**VIDEO PRESENTATION**

5:23 pm - 5:40 pm  
**Presentation of highlights from Plan's Report**  
“Girls' Activism for Climate Justice”  
Sudthida Keophaithool

5:40 pm - 5:45 pm  
**Comments in the chat box**

5:45 pm - 5:55 pm  
**Impacts of climate change and work on climate justice in ASEAN**  
Youth representative from ASEAN Youth Forum

5:55 pm - 6:10 pm  
**Response from AICHR**  
Presentation of highlights of the ASEAN Regional document on climate justice and experience as a young advocate (tentative)

6:10 pm - 6:20 pm  
**Impacts of climate change and work on climate justice in South Asia**  
Youth representation from Plan Bangladesh/Nepal
6:20 pm- 6:35 pm  
Response from a representative from UN Working Group on Climate Change particularly their program and experience as a youth advocacy (tentative)

6:35 pm- 6:40 pm  
Video/ comments in the chat box

6:40 pm- 6:45 pm  
**Synthesis and closing remarks**

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