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Abstract:

Climate change is not gender-neutral. The Paris Agreement, adopted in December 2015 by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) makes a special call for gender mainstreaming in the fight against climate change.

In this context, my research seeks to analyze how public policies on climate change in Ecuador have included gender focus as a fundamental requirement for action against the above-mentioned reality.

Methodologically, the research uses the Atlas software for the encoding of texts and speeches in a review process that includes consultations with all government agencies in the country related to the subject, as well as local governments and international cooperation.

The initial results of my research indicate that there is a limited inclusion of gender in national, regional and local policies. These findings are highly relevant to the country, as they represent challenges and important and urgent opportunities for gender treatment in the governmental planning processes. This is expected to provide an important contribution to the formulation of national, provincial and local climate change strategies, the National Adaptation Plan and the national documents submitted to the UNFCCC as the National Communications and Intended Nationally Determined Contributions -INDCs.

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