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OVERVIEW

As you may know, the Women and Gender Constituency (WGC) is one of the nine stakeholder groups of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Established in 2009, the WGC comprises women's and environmental civil society organizations working to ensure that women's voices and their rights are embedded in all processes and results of the UNFCCC. As the WGC represents the voices of hundreds and thousands of people across the globe, members of the Constituency are present at each UNFCCC meeting and intersessional to work alongside the UNFCCC Secretariat, governments, civil society observers and other stakeholders to ensure that women's rights and gender justice are core elements of the UNFCCC. To get a better picture about what we do and who we are, **watch our Global Feminist Advocacy video from the last climate conference:** <https://youtu.be/JPpP2YqguKY>

OBJECTIVES

- **Ensuring the representation of women's voices, experiences, needs and capacities** in the UNFCCC process and providing gender perspectives in all related discussions
- **Developing and advocating for common positions** based on climate justice principles and work together towards achieving shared goals
- **Contributing women's and gender-sensitive perspectives** and a wider critical analysis of current developments within and around the official negotiations to help foster communication between women and gender organizations and groups, and national- or international fora
- Facilitating and engaging in the daily "**Women and Gender Caucus**" during the negotiations (See here!)
- **Liaising with other caucuses and constituencies**, especially to identify and build upon common ground
- **Collaborating on funding opportunities in a transparent manner** and according to agreed guidelines, in order to support the collective work and diverse representation of the Constituency in the UNFCCC process and allow for enhanced capacity building and knowledge sharing

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MEMBERSHIP

There are other ways to engage (see below), but membership is at an organizational level. To become an official "member" of the WGC your organization must be an officially admitted observer organization to the UNFCCC. We currently have 32 member organizations, listed here:

<http://womengenderclimate.org/member/>

You can find out more about how to join here: <http://womengenderclimate.org/how-to-join/>

ENGAGEMENT

We also have a broader network of feminist, women and gender organizations, activists, researchers and allies with whom we coordinate and collaborate. We communicate via the WGC advocacy mailing list, to which you can subscribe via our website or fill in this Google form directly. You can use this network to receive information about our activities, participate in capacity building activities, request UNFCCC conference registrations via our members, or share information from your own work. This is an excellent network for finding out about work at the nexus of gender and climate around the world, and the WGC will be hosting many webinars and learning opportunities this year in addition to promoting and sharing the work of its members and advocates.

We also recommend that you check out our website, <http://womengenderclimate.org/>, for news, or follow us on Twitter: @WGC_Climate

MORE INFORMATION

Patricia (WGC Coordinator, bohland@life-online.de) and Tara Daniel (tara@wedo.org) are always happy to support you and answer further questions, as well as our network's co-focal points Ndivile Mokoena, GenderCC-South Africa (Co-Focal Point, Global South, ndivile@gendercc.org.za) & Bridget Burns, WEDO (Co-Focal Point, Global North, bridget@wedo.org).

The WGC is also working on providing more resources and opportunities for collaboration in languages other than English, so please feel free to reach out in the language that works best for you, and we will strive to connect you with other WGC members and advocates who work in that language.

We look forward to working with you to advance women's human rights, gender equality and climate justice.