Synergies between the Regional Gender Agenda and the Escazú Agreement on Access to Information, Participation, and Justice in Environmental Matters in LAC.

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Human right-based approach

Key synergies based on the 4 axes of the proposal for the Regional Action Plan for Human Rights Defenders in Environmental Matters.
Generation of knowledge

Promote gender mainstreaming in national statistical systems.

- It will contribute to the development of a diagnosis of the situation of human rights defenders in the region with a gender and intersectional approach:
  - quality of civic space,
  - trends in criminalization, and various types of violations, and
  - risk areas, and focal points of violence.
Recognition

Promote and strengthen the effective protection of the rights of all women human rights defenders.

• **Communication and awareness campaigns** on the essential labor of human rights defenders.

• **Recognition of their contributions** to sustainable development and environmental democracy.
Capacity building, national implementation support and cooperation

Promote women's participation in decision-making regarding the environment and disaster risk reduction, and enhance their capacity for resilience and adaptation

• Development of gender-focused guidelines for prevention, protection, and response policies.
• Training on the Escazú Agreement aimed at human rights defenders and related organizations.
Follow-up and review of the regional Action Plan

Establishment of a Permanent Working Group for the evaluation of the Action Plan with prominent public participation.
Next steps of the Action Plan

OCT-NOV 2023

- Systematization of the Forum's results
- Preparation of a public consultation

NOV-DEC 2023

- COP3: Adoption of the Regional Plan for Human Rights Defenders in Environmental Matters.

22-24 APRIL 2024

- Public consultation (to be confirmed)
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