

**Shaping the policies while changing the
discourses – gendered environmental
discourses at the Conferences of the Parties
to the United Nations Framework
Convention on Climate Change**

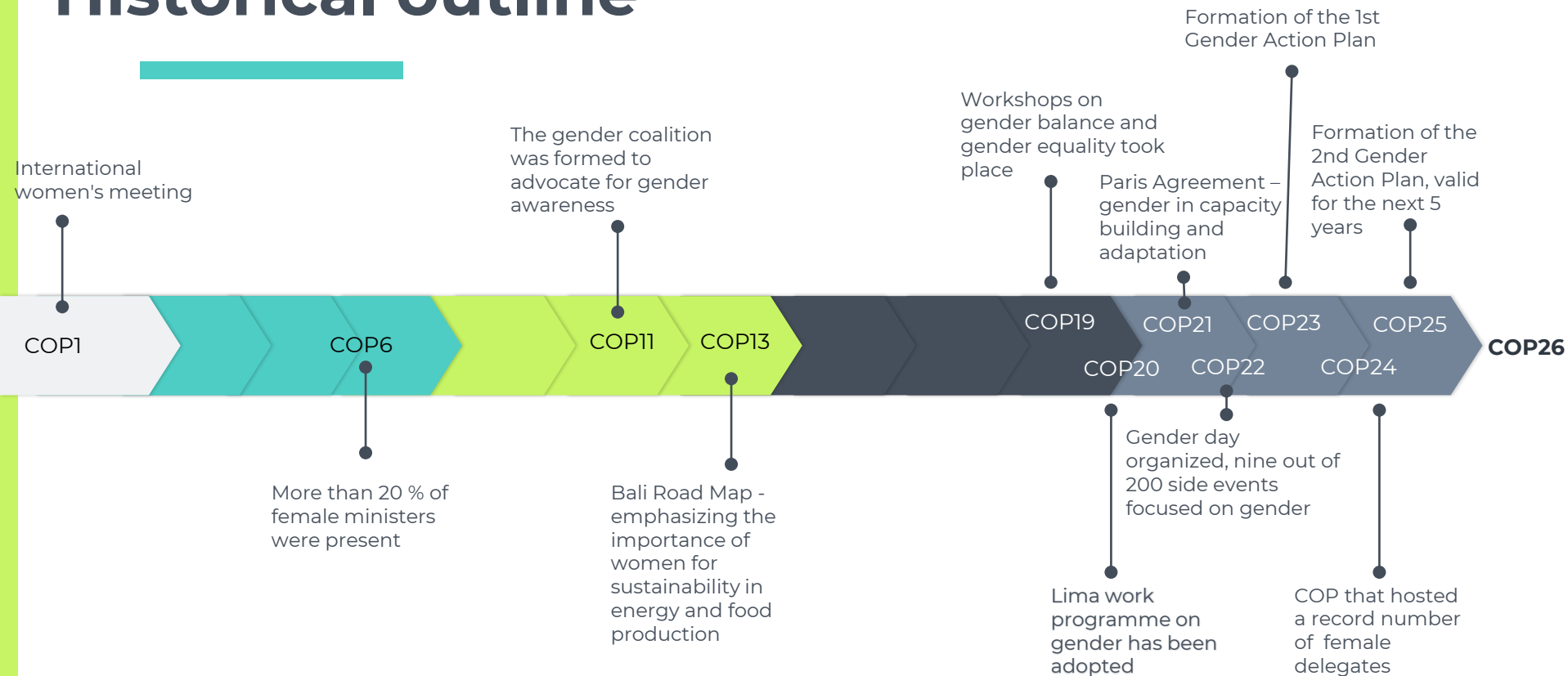
Climate change – how is it presented?



'The climate is the same for males and females, so far as I know. When it rains we all get wet'

MEP Marina Yannakoudakis, 2012

Historical outline



“Women are more vulnerable to climate change and biodiversity loss and they still have to face discrimination and gaps. However, that is the reason why women can be also agents of change. For decades we have been fought against social and cultural barriers asking for equal rights and we won many battles, therefore we are a transformative power.”

Carolina Schmidt
COP25 President



Gendered environmental
discourses

Women as
'victims'

Women as
'changemakers'

1 Discourses on vulnerability and changemaking character of women are limiting as they do not focus on the social and gender inequalities that have put them in the precarious position in the time of climate change such as land ownership, education, lack of access to financing etc.

2 Discourses homogenize women into one category, disregarding the differences based on race, class, geographical location, cultural factors, age

3 The discourses of vulnerability and changemaking character of women take it as given that food work is women's work, therefore they are reproducing the gendered perceptions of care work

Ideas on how to dive in into the topic of gendered climate change

- **Intersectionality** – different social factors influencing the position of women vis-à-vis climate change
- **Case study research** – recognizing the specifics of local issues and needs

THANK YOU