

Gender Equity to Build Better for All

PEEB resources to promote Gender Equity and Inclusion in the Buildings and Construction Sector

- Efficient, resilient buildings are not gender-neutral. They shape how women, men, and diverse groups live, work, and move – and who benefits from investments in the built environment.
- Integrating gender equality in buildings leads to better health, safety, comfort, livelihoods, and climate resilience for entire communities.

Why does Gender matter?

Better outcomes for people and communities

- Safer homes, schools, public spaces free from violence and designed for women's needs
- Less time poverty through accessible services, lighting, sanitation, and efficient energy use
- Reduced climate risks (extreme heat) for women and vulnerable groups spending more time and working indoors

Stronger, more sustainable building transitions

- Opportunities for decent work, entrepreneurship, and leadership for women across the value chain
- More affordable buildings through better-targeted policies and efficiency investments
- Higher project performance when women shape design, construction, and operations

Transforming the buildings value chain

Gender equality and social inclusion need to be considered at every step of the building life cycle – from plans on paper to daily use and renovation. Change requires architects, engineers, policymakers, construction firms, developers, facility managers, and communities to work together.

Planning

Design

Construction

Operation
& Use

Waste
Management
& Renovation



What PEEB offers on Gender & Buildings?

PEEB's gender resources sets up the two pillars that are necessary to reap the benefits of centering gender in buildings: a basic foundation of knowledge on how buildings and gender are connected, and the skills to integrate gender and social inclusion to buildings and (sustainable) construction practices.



Publication

Essential knowledge on gender and buildings for actors in the value chain

- The what: shows decision-makers gender equality and inclusion (GESI) issues they can act on, including building design, policies, participation, finance, planning, education, and others
- The when: explains which decisions bring GESI impact, at each stage: land titling, planning, construction, building use, and others
- The how: explores what has to be considered to achieve gender impact, and effective strategies.
- Practical approach featuring with case studies from planning to renovation across countries



Training

Skills to transform construction practices

- In-depth guidance for buildings value chain practitioners to effectively incorporate GESI into their practices
- Modular, flexible structure that allows for a standalone GESI training and buildings training OR for integration of modules into trainings on other building sustainability topics
- Skills to integrate GESI to technical practices such as energy audits, financing instruments, and others
- Practical approach including case studies from across the globe and taylor-made tools

Let's build gender-responsive buildings together!

PEEB is developing the training and publication in close cooperation with its partners and gender experts. Once the materials are ready, they can be adapted and implemented in different countries and networks to support inclusive, climate-resilient building transitions.

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