

Women at the center of climate action

5 June 2018

Lab Debate - 'Stronger women for a better climate' at the European Development Days (EDDs) in Brussels on 5 June 2018.

Women are amongst the most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change: their socio-economic status are not equal to those of men and often they have less rights, voice and influence than men in shaping policies and prioritising how climate finance is used, especially in developing countries.

Organised by the European Commission, the European Development Days (EDD) bring the development community together each year to share ideas and experiences in ways that inspire new partnerships and innovative solutions to the world's most pressing challenges.

At this year edition, DG CLIMA and DG DEVCO and the Africa Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Secretariat have co-organised a lab-debate event focusing on the vital role that women play in climate action – at the local and international level and how the EU GCCA+ flagship initiative and its intra-ACP programme contribute to support the role of women in climate action.

2018 marks the twelfth edition of the EDDs and it is the first edition devoted to gender equality. It aims at bringing together the European Union's commitment to gender equality and women's empowerment with that of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Gender equality and women empowerment are at the core of European and international policies, including on climate change.



Empowerment of women is an important ingredient in addressing global challenges such as climate change and in building climate resilience. Women are in fact primary agents of change and effective risk managers. Their role is fundamental to create solid basis for a climate-proof development.

Through a series of concrete examples from international, national, local actors and climate activists, the lab-debate session will explore how women's voices and actions can be better heard and influence climate change policy making at all levels. It will allow for discussions on the challenges and opportunities for their active participation and ultimately highlight concrete examples of how women's voices can be heard and women's rights can be considered when defining policies for climate change mitigation and adaptation. Conclusions/recommendations stemming from presentations and discussions will feed into the discussions on Gender within UNFCCC context.

Agenda:

Opening Remarks: Yvon SLINGENBERG, Director, European Commission on the importance of women involved in climate action - policy frame

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Introduction: Felice Zaccheo, Head of Unit C6 ' Sustainable Energy, Climate Change', DG DEVCO European Commission

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Panellists:

Dr Sharmind Neelormi, steering group member and the Asian coordinator of Gender CC, a global network working for gender equality and climate justice

Mrs Anne Barre, Gender policy coordinator, Women Engage for a Common Future International and Vice-President of Climate Chance organisation

Dr. Uphie Melo Chinje - Rector/ President/ Vice Chancellor of the University of Ngaoundere, Cameroon and former Managing Director of the Laboratory of Materials, Locals Materials Promotion Authority (MIPROMALO)

H.E. Deo Saran, Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary, Fiji – representative of the COP23 Presidency

Info:

Lab debate 'Stronger women for a better climate'

European Development Days (EDDs) Brussels

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

14:00 to 15:15 -

Room D3 14h 5 June 2018

Links:

- Malawi: Our only choice is change <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ixmaj-kt-K8>
- EDD page <https://eudevdays.eu/>
- Leveraging Co-Benefits Between Gender Equality And Climate Action For Sustainable Development http://unfccc.int/files/gender_and_climate_change/application/pdf/leveraging_cobenefits.pdf
- Women participation: An enabler of climate justice <https://www.mrfcj.org/resources/womens-participation-an-enabler-of-climate-justice/>

Photos gallery



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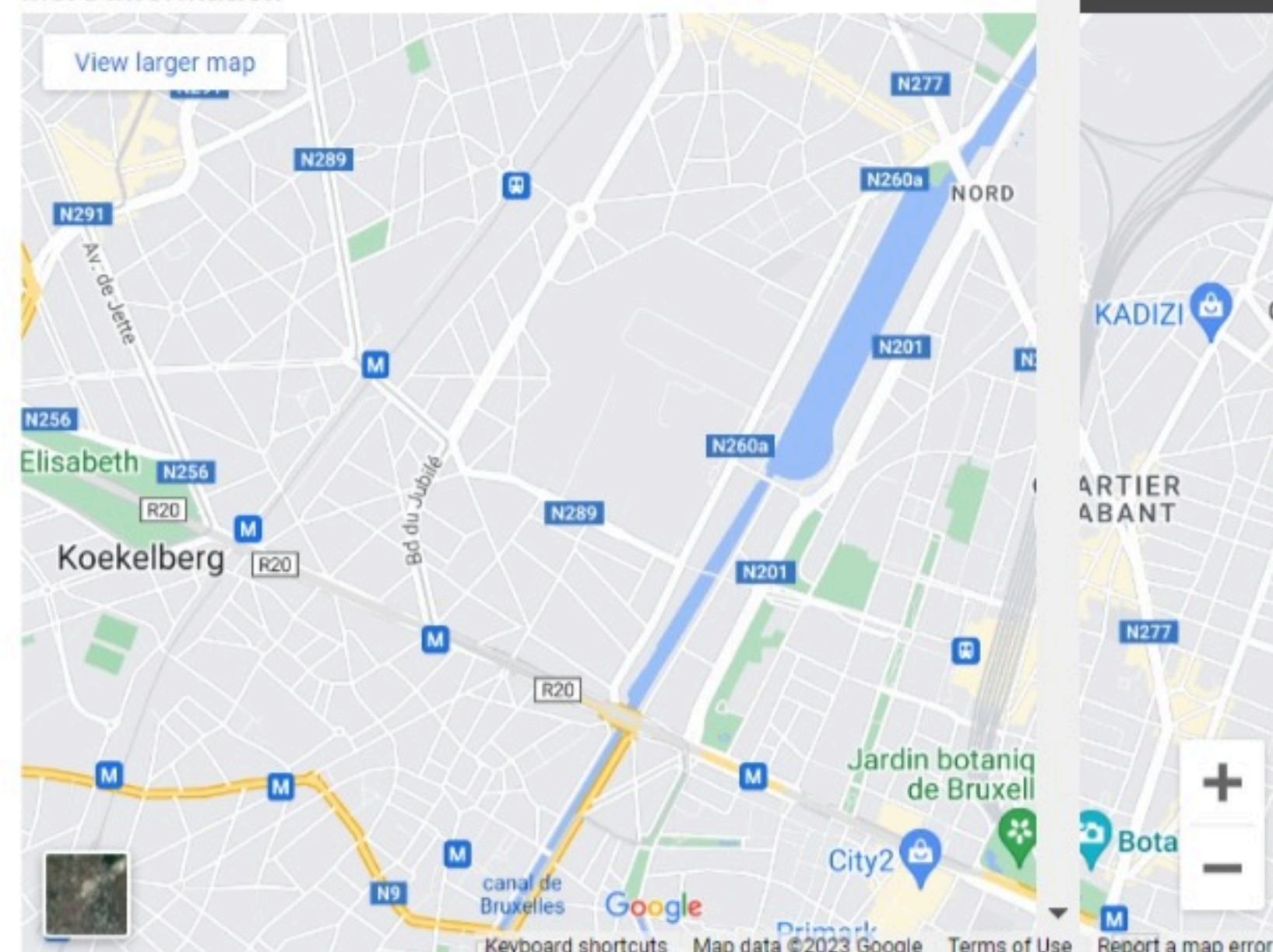
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