

## **Women and policies in science and technology with special reference to environment**

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Science and Engineering are the cutting edges for many innovative solutions. It has taken active roles in cracking many challenges in the field of socio-economic and political issues, militancy that may hinder world's peace, cyberattacks, natural interferences, climate change, environmental issues etc. Yet, many stilted environment and many man-made barriers continue to block women's accessibility to these solution deriving events, due to its lesser participation in STEM. Even today, many of the countries which are considered to be highly developed are also asking the interesting question frequently that "why are there only few women scientists and engineers?".

It is a very common scenario and a condition considered to be very normal where gender imbalances are significantly visible in almost all the arena, whether be it a decision making board or international platforms for policies drafting, when diverse opinions from different life experiences are supposed to drive innovation and better conclusion. There are striking instances already like that 21st Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations' Framework Convention on Climate Change, 2015 where many reporters drew attention to the crucial gender imbalance observed during the event. However, with the initiatives like Korea Women Science Engineering, Smart Sisters, Young Women Scientists etc., I believe that awareness will be spread successfully and will also help in encouraging females to participate more in these areas and offers new ideas, because having women on the board is no longer just the right modus operandi but also the smart approach.