

Promising Policies

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Conceptualization of Policy

- ▶ **Plan of action—or inaction**
- ▶ **Exists not in a vacuum, rather in a context of political, economic, social and cultural forces**
- ▶ **Not static but dynamic processes**
- ▶ **Line of argument rationalizing a course of action (or inaction)**
 - **Social justice → National development**
- ▶ **Intervention**

Characteristics of Promising Policies

- ▶ Driven and informed by credible, reliable, and valid data
- ▶ Problem/issue clearly identified and specified: women's representation (not only among scientists & decision makers, but also evaluators)
- ▶ Coupling of policy statement to policy implementation
- ▶ Goals clearly stated
- ▶ Close tie between gender mainstreaming and national development

Characteristics of Promising Policies

- ▶ **Targets (rather than quotas)**
- ▶ **Focus on implementable actions**
- ▶ **Deadline for reaching targets**
- **Clear mandates for overseeing and monitoring policy implementation**
 - ▶ **Obligation to report progress towards the target (benchmarks)**
 - ▶ **Sustainability and Institutionalization**
 - ▶ **Diffusion**

PROMISING POLICY GRID– Example

	Monitor	Evaluation	Link S&T & National Development to Gender Perspective	Institution- alization
China		X	X	X
Indonesia	X		X	
Korea			X	
Philippines	X		X	X
Viet Nam	X		X	



International • UNESCO

Regional • EU
• AU

National • Brazil
• Philippines

Policy Challenges / Opportunities

- ▶ Socio-cultural factors
- ▶ Awareness
- ▶ Sustainability
- ▶ Mainstreaming
- ▶ Institutionalization