

Gender and Environmental Law. Challenges and opportunities for promoting the role of gender in environmental justice

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Protecting the environment in the Anthropocene: the role of women defenders in Latin America

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Latin America is the first region in the world with the highest number of environmental conflicts and in which is most dangerous to defend the environment and the territories. Environmental conflicts regarding climate change fight, water quality or rainforests protection impacts women disproportionately and differentially. The purpose of this presentation is to share ideas about the situation of women environmental defenders in Latin America and to draw the general lines of a protection strategy to prevent and respond to the violence exerted against these public defenders in the frame of environmental conflicts. In this sense, this presentation supports the necessity of outlining and implementing a particular and stronger gender-based protection framework to effectively guarantee their rights. This view seeks to constitute a base line for the future development of regional studies and policies that could provide a safe scenario for women environmental defenders and their families to work free of risks and threats based on the guideness of the Escazú agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean.