



# GENDER JUST CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

## AWARDS CEREMONY

### WHAT

COP29 official side event: Gender Just Climate Solutions annual Awards ceremony & publication launch.

### WHO

- \* 2024 Award winners:
  - to be disclosed on the day of the ceremony
- \* Moderators:
  - Valeria Peláez, Project Manager GJCS, WECF International
  - Zukiswa White, Co-facilitator of the Women and Gender Constituency
- \* Keynote speakers:
  - Tatiana Roa Avedaño, Vice Minister Ordenamiento Ambiental del Territorio del MADS, Colombia
  - Dr. Janet Banda, Deputy Secretary to President and Cabinet, Malawi
  - Stephen Minas, CTCN, Vice Chair of the Advisory Board

### MEDIA

Media are welcome to attend the event. UN Media accreditation is required. Don't hesitate to get in touch with WECF, [susanne.stocker@wecf.org](mailto:susanne.stocker@wecf.org), if you are interested in interviewing the participants.



### WHEN

20 NOV 2024  
15:00 - 16:30



### WHERE

COP29, ROOM 9

**1921**  
registrations

**343**  
submissions

**130**  
countries

**3**  
winners

## ABOUT THE AWARDS

As we expect to adopt a strengthened Lima Work-Programme on Gender and a New Quantified Goal on Finance at COP29, we want to remind decision makers that solutions to the climate crisis already exist: they are gender-just and locally-led.

It is decisive to recognize that needed climate action can only be realized by amplifying the voices of those experiencing the consequences of the eco-social crisis. To grant them visibility, we stage a high-level awards celebration during the climate negotiations.

The Gender Just Climate Solutions Awards bring together grassroots, community groups, and non-governmental organizations tackling the climate emergency while advancing gender equality. Jointly with civil society and the UN Climate Technology Center and Network, WECF provides mentoring support, to scale up the winning solutions.

*"The GJCS Award helped us put DASTAK Foundation's work on the global map and access feminist funders to decolonize gender-just climate action in Pakistan. It has enabled us to access spaces where decisions are being taken about our future and we couldn't be more grateful at the timely outcome of this opportunity,"* says Hira Amjad, 2023 winner.

With real commitments from governments, including financial and technological support, these solutions can be upscaled to have a significant impact on local, regional and global levels.



The impact, funding and hope has quadrupled for my team and young girls and women, especially those whose lives have been touched by our work.

Hira Amjad, 2023 GJCSA winner

## PRIZE

Three project categories:



- 1) technical;
- 2) non-technical;
- 3) transformational.



Each winner will receive a monetary prize of 5,000 Euros.



Travel reimbursement for one representative to attend the awards ceremony held at COP29 in Baku, November 2024.



Mentoring activities and skills training workshop organised by CTCN, WECF and WGC members during COP29.



Being featured in our yearly publication and events.





WINNER

Non-Technical  
Solutions

## ZÁG INSTITUTE

### Brasil - Zág women defending earth and climate:

For Isabel Prestes Fonseca, environmental director of Zág Institute, the endemic Araucaria tree, known as Zág, is her connection to her ancestors. This inspired her to become an advocate for the preservation of the Atlantic Forest. The Zág Institute acts to save the Araucaria tree, and preserve the Laklãnõ-Xokleng traditional knowledge in the Brazilian Atlantic Forest. It fosters Indigenous Women's central role in restoring ancestral practices for biodiversity protection. Therefore the organization is giving women a coordinating role, where they can e.g. focus on reintroducing native species. Beyond that, the institute promotes women's participation in governance and financial autonomy.

## LOVE THE OCEANS

### Mozambique - Women leading on all fronts to save the ocean:

Francesca Trotman, founder of Love The Oceans, grew up far from the ocean, but lost her heart to sharks at young age. Her study of marine biology and passion for underwater storytelling led her way to Mozambique, where she found out about the shark fin trade - the starting point for everything to follow. Love The Oceans protects endangered marine life with a community-based, holistic approach. They have increased young women's ocean literacy, and technical skills, training the first female swim teachers, lifeguards and scuba divers. Another focus is on scalable self-sufficiency, e.g. through women-led mussels aquaculture projects.



WINNER

Transformational  
Solutions



WINNER

Technical  
Solutions

## THE LITTLE EARTH

### Tajikistan - Tajik mountain women leading the solar transition:

Ecological activist Anisa Abibulloeva became fascinated and inspired by mountain ecosystems during university where she studied environmental sciences in a rural area; these insights completely upended her worldview, igniting a passion that changed the course of her life. In the remote Yagnob Valley, The Little Earth supports women to break isolation and implement a just energy transition. For that to happen 40 women from 11 villages, have been trained to use and maintain solar devices and resource efficient technologies. As a result women strengthen their technical skills, are integrated into decision-making and getting new opportunities for income and leadership.

## ORGANISERS

### Women and Gender Constituency (WGC) -

[www.womengenderclimate.org](http://www.womengenderclimate.org)

*The lead of the GJCS program, a coalition of 53 NGOs established in 2009, with official observer status since 2011. Demanding full realization of women's rights, gender justice, and environmental protection throughout all UNFCCC processes and Agenda 2030.*

### Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF) -

[www.wecf.org](http://www.wecf.org)

*Coordinator of the GJCSA and the mentoring program, an ecofeminist network with 250 organisations active in 70 countries working from local to global. Aims to strengthen women's capacities while advocating for gender equality and a sustainable world. A founding member of the WGC.*

### Women's Environment & Development Organisation (WEDO) - [www.wedo.org](http://www.wedo.org)

*The GJCS scale-fund coordinator, a global women's advocacy organization working for a just world that promotes and protects human rights, gender equality, and the integrity of the environment. The GJCS Scale Fund provides small-scale regranting that examines feminist funding practices and highlights effective but under-funded solutions.*

### Climate Technology Centre & Network (CTCN) -

[www.ctc-n.org](http://www.ctc-n.org)

*The technical partner of the GJCS, UNFCCC body promoting the accelerated transfer of environmentally sound technologies for low carbon and climate resilient development. The CTCN provides technology solutions and capacity building services. It is hosted by the UN Environmental Programme (UNEP).*

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