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Regional Workshop: Moving ahead with gender and social equity in SUMERNET
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There are vital interconnections between gender, social equity, environment and development. Changes in the environment have different implications for different social groups: women and men, the poor and the well-off, particular ethnic and age groups, and those living in specifically vulnerable geographical and ecological contexts. Patterns of development and economic growth that neglect the needs of specific groups of people can exacerbate disparities, stratifying people into losers and winners, worsening living conditions and creating unjust outcomes. A deliberate focus on gender and social equity in environment and development research-for-policy can help achieve more inclusive benefits, and enhance human and environmental well-being.

SUMERNET's overarching research themes on 'ecosystem services for local development,' 'sustainable regional economic integration,' and 'climate–compatible development' require a gender and social equity lens to ensure that research findings apply both scientific rigor and holistic analytical approaches, and that envisaged pathways for sustainable development are inclusive, equitable and just.

In light of these principles, the workshop aims to:

- Re-visit key research findings to reflect on entry points for integrating gender and social equity issues;
- Generate gender- and social equity hypotheses or propositions for future research;
- Link gender and social equity with SUMERNET's three overarching sustainable development themes.

Output of the workshop: A new gender and social equity research agenda for future SUMERNET projects

Tentative agenda

Time	Activities	Facilitator
Session 1 13.30- 13:40	Introduction to the workshop	Dr Babette Resurrección, SEI
Session 2 13:40- 15.00	Short presentations by selected SUMERNET research projects and assessment case studies: • key research findings • gender and social equity implications of findings	
Session 3 15.00 - 16.40	OPEN COFFEE BREAK: Take your refreshments with you to the small group discussion. You are seated in small groups according to your focused SUMERNET themes. Assessment groups can be spread out with the groups according to the theme they focus on. Group 1: 'ecosystem services for local development,'	Dr. Louis Lebel, SUMERNET SC

	Group 2: 'sustainable regional economic integration,' Group 3: 'climate–compatible development' Please discuss the following questions and write answers on flip charts. Assign a rapporteur for plenary. From today's presentations: 1. What gender and social equity research issues (or propositions**) can you recommend for further research based on your groups' research findings? For those who have researched on gender and social equity issues, are there additional related research areas that you want to further explore? (** propositions are informed *guesses* that are researchable and may be tested and explored in future research) 2. Based on your experience in doing your research project or assessment, what are the gender and social equity issues that can specifically *link* with your SUMERNET theme? 3. What support would you request from the SUMERNET Secretariat to enhance gender and social equity research in future research projects?	
Session 4 16.40 – 17.00	Brief group presentations (5 minutes each) Closing remarks	Dr Babette Resurrección, SEI Dr Chayanis Krittasudthacheewa, SUMERNET Programme Manager