## MINARET

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Gender Mainstreaming Strategy

Internal Draft

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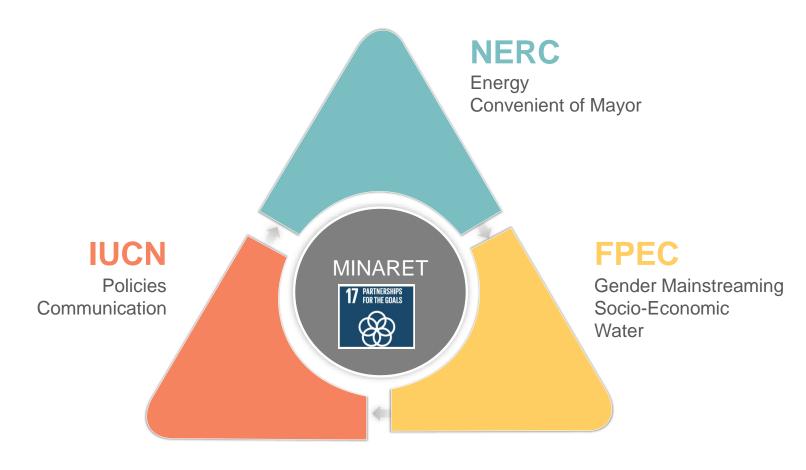
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**MINARET Project** 

MINARET – SDG Linkages

Project Levels and cross cutting themes

## **MINARET Project, Partners and Link to SDGs**













## **MINARET Project**

**Regional Cooperation** 





**Country Level** 

Policy Reviews

Municipality level

Pilot Action

**Community level** 

Small initiatives Green Club Program Gender
mainstreaming
as a crosscutting theme

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**Gender Strategy** 

Gender Strategy

How?

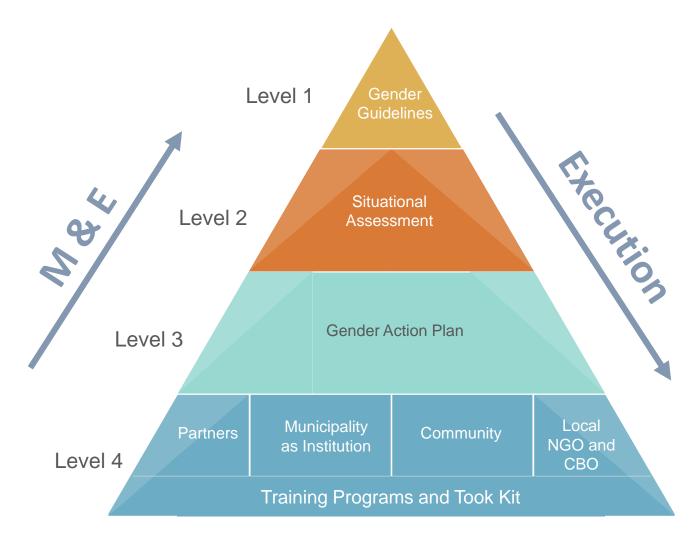
Indicators

4 Year Activity Projection

Implementation Steps

Gender Communication/Dissemination Strategy

## **MINARET Gender Mainstreaming Strategy**



## **Promote Gender Equality**

#### Gender Guidelines.

GEM Guidelines presents a shared vision for integrating a gender perspective throughout the MINARET project.

#### Situational Assessment.

It is a key foundation for any intervention. It gives an overview about community attitudes and practices, identifying what has already been done, who the main actors and who might be key to engage. In addition to ensuring the appropriateness of the intervention to the local context.

#### **Action Plan.**

It is a key gender mainstreaming tool and mechanism for ensuring gender-inclusive design and implementation of projects. In addition to provide a road map for project implementation, monitoring, and evaluation

#### **Capacity Building.**

It will be tailor-made for each country and context. The training programmes will be a promising entry points within partners and stakeholders and increasing their capacity on gender equality.

## **MINARET Theory of Change**

### Strong and independent municipalities that <u>are able to</u> address Communities' needs

Strengthen regional cooperation within the MENA region through implementing the NEXUS approach integrated with renewable energy technologies at municipality's level to mitigate climate change impacts and combat poverty, address gender equality, and empowerment of women, youth and other marginalized groups, including refugees



have been improved at

the four municipalities

The four municipalities joined the Covenant of Mayors and are benefiting from its support Two
Demonstration
projects are
implemented in
each
municipality

Function Regional online learning platform for policy dialogue One Green Club each of three selected schools for each of the targeted municipalities is established and operational

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Gender mainstreaming ategy is applied in the targeted organizations Two Women initiatives are established and perational in each of e four municipalities"

Enhanced capacities of local authorities to reduce the impact of climate change and to implement the most costeffective renewable energy, water resource management & food security measures Fostered intermunicipal and Regional cooperation as a tool to identify and jointly overcome the challenges preventing improved public services and good governance. Recognized, empowered and enhanced roles of women, youth and marginalized groups as "Actors of Change" in poverty reduction and sustainable development, Increased awareness of long-term local and Regional implications of climate change and understanding of needed technological and behavioural changes to achieve sustainable energy and water use

# **Gender Mainstreaming Components How?**



**Gender Integrated Approaches** 



#### **Policies**

- Gender integration to Energy and Water Policies
- Gender Policies at Country Level
- Gender Policies at Institutional Level



#### Pilot Actions

- · Gender Lens to Project Selection
- Vendor Selection
- Gender Lens of Beneficiaries of Pilot Action
- Gender Project Verification



#### **Small Initiatives**

- Gender Criteria
- Women Socio-economic Empowerment



#### Green Club Program

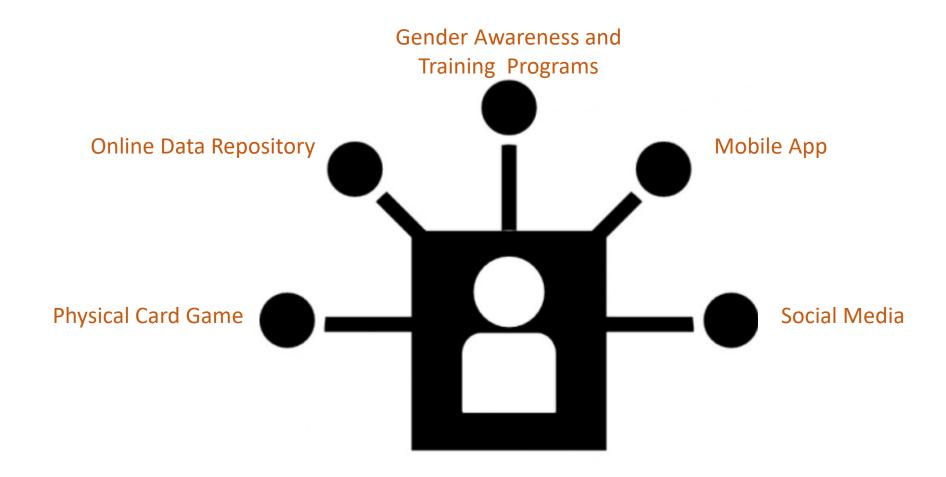
• Gender Lens in Schools' Selection (i.e. using global green programs)



#### **Capacity Building**

- Gender Toolkit
- · Training programs/workshops for Project Partners,
- Energy/Water training Curriculum Review eliminate gender stereotypes.

## **Gender Dissemination Approach**



Objective to create gender awareness and promote gender equality

## **Gender Communication Strategy**



#### **Showcase**

- Promote MINARET as gender champions and role models (external visibility: participants of panels at conferences energy, water or women in businesses, or STEM programs, etc)
- Outreach to other Energy, Water, Women's networking groups



#### **Promote - Social Media**

- Showcase success stories, gender news, gender updates
- Feature MINARET gender champions

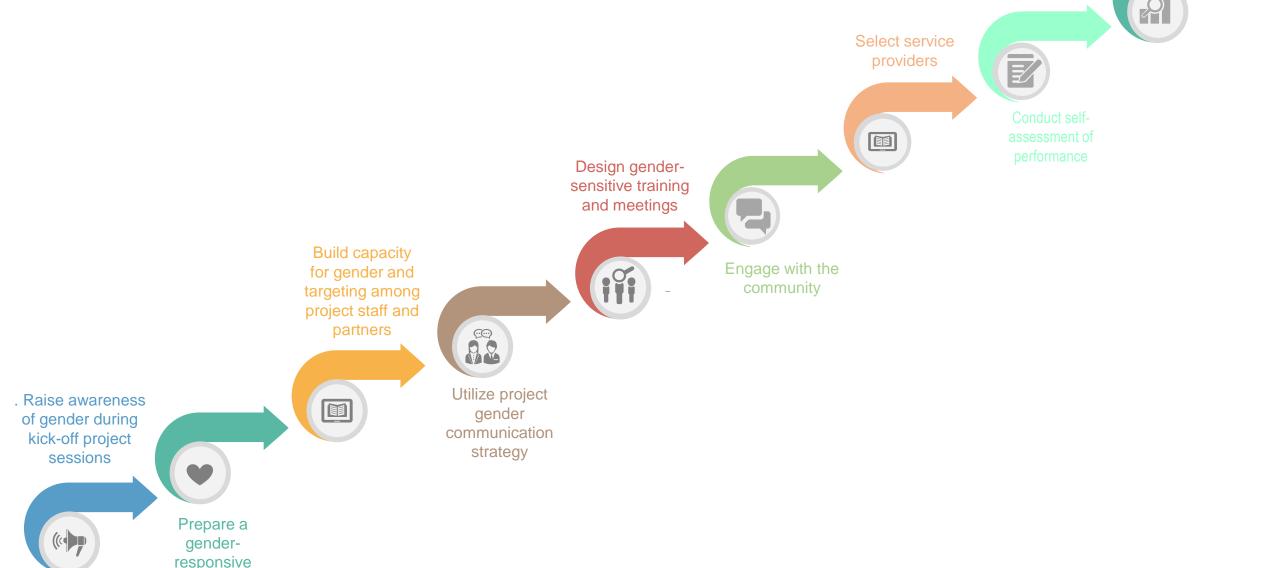


#### <u>Dissimilate – Training Programs</u>

- Community Members
- Municipality Staff
- Institutions/Partners
- Vendors

## **Steps Toward Achieving Gender Mainstreaming**

annual work plan



#### Resources – Gender Focal Point



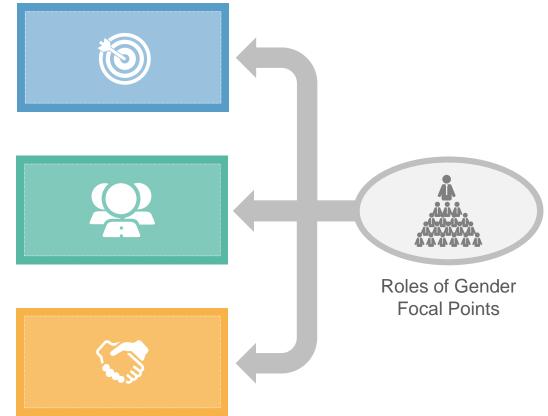
These are individuals influencing decisionmaking positions to take gender equality and women's empowerment issues seriously.

#### Municipalities

These are individuals responsible for stimulating the integration of gender equality concerns throughout the projects and activities

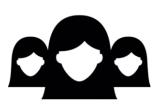
#### Local NGOs

These are individuals or groups who are asked to Change something (knowledge, skills, or behavior) as a result of the change



## Indicators – Gender and Social Sustainability

- Community Awareness
- Training
- Employment











- Number of women and men attended the training and events (training, focus groups, kick-off, reach out by App, exchange visits)
- Number of women and men beneficiaries of small initiatives
- Number of women and men beneficiaries pilot action girls/women
- Number of girls and boys schools selected for the Green Club program
- Number of jobs introduced for women and men

## Gender: 4 Year Activity Projection and Budget Needs



#### **Budget forecasted Needs:**

- Mobile App
- Printing toolkit –cards
- 6 Training programs
- Gender Verification and Dissemination

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MINARET Project
Gender Deliverables

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Gender Toolkit Components

## **MINARET Gender Mainstreaming Deliverables**

Strategy

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Gender
Mainstreaming for
Minaret Project

Situational Assessment

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Partners, Municipalities, Communities Capacity Building Programs

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Partners, Municipalities, Communities **Toolkit** 

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Online Platform, Mobile App Gender Cards

## **Gender Toolkit Components**



## Online Platform: Central Data Repository

- Checklists
- Surveys, questionnaires
- Reports
- Connect with Global Gender Networks



#### **Mobile App**

- Push gender equality reminder notifications
- Download app at MINARET events, keep track of attendance, get everyone on board with gender
- (Flip Board App)



#### **Learning Cards**

- Physical cards Gender content & Energy/Water graphics
- Interactive Used independently or in a group setting

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Situational Assessments

Approach

Methodology

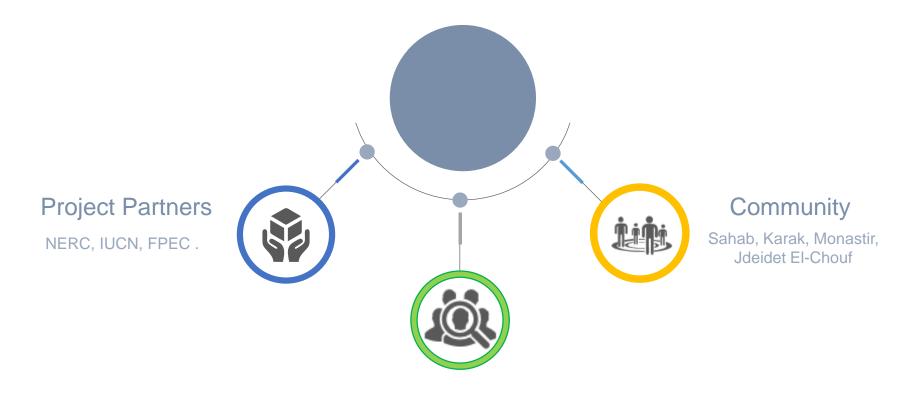
Findings

## **Gender Situational Assessment Approach**



## **Gender Situational Assessment Coverage**

Ensuring 3 levels are covered



#### Municipality as Institution

Jordan: Sahab Municipality, Karak Municipality, Tunisia: Monastir Municipality Lebanon: Jdeidet El-Chouf Municipality

## **Situational Assessment Methodology**

#### **Applied Tools**



**Project Partner Level** 

- Interviews
- 1st Level Self-Assessment Questionnaire
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Self-Assessment Questionnaire



**Municipality Level** 

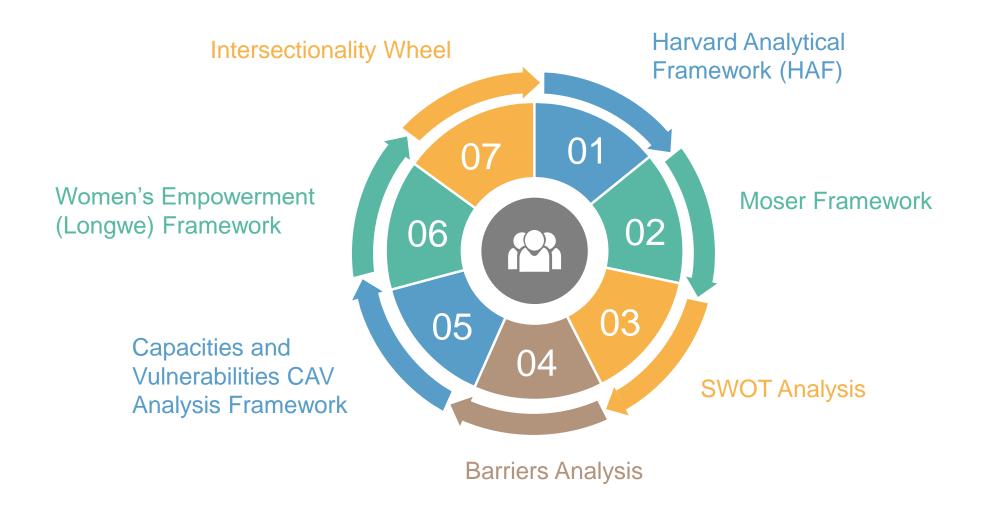
- Interviews
- 1st Level Self-Assessment Questionnaire
- focus groups



**Community Level** 

- Variety of Gender Assessment Tools and Techniques
- Review of Existing Studies/Documents
- Focus Groups
- Site Observation

# **Community Level Gender Situational Assessment Tools**



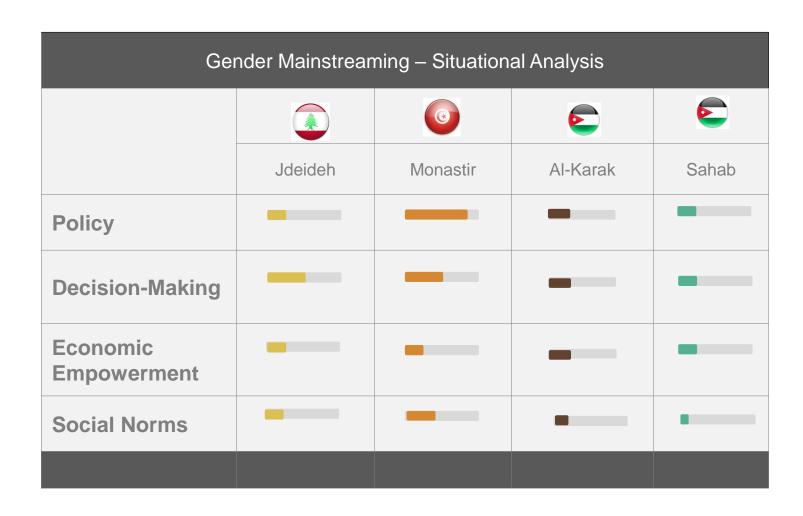
## Situational Assessment Tools – Partners and Municipalities

| Tool   | Tool Description   | NERC        | IUCN        | FPEC        | Outcome   |
|--|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|
| Interviews                                       | One-on-one interviews conducted with partners  |             |             |             | Identification of perceptions, opinions, beliefs, and attitudes towards gender in the workplace |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Self-Assessment<br>Questionnaire | Survey to diagnose the project partners' and main beneficiaries' policies and practices with regard to equality and nondiscrimination between women and men, conciliation between professional, family and personal life |             |             |             | Basic situational assessment of gender concepts in the workplace                                |
| 2nd Level Self-<br>Assessment<br>Questionnaire   | Survey to diagnose the level of engagement towards gender equality in the workplace and identification of training needs for MINARET project partners  | In progress | In progress | In progress | Mapping of gender equality journey, and Capacity building plan                                  |

## **Situational Assessment Tools – Communities**

| Tool   | Tool Description  | Jdeideh | Monastir | Al-Karak | Sahab        | Outcome   |
|--|---|---------|----------|----------|--------------|---|
| Harvard Analytical<br>Framework (HAF)                          | Collecting data at the micro-level to gain information about:<br>Activity, Access and Control, Influencing Factors, Project<br>Cycle Analysis   |         |          |          | $\checkmark$ | Gender Roles  |
| Moser Framework  | Help understand the division of labor within the household and community by asking "who does what?" Moser introduces the idea of women's 'triple role' in production, reproduction and community affairs. |         |          |          |              | Understand the division of labor "who does what?"                     |
| SWOT Analysis  | Assess and identify the gender strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT).   |         |          |          |              | Gender strengths,<br>weaknesses, opportunities<br>and threats (SWOT). |
| Barriers Analysis  | Qualitative evidence for gender-related differences in barriers and delays that limit access to resources and services.   |         |          |          |              | Gender Equality Barriers  |
| Capacities and<br>Vulnerabilities<br>CAV Analysis<br>Framework | Identifying and addressing emerging problems and social issues in a particular community or area that affect their specific needs, such as difficulty accessing natural resources.                        |         |          |          |              | Emerging problems and social issues                                   |
| Women's Empowerment (Longwe) Framework                         | Addressing the roots of inequalities and identifying women's empowerment and equality means in practice, and assess critically to what extent a development intervention is supporting this empowerment.  |         |          |          |              | Roots of inequalities   |
| Intersectionality<br>Wheel                                     | Helping in analysis, advocacy and policy development that addresses multiple discriminations and helps us understand how different sets of identities impact on access to rights and opportunities.       |         |          |          |              | Identities impact on access to rights and opportunities.              |

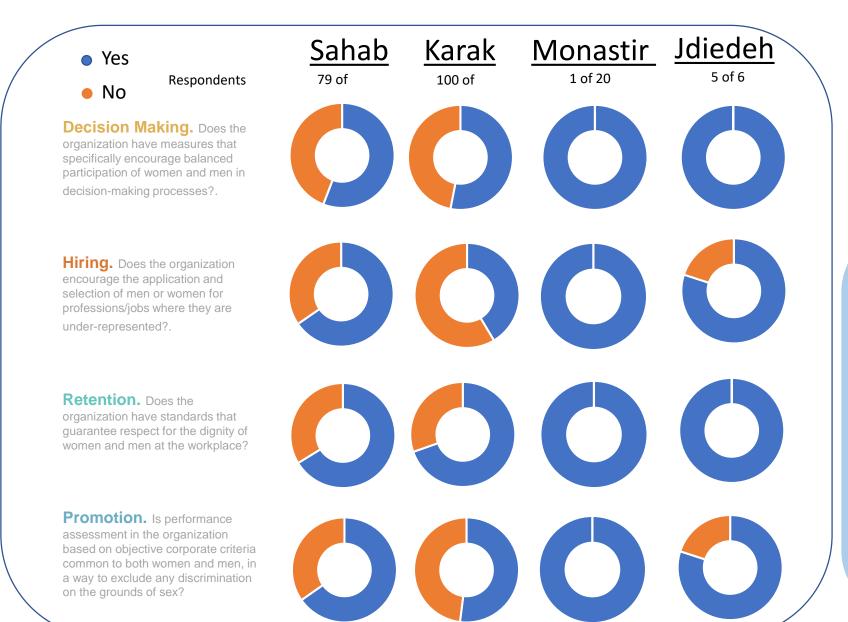
# Gender Situational Assessment Community Level



#### **Essential findings:**

- Women in Tunisia don't seem to perceive gender inequities
- In Lebanon females are still paid significantly less than their male counterparts
- Jordan continues to have one of the world's lowest rates of women's workforce participation

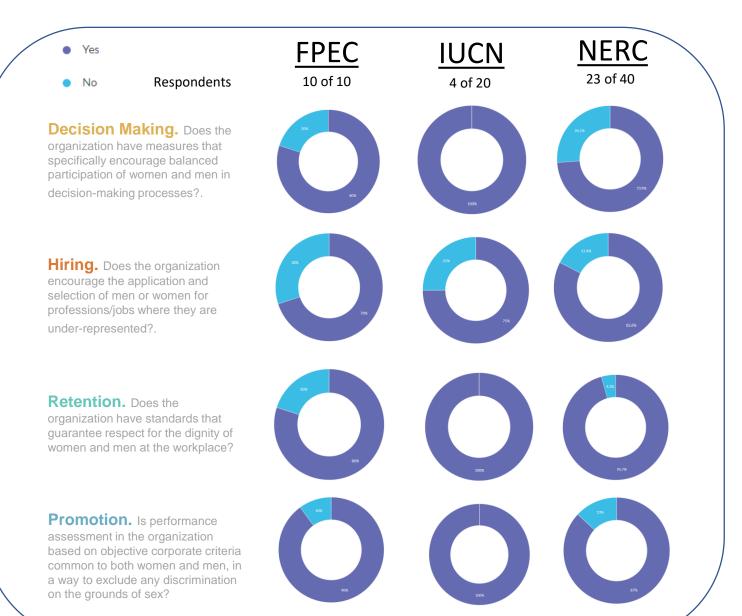
## **Municipalities – Institutional Gender Assessment**



#### **Gender Findings**

- Encourage balanced participation in Decisionmaking
- Hiring, Retention and Promotion should incorporate a gender lens to remove inequities
- No Gender Policies
- Lack Gender Understanding
- Lack of availably of sex-disegregated data

## **Project Partners – Institutional Gender Assessment**



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# Meetings at Tunisia's Parliament



## **Interviews and Meetings**













## **Using a Participatory Approach**



















## **Gender Analysis Tools**







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Challenges and Lessons Learned

Progress to date

Challenges

Lessons Learned

## **Progress and Challenges**

#### MINARET Gender Progress

- Appointed gender advisor
- Established gender focal points network
- Creation of Gender Guidelines to assist with internal systems and procedures
- Initial gender awareness conversations (to be complemented with gender training program in 2018)
- Country cooperation created through accountability from civil society groups.

#### MINARET Gender Challenges

- Difficult to change attitudes and values
- An absence of focus on gender in operations
- A struggle to implement organizational structural and attitudinal changes rather than changes in operations

### **Lessons Learned**

- Importance on maintaining focus on specific tasks.
- Important to get results in operations because success is motivating and helps lower resistance.
- Avoid making the gender concepts and approach too complicated.

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**Next Steps** 

September-Oct Gender Activities

Moving forward request for Donor

## **Next Steps**

Who What When

Project Partners Institutional survey September

Gender Coordinator
 Finalize Situational Assessment Reports
 October

#### Request for SIDA:

• Connect with SIDA gender experts, and ideally sector specific to MINARET project

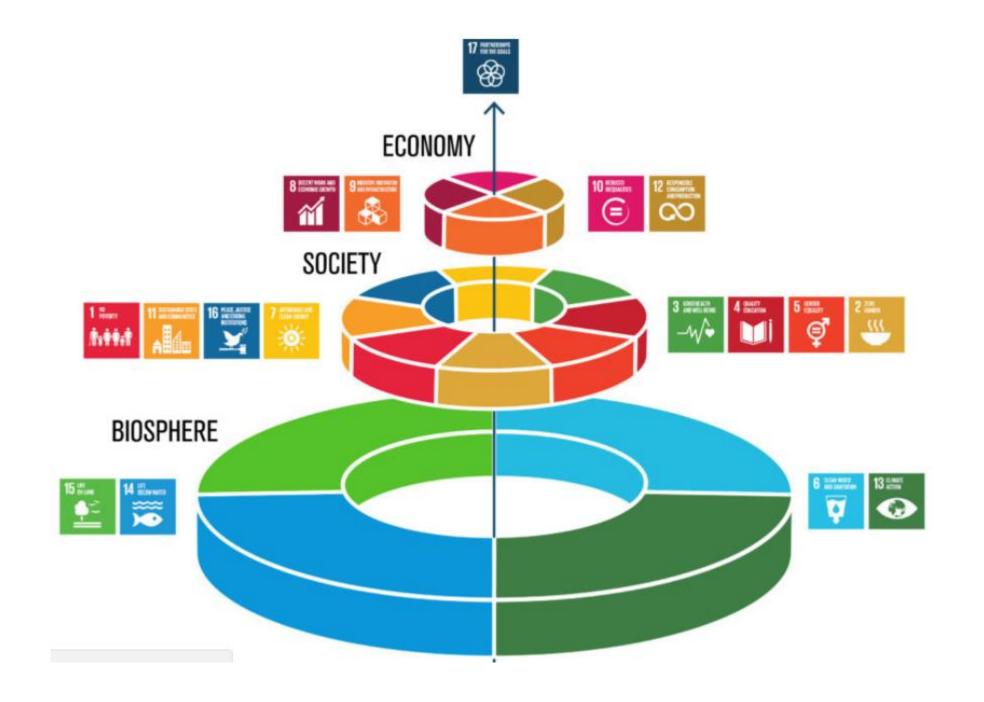
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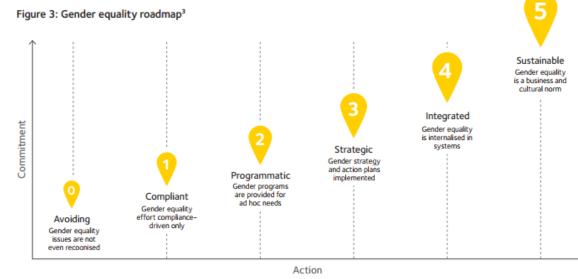
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## Backup



## **Up next - Gender Equality Diagnostic Tool**

#### Mapping your current position





#### Key:

shows where your organisation is performing well against the relevant lever - action: monitor, continue and exploit this strength

shows where your organisation is performing adequately against the relevant lever but additional focus and effort is required action: review, plan and implement improvements

shows where your organisation is presented with a significant opportunity to make progress - action: investigate and develop an action plan to address this issue at the earliest priority

#### Gender inclusive culture

| Roadmap phase  | Signposts   | Your org |
|----------------|---|----------|
| O              | Gender-specific barriers are<br>unrecognised and unaddressed;<br>there is no awareness of a need<br>to shift culture.   |          |
| 1 Compliant    | Cultural norms, attitudes and<br>behaviours regarding gender<br>equality are defined only by<br>anti-discrimination / equal<br>employment opportunity<br>legislation. |          |
| 2 Programmatic | Disconnected initiatives attempt<br>to influence gender-related<br>aspects of culture and behaviour<br>but they lack impact.  |          |
| 3 Strategic    | Gender equality and the<br>supporting values and<br>behaviours form part of a<br>defined and communicated<br>aspirational culture                                     |          |
| 4 Integrated   | Desired cultural norms, values<br>and behaviours are actively<br>influenced by integration into<br>leadership and capability models.                                  |          |
| 5 Sustainable  | A gender equitable and inclusive culture is intuitive to all employees and defines how all business and work is conducted.  |          |