

# Chapter 2

## Women's Leadership in Environmental Dialogue: A Human Rights Approach

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### **ABSTRACT**

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proposal aims to uncover the contributions of women to environmental stewardship, analyze the barriers they confront, and propose strategies for advancing gender equality in conservation. By employing qualitative research methods, including interviews and case studies, the study seeks to amplify the voices of women leaders in the field, illuminate the intersectional dynamics shaping their experiences, and identify opportunities for transformative change. The findings of this research hold significant implications for academic scholarship, policy development, and practical interventions aimed at fostering inclusive, equitable, and rights-based approaches to environmental sustainability. This paper explores the critical role of women's leadership in environmental dialogue through the lens of human rights. It examines how women's involvement in environmental advocacy not only promotes sustainable development but also advances gender equality and human rights. By highlighting case studies and key figures, this paper underscores the importance of integrating a gender perspective into environmental policies and practices.

The intersection of gender, environmental issues, and human rights is increasingly recognized as essential for sustainable development. Women, who are often disproportionately affected by environmental degradation, have emerged as pivotal leaders in environmental advocacy. This paper aims to explore the significance of women's leadership in environmental dialogue and how it aligns with a human rights approach.

## **THE INTERSECTION OF GENDER, ENVIRONMENT, AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

### **Gendered Impacts of Environmental Degradation**

Environmental degradation often exacerbates existing gender inequalities. Women, especially in rural and indigenous communities, are primarily responsible for securing water, food, and energy for their families. Environmental issues such as deforestation, water pollution, and climate change disproportionately impact these responsibilities, thereby affecting women's health, economic opportunities, and social status.

All individuals are born equal and free, as affirmed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Every person, irrespective of gender, is endowed with inherent human rights and dignity. However, climate change, biodiversity loss, habitat destruction, and pollution pose severe threats to lives, economies, and entire cultures and societies. These interconnected environmental crises endanger human rights, including the rights to life, health, food, water, sanitation, culture, self-determination, and more, with varying impacts based on gender.

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