



“The Environment and Gender Index: Measuring Success toward an Equitable Future”

A high-level event on the occasion of CSW59

**Monday,
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10:00-11:15am

DHL Auditorium - Dag Hammarskjöld Library

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On the opening day of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), IUCN Global Gender Office, in coordination with UN Women, as well as the Governments of Finland, Liberia, and Peru, welcome you to a high-level session on the transformative power of data, featuring the unique Environment and Gender Index (EGI).

This event will feature the EGI’s newest datasets on women and decision-making in the environmental sector. Showcasing the capability of the EGI to assist policy-makers and practitioners in overcoming challenges to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of women, discussion will be anchored in the context of Beijing+20 and the post-2015 development agenda.

High-level speakers will include:

- **Lorena Aguilar**, Global Senior Gender Advisor, IUCN
- **Begoña Lasagabaster**, Officer in Charge/Director, Policy Division, UN Women
- **HE Jani Toivola**, MP, the Parliament of **Finland**, Chair of the working group on equality issues
- **HE Julia Duncan Cassell**, Minister of Gender and Development, Government of **Liberia**
- **HE Marcela Huaita**, Minister of Women and Vulnerable Populations, Government of **Peru**
- With a representative from Women’s Environment and Development Organization (**WEDO**)

Providing some of the best quantitative data to date on how nations are translating gender and environment mandates into national policy and planning, the EGI shows that nations committed to tackling women’s advancement in their environmental efforts can make huge strides beyond survival to long term well-being for all citizens.