

Module 2: Gender in Integrated Water Resources Management

Aim: Sensitize students to the gender issues (social/institutional and equity) so that they will be able to incorporate those issues in water resources development, management and decision making

ILOs

After completing this course the students should be able to:

1. Explain the concept of gender in the larger context of social inclusion
2. Identify and explain the link between gender and water in different sectors
3. Identify and explain the gendered impacts of water related technology
4. Demonstrate the need for gender mainstreaming in IWRM for Sustainable Development
5. Identify and adopt gender mainstreaming tools for their specific needs and use
6. Explain the approaches for gender and water advocacy

Content

Women, Men and Gender

- Understand the concepts of sex, gender
- Gender discrimination, sex role stereotyping
- Influence of social institutions in gender stereotyping
- The history of the struggle for gender equality and equity
- Understand practical and strategic gender needs

Gender and Integrated Water Resources Management

- Introduce the concept of IWRM.
- Enable a gender analysis of IWRM

Gender issues in different water sectors (domestic, agriculture, and industrial, etc.)

- Behavioural and attitudinal differences
- Division of responsibilities and rights
 - water related activities of women, access to water, control of water, conservation, and management

Gendered impact of water resource development and management technology and equipment

- Analyze the case studies of
 - domestic water supply schemes
 - irrigation schemes, machinery and equipment
 - large dams

Gender Mainstreaming in IWRM

- Analyze a case-study from the perspective of gender mainstreaming in IWRM.
- Illustrate the connection between women, gender, water, health, governance etc.

Gender Mainstreaming Tools for Project, Programme, and Policy formulation and implementation

- Demonstrate tools meant to assist in identifying roles, division of tasks and decision-making responsibilities during project, programme, policy level
 - identification,
 - formulation and implementation
 - monitoring and evaluation.

Women empowerment and advocacy

- National laws, policies and measurers
- Strategies for empowerment (awareness creation, formation of self help groups and capacity building);
- Strategies for advocacy - welfare, efficiency, and equity