

**Commission on the Status of Women**  
**Sixty-sixth session**  
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**Chair's Summary**

**Interactive expert panel on building resilient futures: bridging the gap between the physical science and social science communities to advance gender equality in the context of climate change, environment and disaster risk reduction.**

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## **References pertaining to Indigenous Women**

***Bridging the knowledge and gender gap to advance gender equality in the context of climate change, environment and disaster risk reduction***

*8. Women in vulnerable situations, especially women in rural areas, women with disabilities and indigenous women, are often excluded from decision-making bodies, relief responses and recovery efforts. Women with disabilities, for example, are less able to gain access to emergency support during crises, but are often neglected in responses to climate change. Without the full realization of their human rights, women and girls, in particular those subjected to multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, lack the tools to actively engage in climate mitigation and adaptation initiatives. Furthermore, the financial resources necessary to build climate resilience do not adequately target or reach groups in vulnerable situations.*

### ***The way forward***

*10. Addressing climate change requires an intersectional approach. It is necessary to leverage knowledge from women in all their diversity – including women in rural areas, such as farmers, and indigenous women – in policy dialogues. Developing women's leadership would enable the systemic integration of more diverse viewpoints into policy and programmes. It is similarly important to value intersectional feminist research and analysis, such as the integration of the considerations of women in rural areas and women with disabilities into climate research.*