

MASTER THESIS REVIEW

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Thesis: Gender and climate adaptation in small island developing States
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Content

The thesis aims at analyzing the impact of climate change on gender issues. This thesis is a byproduct of an internship at the UN Women European and Central Asia Regional Office. The thesis focuses on three topics on top of the agenda: climate change, small islands and gender issues. The author presents gender issues in small islands, mainly gender inequalities regarding access to education, labor-force participation, access to Parliament,... The author then presents the GCCA+ of the European Commission that appears to be far from optimality regarding gender issues.

The thesis is dealing with an important topic. However, the thesis is not always clear regarding the impact of climate change on some gender issues. Gender issues exist whether there is climate change or not or put it differently gender issues are pre-existent to climate change. For instance, access to formal labor market or to credit is more difficult for women, does climate exacerbate this limited access or not? The answer to such question is important for the design of policy response, as, at least, climate change supports must not increase pre-existent gender inequalities.

The thesis does give too little information of the importance of the funding awarded to countries through GCCA+. It would have been interesting to know that a country received X% of its GDP as a GCCA+ funding.

Literature and references

The thesis makes a rather comprehensive presentation of the literature

Formal requirements

All the elements included in this section are conform to academic standards

Topics for discussion

Page 20, the authors says: "...we can see a discrepancy between enrolment rates in primary education and secondary education for both male and female, with lower rates of enrolment for the later. This is particularly evident in Belize, Cabo Verde, Comoros, ...". If one looks carefully the table 4, it is far from evident. Can the author explains a bit more what she wants to say?

Overall evaluation and proposed grade

According to the above elements, the thesis is a good quality work which can be defended without any restriction.

I do recommend the thesis for defense with grade 13/20.

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