

## Solutions Award

Dear Friends and colleagues,

We are very pleased to invite you to participate in the '**Gender Just Climate Solutions Awards**' initiative for the upcoming UN climate negotiations (COP21) in Paris!

The Women and Gender Constituency of UNFCCC and other women, gender and human rights advocates have been actively pushing world leaders to ensure a just outcome, one which works for people and the planet, and which responds to injustice among and within countries in relation to climate impacts and resilience. We know the solutions to a more sustainable future already exist- and it's time to showcase them far and wide, and demand change.

As world leaders meet at COP21 this December, we must act to build momentum and highlight the importance of gender equality, women rights and women's contribution to climate solutions.

The **Gender Just Climate Solutions Award** will make gender responsive and equitable solutions visible at the COP21 in Paris and central to just climate action!

## WE WANT YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

We are asking you to describe your women & gender initiative for climate solutions, in one of three categories:

- **Technical climate solutions** from a women's rights or gender perspective (e.g. in area of renewables, water-saving adaptation technologies etc.)
- **Non-technical climate solutions** from a women's rights or gender perspective (e.g. in area of efficiency, consumption changes etc.)
- **Transformation climate initiatives** from a women's rights or gender perspective (e.g. addressing governance, institutional change, planning processes etc.)

**The 3 award winners, each per category, receive 1.000 USD** as award and will be showcased at the **Gender Just Climate Solutions Exhibition** at the Climate Generations Area of the UNFCCC in COP 21/CMP 11 in Paris. 10 nominees per category will be published in the **Gender Just Climate Solutions Publication**.

# Call for the Paris Gender Just Climate Solutions Award

## Details for Submission

The 2015 Paris Climate Conference, aims to achieve for the first time in over 20 years of UN negotiations a legally binding and universal agreement on climate.

3 initiatives will receive the Paris **Gender Just Climate Solutions Award**. The award comprises three different components for climate mitigation and adaptation:

1. **Technical climate solutions**
2. **Non-technical climate solutions**
3. **Transformation climate initiatives**

## Deadline: Sunday, 8 November 2015; midnight CEST

- **Prizes: Three awards of 1,000 USD each** will be given to the winner of each category and showcased at the **Gender Just Climate Solutions Exhibition** at the Climate Generations Area of the UNFCCC in COP 21/CMP in Paris and in the **Gender Just Climate Solutions Publication**.
- 9 additional solutions of each solutions category will be published in the **Gender Just Climate Solutions Publication**.

**Eligibility:** All types of women-led organizations and groups working on climate protection are encouraged to apply. Only non-governmental initiatives are eligible (local or national government initiatives cannot be considered). The activity/initiative should either already have been completed or should be in current operation. The initiative must fit within one of the 3 award categories (*above*).

**Award criteria:** Initiatives submitted will be judged by an international jury with members of the Women and Gender Constituency in regard to following criteria (*projects will be scored 0 (inadequate) to 5 (excellent)*):

- *Women-led initiatives*
- *Equal access to benefits/equal benefits, women in value chain*
- *Does not add additional burden to women's workload*
- *Ensures environmental integrity*
- *Ensures sufficiency and a low input of resources*
- *Contributes to climate change mitigation, emissions reduction and/or climate adaptation*
- *Promotes the participation of women in all areas of decision making*
- *Empowers women – through e.g. reduced workload and costs, better accessibility, economic value, enhanced food security, improved health - as many benefits as possible, "multiple benefits"*
- *Ensures decision making by local women and men, women's groups, cooperatives and communities*
- *Results can be shared, spread and up scaled - not just benefitting one individual*
- *Shows inter-linkages to peace building, resource constraints, health - does not increase conflict potential*
- *Decentralized, safe, appropriate, affordable, sustainable*

## APPLY HERE:

<http://goo.gl/forms/B9yuOxpLO7>

By 8 November 2015

For questions, email [awards@genderjustclimatesolutions.wecf.eu](mailto:awards@genderjustclimatesolutions.wecf.eu)

## Important dates

08 November 2015: Deadline for submission

20 November 2015: Announcement of the 3 winners

30 November – 11. December 2015:

Showcasing solutions at the UNFCCC COP 21/CMP 11