



Knitting Academy: Producing, Sharing and Innovating knowledge on gender, society and environment

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Background

80s: research on gender, society and environment (sustainable development) starts to be developed by women researchers

90s: the use of a gender perspective in any effort to build sustainability is recognized as a necessary condition thanks to the lobbying of international NGOs and it starts to acquire importance at international debates (Río 92 y Pekín 95)



Background

1992/1995/2000: university diplomas and special courses on gender and the environment began (PUEG-CRIM-REGEMA-PRONATURA)

Gender and Environment Network appears: collaborative work among NGOs, IUCN and academics

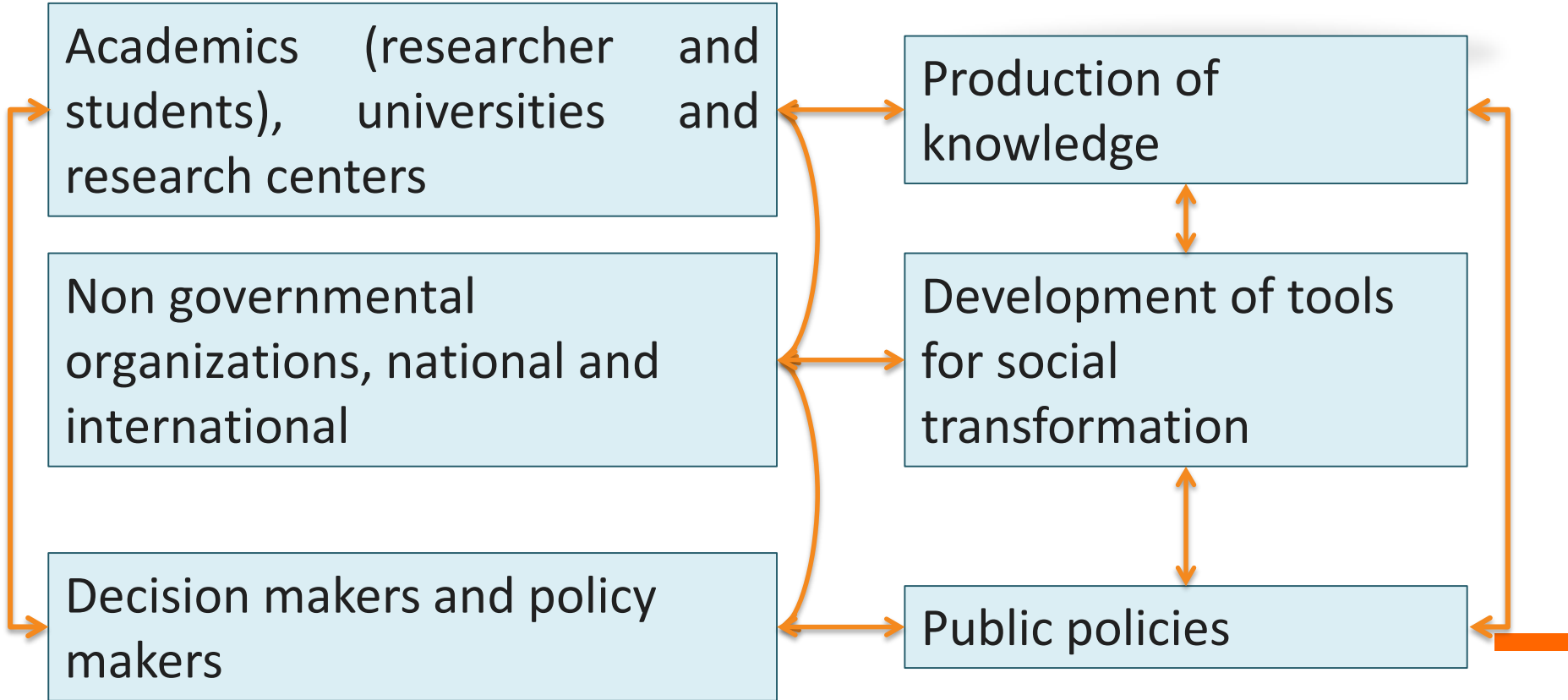
2012: Seminar "Gender and Climate Change: towards the building of an agenda for research, public policies development and social action" (PUMA-CEIICH-PINCC-CCA-PNUD)

1. Gender determines the social meaning of the environment as well as the patterns of natural resource management.
- 2 Women and men patterns of resource use and responses to mitigation and adaptation patterns are different.
3. Gender equality is a necessary condition for the achievement of sustainability (social, economic and environmental dimensions).
4. All initiatives aim to build sustainability will only be successful if they promote gender equality.
5. Justice and human rights (women rights) must be present in all socio-environmental actions, giving special attention to the interconnection between the social and the natural dimensions.

2015: Important number of researchers interested in the opening of an academic space for the debate and exchange of academic knowledge in order to:

1. understand the different social and environmental transformations using a gender as an analytical category.
2. offer theoretical and methodological tools to NGOs interested in the transformation of social practices that lead to social inequalities and environmental transformations.
3. Influence in the development of environmental policies with a gender perspective.

Structure and dynamics of REGESMA





**Objective
REGESMA**

To assemble and promote a **research agenda and academic formation programme** on “*gender, society and environment*” that enable us to better understand the ensemble of social relations involve in the production of social and gender inequalities, as well as environmental changes and transformations.

Specific objectives

- 1 State of the art to identify new research themes that need to be carry on.
- 2 Encourage the exchange of experiences and research findings (conceptual and methodological).
- 3 Teaching and strengthening academic capacities.
- 4 Establish strategic alliances between academia, national and international NGOs and public institutions
- 5 Disseminate knowledge and research findings




Working groups



1. State of the art



2. Exchange of ideas



3. Teaching and strengthening academic capacities



4. Strategic alliances



5. Dissemination

Members



31 researchers: 27 women and 4 men

15 NGO members

27 students, 24 women and 3 men

Total: 73 members; 30 academic institutions (teaching and research) and NGOs





State of the arte: over 400 references.
Energy, extractivism and water areas of future research



Data base of specialists, organizations and institutional
resources in Mexico



3 national meeting; one international meeting



First national students seminar



Award to the best posgraduate thesis (Mexico)



Development of a online library, specialize of the theme



Integration of a proposal of academic diplomas and study courses



Proposal of a programme for academic mobility and exchange



Proposal for the development of a academic online diploma.



National Seminar on Water, Mining and Energy (academics, NGOs and public institutions)



Workshop on Gender and Water: Government of the State of Morelos.



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Editorial programme and proposal for a online journal