

GENDER AND GENDER IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENT

Gender as a concept describes the power relations and different social realities mostly for women and men and occasionally also for transgender and intersex people. The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women's **Beijing Platform for Action** states that women should enjoy "a full and equal share in economic, social, cultural and political decision-making." While it is well known in impact assessment circles that there are gender-based impacts of all activities, too often not enough consideration is given to gender issues. In these key citations for Gender and Gender Impact Assessment, the key literature is presented. Collectively they reveal how gender equality is a matter of human rights, a condition for social justice and a fundamental prerequisite for sustainable development, health and peace. They also demonstrate how to incorporate gender issues into impact assessment.

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