

Gender and Impact Assessments in the Canadian Context



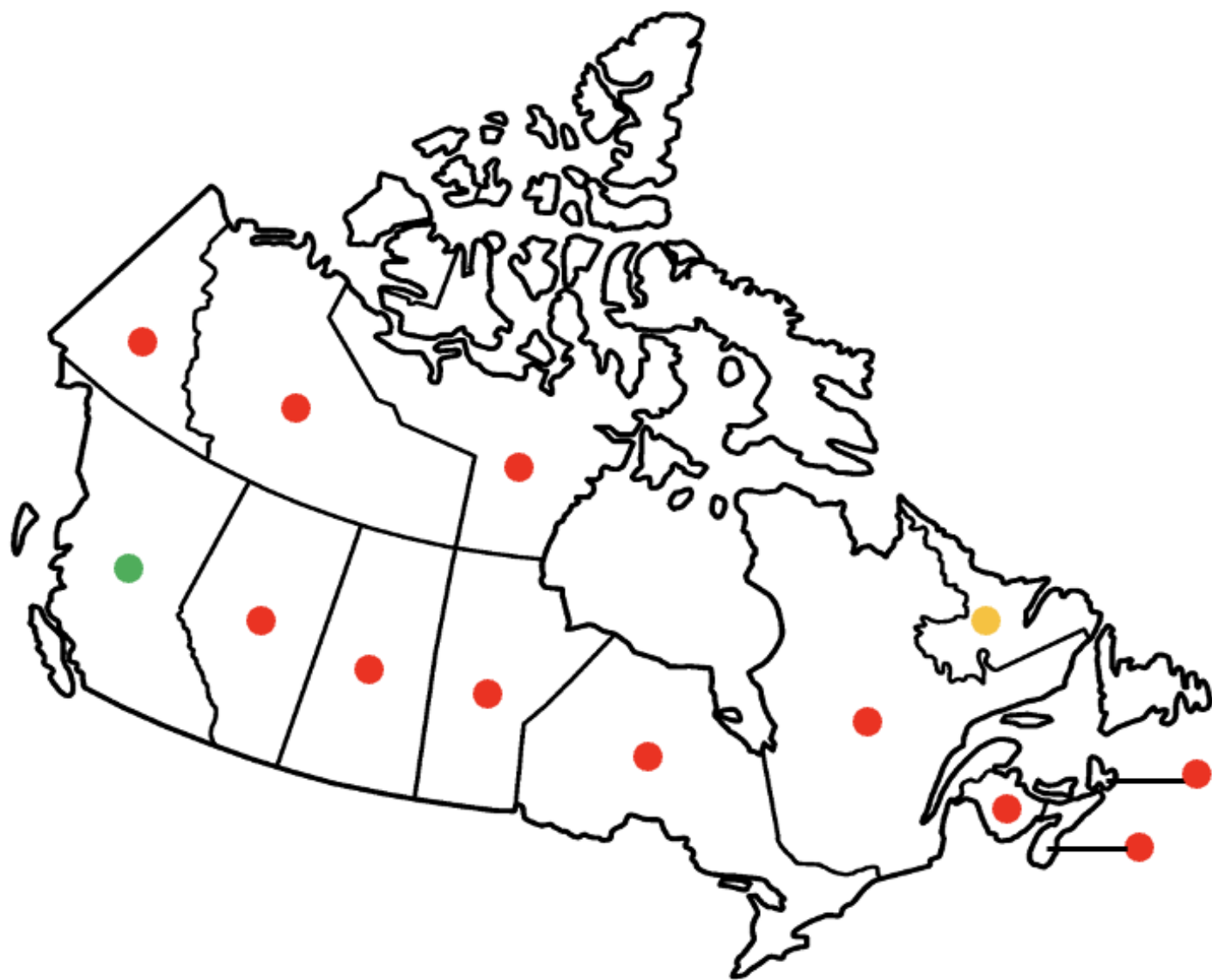
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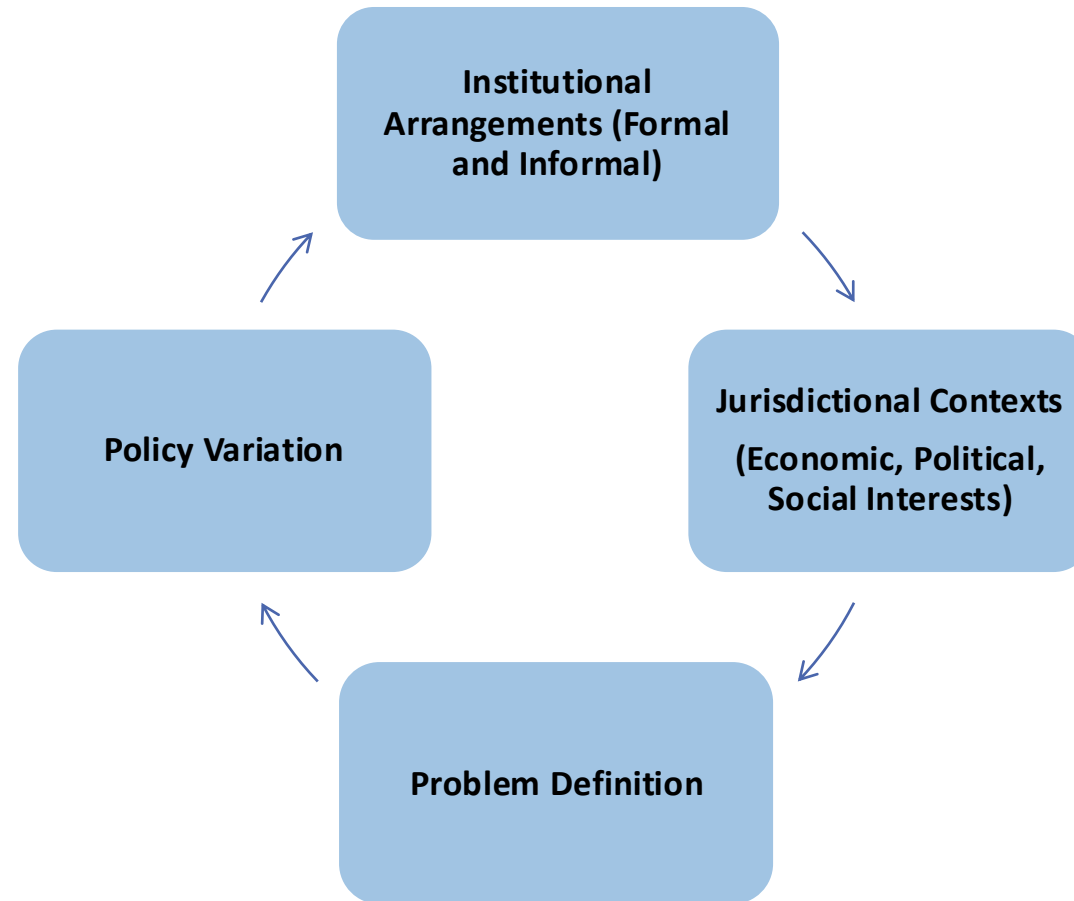
Agenda

- Introduction
- Framework
- Case Studies
- Implications



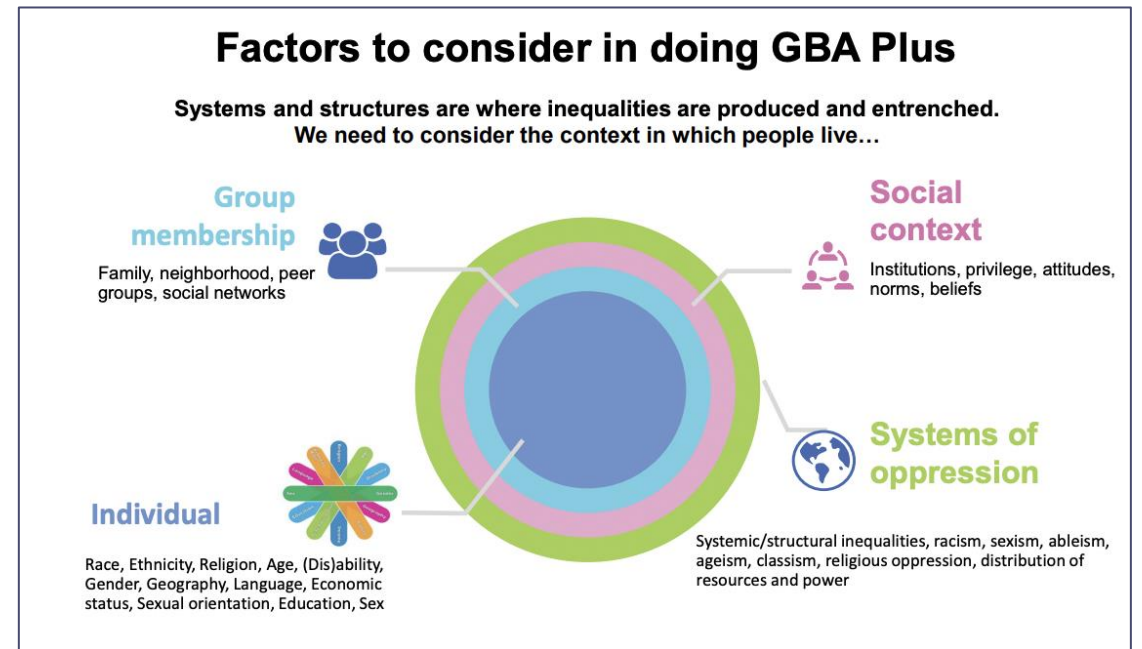
Why do we see a variation in the adoption of gender analysis in environmental assessment processes in Canada? And what are its implications?

Theoretical Framework



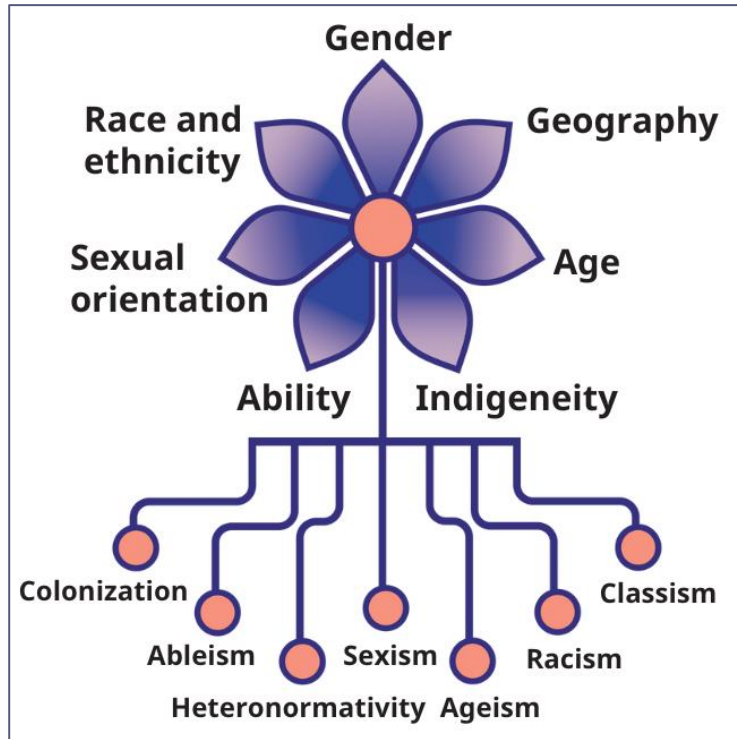
Case One: The Federal Regime

- Section 22(1)(s), IAA 2019
- International commitments
- Political will
- Jurisdictional responsibilities
- Problem definition: broad



Source: IAAC

Case Two: British Columbia

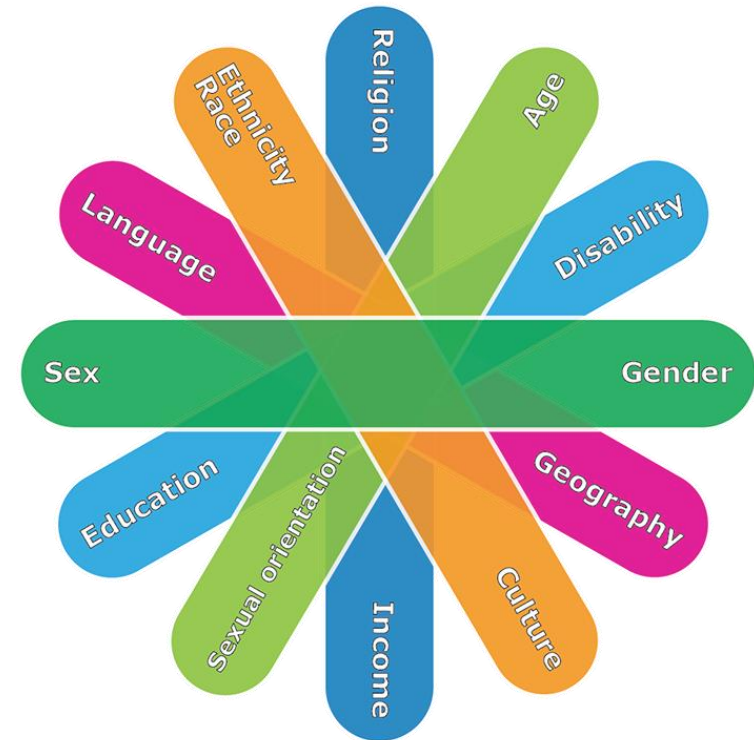


Source: BC Government

- Section 25(2)(d), EAA, 2018
- Complex sociopolitical landscape
- Political will
- Environmental ethos
- Highly visible gendered issues
- Problem definition: broad AND safety oriented

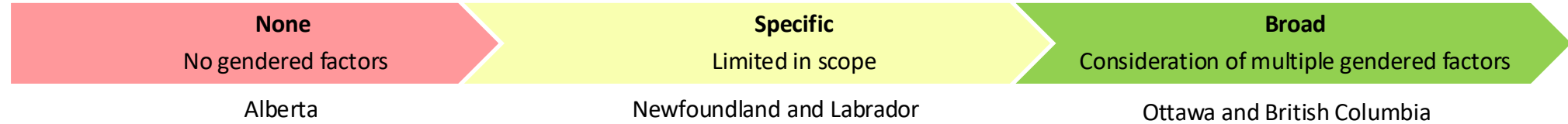
Case Three: Newfoundland and Labrador

- Section 2(d), Atlantic Accords – Benefits Plan
- Shared jurisdictions
- Longstanding economic strife
- Problem definition: employment equity/economic



Source: WAGE

Spectrum of Inclusion



Practical Implications



- Federalism matters!
- GBA+ tools are not blanket approaches
- Social impact assessments will differ based on jurisdiction
- Meaningful social assessment matters

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