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Dear readers,

I vividly remember COP21 in Paris in 2015, when we launched the first edition of the *Gender Just Climate Solutions (GJCS)* Awards Ceremony by WECF, WEDO, and the Women and Gender Constituency (WGC).

As the historic Paris Agreement was being negotiated, we, as feminists, wanted to ensure that gender equality and women's rights were front and centre in climate action plans. We drew the attention of negotiators by showcasing inspiring examples of climate solutions already implemented by ecofeminist grassroots groups, real actions contributing to keeping global warming below 1.5°C. Our *GJCS* slogan said it all: “*We know the solutions to a more sustainable future already exist. It's time to showcase them far and wide and demand change!*”

Through a global call for submissions, we gathered many outstanding examples of *GJCS*. A jury of experts from civil society, the United Nations, philanthropy, and governments selected winners in the three categories that still define the programme: Gender Just Technical, Non-Technical, and Transformational Climate Solutions. All member organisations of the WGC supported the efforts led by my colleagues at WECF, contributing additional examples published in a beautiful collection as the one you are reading.

Too often, negotiators prioritise high-tech approaches, but we need a mix of solutions, including social innovations and soft technologies such as agroecology that addresses the structural barriers behind the climate crisis. We began collaborating with the UN Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) to highlight these diverse approaches. Together with Anne Barre and Valeria Peláez Cardona at WECF, this partnership led to the creation of a mentoring programme.

As we did at COP21, for the past ten years, the award winners have been celebrated at festive events with ministers and negotiators at the climate COPs. We have honoured awardees from Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Central Asia. They have met with delegations, spoken to the media, and had their leadership showcased in annual publications, videos, and exhibitions. They have joined global networks of climate experts and ecofeminist alliances, shared their results, and co-designed new climate solutions with communities, governments, social enterprises, and civil society.

Since then, I have seen *GJCS* winners in decision-making rooms, in their communities changing lives, and together learning from and supporting one another in solidarity as shining examples of our global ecofeminist movement.

If there is one powerful example of a positive global ripple effect, it is the wave that began ten years ago with the first edition of the *GJCS* programme.

I am extremely proud of what our gender and climate team has achieved year after year, and of the deep solidarity from all members of the *WGC*.

Sascha Gabizon,
General Director, WECF

Dear friends,

Ten years ago, the world gathered in Paris to celebrate what was called a turning point. The Paris Agreement was a political breakthrough, but for many of us in feminist and climate justice movements, it was also a compromise that failed to deliver the rights-based, systemic transformation we had fought for. We called it a step forward that still fell short of justice.

A decade later, the evidence is all around us. Emissions keep rising, finance continues to flow towards the industries driving destruction, and many frontline communities remain underfunded, silenced, or even targeted for defending their rights and the environment. Yet the work of those same communities, including women in all their diversity, has never stopped.

When the *Gender Just Climate Solutions (GJCS)* initiative began, it was an act of defiance against the idea that small meant insignificant. We knew that justice lives in the details: in how land is governed, how food is grown, how energy is shared. Over the past ten years, we have seen these “small” solutions change lives and landscapes, from solar cooperatives to seed networks, from forest restoration to water management systems, each proving that transformation begins locally and grows through trust, care, and persistence.

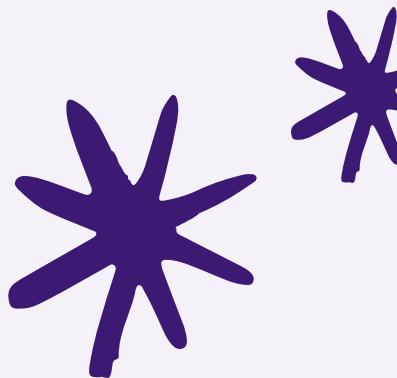
The promises of Paris have not been met. But in these ten years, we have seen what a just transition can look like when resources follow local priorities and when care, not profit, defines success.

The distance between promise and action is still wide. Yet everywhere, people are proving that progress does not begin in negotiations or declarations. It begins in communities building the futures that governments have yet to imagine.

I carry deep gratitude to everyone who has been part of this work. You have shown that climate justice is not a slogan or a distant goal. It is something we build together, every day, in relationships and in resistance, sustained by community and by care.

With gratitude and solidarity,

Bridget Burns
Executive Director, WEDO





This special edition of the annual report of the Gender Just Climate Solutions Awards has been produced to commemorate the initiative's first ten years. To this end, the offprint includes a series of interviews with representatives of institutions that have been key to its development, as well as infographics that recount its history and some of its most notable achievements.

In total, the publication contains nine interviews. Among the participants are people from WGC who know the programme inside out and have followed its evolution over the years, such as Anne Barre, Valeria Peláez Cardona, and Mwahanamisi Singano. Representatives from various organisations that have supported the project were also interviewed, including Ariesta Ningrum (Climate Technology Centre and Network), Danièle Marcovici (RAJA Foundation), Philippe Galland (French Development Agency – AFD), and Lena Bretas (German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development – BMZ), who share the importance of the GJCS from their institutional perspective.

The infographics are displayed on three double pages. The first presents a timeline with the programme's historical milestones, the winning and award-winning countries, and the number of applications received per year. The other two double pages reflect the impact of the competition at the climatic, socio-economic, and political levels. Data from the reports of each edition of the competition, information collected through surveys on its impact, and content obtained from the websites of the awarded projects were used to prepare these infographics.

We hope that the information contained in this offprint will provide our readers with an opportunity to enjoy learning about the history of the programme and its achievements.



TIMELINE



For the second consecutive year, **30 organisations** are recognised in the competition.

In the 'Transformational Solutions' category, one of the projects with the greatest reach in the history of the competition is being recognised for helping women strengthen their resilience in the face of climate impacts, reaching 30,000 people.

2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025

WGC, together with WECF and WEDO, created the Gender Just Climate Solutions Awards to showcase concrete examples of gender justice in local climate action.

In its first edition, the awards received applications from **60 organisations** around the world.

30 projects, including winners and honourable mentions, are recognised. This is the highest number in the history of the competition to date.

The GJCS report is published for the first time.



Colombia is the first Latin American country to win an award, with an ENDA Colombia project that involves women waste pickers.

The GJCS report is published in Spanish for the first time.



In December, the achievements of **15 contest** winners are celebrated on the 5th anniversary of the Paris Agreement with an online event and a special report (published in Arabic for the first time).

The Awards are celebrating their 10th anniversary.



GENDER JUST CLIMATE SOLUTIONS IMPLEMENTED ALL OVER THE WORLD



NON-TECHNICAL
**Association
Todos Juntos**
Guatemala
(2021)



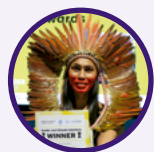
NON-TECHNICAL
ENDA Colombia
Colombia
(2019)



TRANSFORMATIONAL
Plurales
Argentina
(2021)



TRANSFORMATIONAL
**CFLEDD – Coalition des
Femmes Leaders pour
l'Environnement et le
Développement Durable**
DRC
(2018)



NON-TECHNICAL
Zag Institute
Brazil
(2024)



TECHNICAL
**Better World
Cameroon**
Cameroon
(2017)



TECHNICAL
**Fondation Mohammed VI pour
la Recherche et la Sauvegarde
de l'Arganier / Union de
Coopératives des Femmes
Productrices d'huile d'Argan
UCFA**
Morocco
(2016)



TRANSFORMATIONAL
Enda Graf Sahel
Senegal
(2016)



TECHNICAL
UNIVER-SEL
Guinea-Bissau
and France
(2019)



TECHNICAL
Yokoumi
Togo
(2022)



TRANSFORMATIONAL
CAMGEW
Cameroon
(2019)



NON-TECHNICAL
SOL, Navdanya
India and France
(2017)



TECHNICAL
Imece Inisiyatifi
Turkey
(2021)



TRANSFORMATIONAL
Keystone Foundation
India
(2022)



TECHNICAL
Naireeta Services
India
(2018)



TECHNICAL
Little Earth
Tajikistan
(2024)



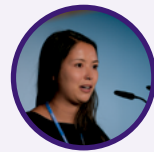
TRANSFORMATIONAL
**Baithak and
DASTAK Foundation**
Pakistan
(2023)



NON-TECHNICAL
**Sindh Community
Foundation**
Pakistan
(2022)



TECHNICAL
IslandECO
Marshall Islands
(2015)



TRANSFORMATIONAL
**Gender Development
Association**
Lao PDR
(2017)



NON-TECHNICAL
Paran Women Group
Kenya
(2023)



TRANSFORMATIONAL
Love the Oceans
Mozambique
(2024)



NON-TECHNICAL
Green Living Movement
Zambia
(2018)



TECHNICAL
**Azuko and Nirapod
Bangladesh Songstha**
Bangladesh
(2023)

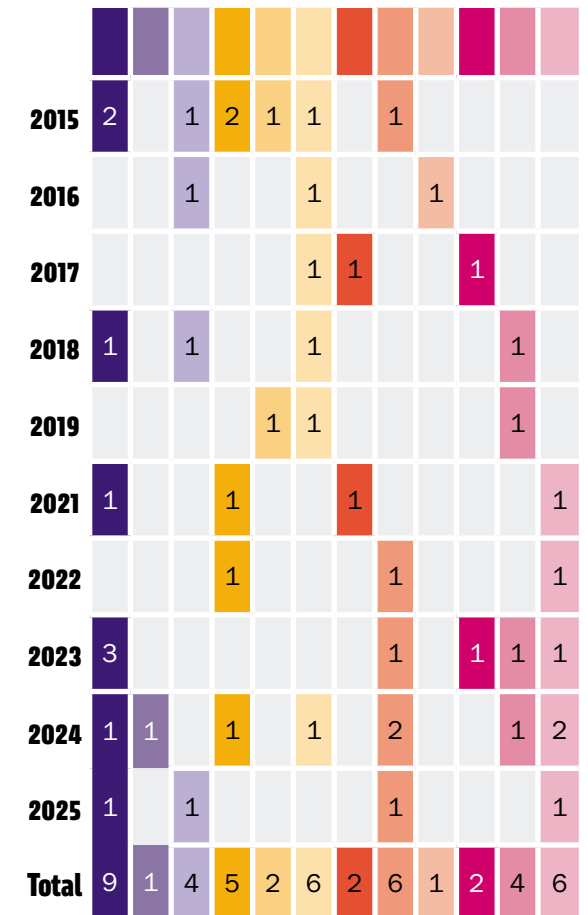


TRANSFORMATIONAL
Tulele Peisa
Papua New Guinea
(2015)



NON-TECHNICAL
YAKKUM
Indonesia
(2016)

TOPICS OF AWARDED SOLUTIONS



- Adaptation and climate disasters
- Health
- Water management
- Renewable energy
- Waste management
- Sustainable agriculture
- Food security and sustainability
- Conservation
- Small-scale fishing
- Building
- Reforestation
- Environmental and gender justice



CLIMATE IMPACT

Solar Power

MOROCCO
FMVIRSA / UCFA
2016

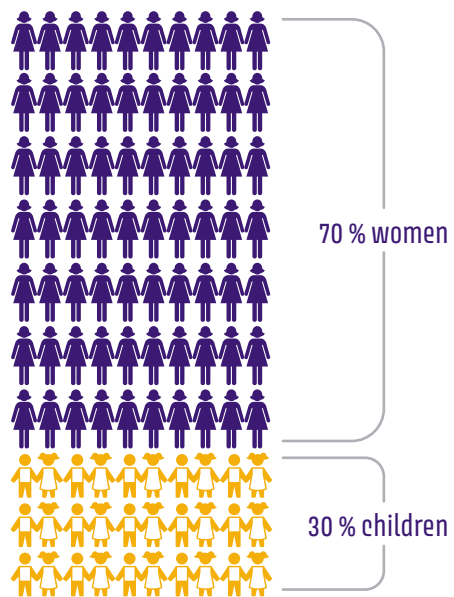
SENEGAL
Enda Graf Sahel
2016

TOGO
Yokoumi
2022



In total
3,150 people
benefitted from these
solar projects:

1,000 in Morocco:



500 in Senegal

1,650 in Togo

Water Storage Technology

INDIA
Naireeta Services Private
Limited
2018



In India, Bhungroo®, a locally developed rainwater management technology that saves farmers' crops from waterlogging during monsoons and ensures adequate irrigation during dry seasons, **benefited 15,000 women smallholder farmers and their families (about 160,000 rural people).**



2,035 rural women
were trained as Women Climate Leaders, capable of understanding the impacts of climate change on the soil, the water and their crops and how to use and explain the technology.

Deforestation And the Fight Against Forest Fires

BRAZIL
Zag Institute
2025

CAMEROON
CAMGEW
2019



130,000
Araucaria trees planted (in South Brazil) since 2016.



2 million
trees planted in Cameroon
since 2019



In the Kilum-Ijim forest fires were reduced by **100% and in Cameroon highlands by 45%.**

Use of Clean and Resilient Technologies

1. Water Management Techniques

INDIA
Naireeta Services Private Limited
2018



With a **30-year life-span**, each unit of the rainwater harvesting system Bhungroo, conserves **1-4 million litres of runoff water and saves 5-10 acres from waterlogging during wet seasons**, while irrigating 22+ acres each dry season. More than **5,500 units** have been installed.

4. Disaster-Resilient Housing

BANGLADESH
AzuKo & Nirapod
Bangladesh Songstha
2023



3,044 people
(80% women and girls) have acquired co-design and construction skills to make their homes more resilient to climate disasters.

2. Agro-Ecological Techniques for Improving Seeds and Crops

INDIA
SOL, Navdanya
2017



Since 2011, **1,499 farming households** have been trained in agroecological techniques.



17 seed banks have been set up and more than **40 climate-resilient varieties** have been identified.



The project has produced an increase from **3 to 27 vegetable and cereal crops grown on their fields**, and has benefited **745 growers.**

5. Recycling and Waste Management

COLOMBIA
ENDA Colombia
2019



300 members
of the 5 associations, of which 180 are women, acquired technical knowledge about climate, recycling techniques (and received proper equipment), the formalization of their work and the regulatory framework.

3. Climate Adaptation Measures

PAKISTAN
Sindh Community Foundation
2022

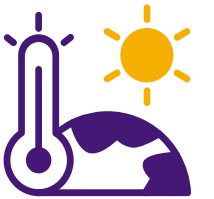
350 women

have been trained to monitor weather alerts, and to be connected to the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA).



3,000 women

cotton pickers have been trained to implement climate adaptation measures.



GENDER IMPACT

Male-Dominated Jobs in Which Women Have Gained Ground

-  **MOROCCO**
FMVIRSA / UCFA
2016
-  **INDIA**
SOL, Navdanya
2017
-  **PAKISTAN**
Sindh Community Foundation
2022
-  **BANGLADESH**
AzuKo & Nirapod
Bangladesh Songstha
2023

Around
7,800 women
were trained in fields typically
dominated by men:

180 women in Colombia
acquired technical
knowledge on waste
collection and recycling.



3,500 women in Cameroon
learned agroforestry and
beekeeping.



825 women in Senegal
studied entrepreneurship.



1,140 farmers in India
were trained in agroecology
practices and 500 farmers
in food processing.



40 young women engineers
and technicians learned about
manufacturing solar solutions
and entrepreneurship.



Around 2,000 were
instructed in techniques
like cross-bracing and
bamboo connections.



Wage Improvements for Women

-  **SENEGAL**
Enda Graf Sahel
2016
-  **INDIA**
Naireeta Services Private Limited
2018
-  **TOGO**
Yokoumi
2022
-  **PAKISTAN**
Sindh Community Foundation
2022

900 women in Dakar
and the Saloum
delta increased
their income by an
estimated 30% on
average from 2021
to 2023.



Thanks to Bhungroo
water technology
15,000 women
farmers increased
their crop yield and
income by 30 to 50%.



In Togo, Yokoumi was able
to raise the wages of shea
butter producers from
100 to 150 FCFA per
kg between 2023 and
2024, a 50% increase.



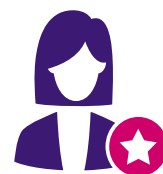
3,000 women have improved
wages in Pakistan, with a 30%
revenue increase on average (this
is a conservative estimate, as some
declare to have doubled their wages).

Political Rights: Access to Committees and Local Elections

-  **SENEGAL**
Enda Graf Sahel
2016
-  **INDIA**
Naireeta Services Private Limited
2018
-  **CAMEROON**
CAMGEW
2019



7 forest governance
committees
have reached
gender balance
(formerly exclusively
male-governed).



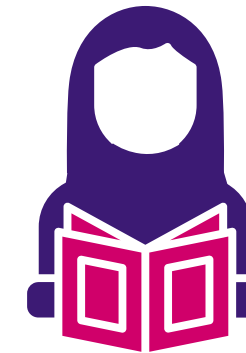
In Senegal approximately
30 women
were elected to municipal councils.



86 women
gained confidence to contest
in leadership positions at
local level. 7% were elected
in municipal council or local
committee.

Literacy

-  **CAMEROON**
CAMGEW
2019
-  **PAKISTAN**
Sindh Community Foundation
2022



7,025 women
have gained literacy skills in
Cameroon and Pakistan.

Mentoring: Capacity Strengthening in National Advocacy

-  **DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO**
CFLEDD
2018
-  **CAMEROON**
CAMGEW
2019
-  **COLOMBIA**
ENDA Colombia
2019



In the DRC, CFLEDD trained 100 trainers
(88% women) from 6 provinces in advocacy
skills, gender and land rights. Each trainer
transferred their skills in their provinces,
resulting in a network of 300 experts.

100 women received a formal recognition
of their land ownership by customary
authorities.



In Cameroon, CAMGEW was
invited to participate in the
national consultation on the
restructuring of the beekeeping
sector and the regeneration
of honey trees, promoted by the
Ministry of Environment and the
Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and
Animal Industries in 2022.



Enda Colombia's mobilisation
campaign resulted in the adoption
of a **national decree for the**
formalisation of recyclers' work.



CFLEDD's contribution to the
National Policy for Sustainable
Agriculture was officially
presented in July 2022 during
government consultations.

From Local Action to Global Policy: Women Changing the Climate Narrative

Mwahanamisi Singano, WGC focal point



Q: What inspired you to create the Gender Just Climate Solutions (GJCS) Programme?

MS: From what I learned when I joined WGC, but also from what I knew from experience, when women engaged in climate negotiations —and also in the climate space advocating for gender-just solutions— the question was: What do those solutions look like? Where are they? How do we identify them and connect with those who are finding them?

In most cases, government officials and other actors ended up giving excuses, saying that we don't have those solutions or that we don't know what they look like. From that point on, I understood why the Women in the Gender Constituency decided to start the journey of documenting the solutions—so that we could show we were finding them, and that there already was a lot of exciting work led by women. In that way, we also challenged the idea that women are just hopeless victims of climate change, and really pushed the agenda to recognise that women are leading climate solutions and actively fighting the climate crisis. That is how I understood the journey.

What we have seen during the last ten years with WECF as a partner—and we are happy to collaborate with them—is that tremendous work has been done in documenting all these solutions. And we understand that this is just a fraction of the solutions out there, but the magazine we have produced is proof that there is so much incredible

work that needs to be documented and celebrated. Since we started producing, documenting, and celebrating these solutions, most negotiators and other actors leading in the programme have really lost the argument that “we don't know where the solutions are.” Because now you can simply point to them and say: “These are the solutions we want you to scale up. This is the solution we want you to support. And these are the women whose leadership we want you to provide space for.”

Q: What do you think has been the biggest impact of the programme?

MS: I think the impact has taken on two specific forms. First, we have been able to inspire women themselves. We have implemented solutions and shared them within the network we have. For example, I have seen women inspired by learning that if women in Togo can do this, then it is also possible for us in Uganda. So the sharing and learning among women has really been impactful. We have seen these solutions being replicated within women's networks themselves, but also in other contexts. That is one outcome.

The second one is related to decision-making. We've been able to provide evidence. At WGC we

have advocated that policies need to be informed by evidence, and that it is essential to invest in documenting what communities are doing. We have also provided leadership for that. This has given us the authority to continue demanding locally led distribution and women-led solutions. It has also shown us how this model can work. And we have seen a lot of expansion and interest from the organisation and other partners who are now also starting to develop programmes around gender-just solutions.

We have been bringing the awardees to COP every year, and they have played quite an instrumental role in the negotiations, especially in engaging with decision-makers and really translating policy into practice. That has been very helpful over the years, because the reality is that there is often a disconnect between global processes and national processes, or between global policy and national climate action. For them to be able to really unpack it and bring it to life has helped us be very intentional in the policies we advocate for, as well as in the proposals we push forward. That has been quite instrumental.

At the same time, we understand the challenges. Many of the awardees have also been instrumental in shaping our own way of working. It is no secret that the UNFCCC process is very complex. This has shaped us, for example, to create tailor-made processes that truly support local communities, women's rights organisations, and grassroots leaders, enabling them to engage effectively in the UNFCCC process and to bring forward solutions. So they have changed us, as the Women and Gender Constituency, and they have also managed to change how decision-makers see policies and the implications of the decisions they make.

Q: What are you most proud of?

MS: I'm proud of the amazing work that has been done by women and girls around the world. I keep getting frustrated every time I hear people assume that women and communities are just sitting there waiting to be helped. We have seen, over and over again, women innovating with improved seeds, with energy access, with technology, and with new ways of raising awareness. They are not sitting there as

hopeless victims. And I have been so proud to see all this leadership being recognised.

More often than not, this leadership and these initiatives have been carried out with extremely minimal resources and under extremely tough conditions, but women have been doing it. So, to me, the question is: can we now truly channel our resources to where they matter? Because we know this work matters. We know these are solutions that work. We know these solutions have been tested and proven effective. Can we channel resources to them so they are able to scale and expand their work? Are we able to provide the leadership that is so urgently needed to address the climate crisis?

Q: Looking back at 10 years of the GJCS programme, what are you most hopeful about for the years ahead?

MS: A lot of incredible work has gone into sustaining this programme for 10 years. We've seen many programmes start and then fade within the first or second year. Sustaining this work for 10 years is quite remarkable. It shows the sustainability of women's work, and it also shows the resilience of the organisation leading it. We have seen several occasions where the WECF team and colleagues leading this work have been stretched, but their commitment and passion have allowed us to celebrate 10 years. I truly hope we will also be able to celebrate 20 or 30 years.

What I hope for in the next stage of the solutions is really to maintain the focus on community-led initiatives. We also see now a pattern of using this model in a capitalist way. We have seen the trend of focusing on generating profits and income, attracting millions, and then the private sector comes in and uses local solutions to serve capital and reinforce capitalism. We have also seen a lot of extraction around that. So I hope the solutions will continue to ground themselves in their original foundations, while also keeping the advocacy component active to push back against other models that are being promoted as gender-just solutions but, in reality, are simply perpetuating the same extractive, capitalist system. That way we can do both: advance the solutions and remain firm in resisting those other models presented in the name of gender-just solutions. ✱



Who's Being Left Behind? Why Gender Must Be in Every Climate Discussion

Brazil High Representative for Gender Issues, Ambassador Vanessa Dolce de Faria



Q: Why do we need gender-responsive climate policies?

VDF: First, because without a gender perspective, climate action is not effective. Climate action that overlooks gender issues does not take into account the structural inequalities that cause women and girls to be disproportionately affected by climate change. Women, especially those in more vulnerable situations, tend to suffer more from climate impacts due to social, economic, and cultural factors. They have less access to resources, such as land and credit, and services, such as education and health, and bear more responsibility for family and domestic care. Without addressing these inequalities, climate policies will fail to reach many women and girls and fall short in their goals.

Second, we need gender-responsive climate policies for a just transition. We are convinced that it is not possible to fight climate change without confronting gender inequality, without fighting racism, hunger, and poverty, without seeking to reduce social disparities within and between countries. In short, there is no way to combat climate change without promoting climate justice. Furthermore, women are underrepresented in decision-making spaces. We, therefore, need to look at those who suffer the greatest risks, have fewer resources, and also have less say.

Q: What elements do you consider to be essential for the new Gender Action Plan (GAP)?

VDF: The new GAP needs to resonate in people's lives. To achieve this, I believe we need to move forward on three fronts.

Firstly, we need to recognise that we are dealing with real women and girls who have names, addresses, and identities. Women and girls face the impacts of climate change in distinct ways, whether due to age, income, social status, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, or geographic location. We need to know who these girls and women are and what they need. In order to do this, we need to make progress in producing gender-disaggregated data, for only with this information will we be able to improve gender-responsive climate actions. It is also necessary to include in the GAP the recognition of the perspective and contribution of women and girls of African descent in the fight against climate change.

Second, the new GAP needs to provide the financing and capacity-building for its implementation. A GAP with many intentions and few means of implementation will be of little value in the fight against climate change.

Finally, it is necessary to include emerging issues not yet addressed in the gender discussion of the Climate Convention, such as health and sexual and reproductive rights, education, care work, women

environmental defenders, gender-based violence, among others. These are all topics whose debate outside the Convention is already advanced and which also deserve to be addressed in a gender action plan for climate change.

Q: What is the importance of recognising the contribution of women and girls of African descent in the new GAP?

VDF: Recognising women and girls of African descent in the new GAP is a matter of climate justice and reflects the country's commitment to fighting discrimination of all types, especially racism. This is not the first time the issue has been debated – I recall that the UN General Assembly declared the Second International Decade for People of African Descent in December 2024.

In fact, this is not an unprecedented topic even in environmental conventions: at COP16 of the Convention on Biological Diversity last year, a decision was approved that explicitly recognised the role of people of African descent in the conservation of biodiversity.

Now, we want to introduce this dimension in the climate action, highlighting the unrecognised work carried out by women and girls of African descent. Here, it is important to underline that what we are seeking is recognition: to emphasise that these girls and women, made vulnerable by structural, historical, and ongoing inequalities, exist, and that their specific needs must be taken into account in climate action.

According to the UN, around 200 million people of African descent live in the Americas, and many millions more in other parts of the planet. In the case of Brazil, where about 55% of the population is of African descent, social inequalities and racial discrimination are deeply rooted in the socioeconomic structures and intimately linked to the legacy of slavery. As a result, more than 70% of people living in marginalized neighbourhoods or irregular urban settlements—which are especially affected by climate disasters—are Black people. There is no doubt that, within this group, women and girls of African descent experience the impacts of climate change singularly.

For Brazil, therefore, this is a fundamental issue – and its recognition is of interest to all countries committed to combating racial discrimination and promoting human rights.

Q: How do local and community-based climate solutions contribute to the implementation of the Paris Agreement?

VDF: The implementation of climate action is, above all, local. Although there are global agreements and commitments, implementation needs to reach all levels of governance, or risk being ineffective.

Furthermore, only at the local level is it possible to identify the real needs and potential for climate action in each community. This is, in fact, the spirit “Mutirão” proposed by COP30: non-hierarchical and spontaneous mobilization to meet urgent climate action needs.

Therefore, initiatives such as the Gender Just Climate Solutions Awards (GJCS) are fundamental to supporting and strengthening grassroots organisations by recognising the impact generated by local and community initiatives.

Q: What is the main message you would like to convey to the global community about gender equality and climate action?

VDF: We want to move forward with a new and ambitious GAP that includes women and girls with different backgrounds and contexts – of age, social status, race, ethnicity, disability, geographic location, cultures – yet can aspire together to more egalitarian futures and leadership roles. We want truly inclusive climate actions. And for this, we need more data – in quantity and quality. This will allow us to identify who is being reached and who is being left behind.

Beyond the GAP, we advocate for a transversal approach: as long as “gender” is kept in an isolated negotiation room, as if it were an agenda that only concerns women, we will not achieve fair decisions. The inclusion of the gender perspective in climate action, in a transversal manner, needs to be in all discussions, and this must be a fight for all people and all countries. ✱



More Than an Award: Creating a Community of Feminist Climate Leaders

**Anne Barre, Climate and Gender Senior Expert,
Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF)**

Q: How did the Gender *Just Climate Solutions* Program (GJCS) start?

AB: The GJCS was launched by the Women and Gender Constituency (WGC) in 2015 at COP 21 in Paris. At that time, we wanted to show policymakers what we meant when we said we wanted to integrate gender justice into climate policymaking and climate action.

Today, the GJCS continues to be one of the major initiatives of the WGC led by this constituency under the coordination of WECF.

Q: What were its biggest struggles at the beginning?

AB: Our main struggles, of course, were always related to funding. In the beginning, it was very difficult to convince donors that this programme would deliver concrete results. All of the logistics were extremely difficult: we needed to set up a

jury, and the selection criteria were difficult to define. Also, selecting the awardees on time was extremely hard, since we had only about one month between the moment we selected the awardees and the start of the COP.

Q: And now?

AB: Today, we still face similar logistical challenges, because we try to invite as many awardees as possible every year to the COP. Their participation is fundamental. But finding badges and suitable accommodations for them is becoming increasingly difficult. Nevertheless, we have been able to secure funding and support within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) framework, and we have managed to bring significant visibility to the programme. Our ongoing struggle remains finding funding for the mentoring programme—convincing donors that it is absolutely worthwhile and useful to continue connecting with all the awardees, and facilitating this community of practice, so that they can keep expanding their actions and having them recognised in national climate policies and at the international level.

Q: From your point of view, what are the biggest victories of this project?

AB: What I consider our biggest victory is that I see the lives of the awardees being transformed. Their perspectives about their work have completely broadened, and they now clearly link what they do at the local level with what happens in the climate change negotiations—exactly what we wanted to achieve.

The second major victory is the impact on the WGC itself. The learnings we gather from

the field –the diversity of actions led by the awardees– are an immense source of inspiration and evidence for our advocacy. They clearly illustrate why we make certain demands in the climate negotiations for gender justice, whether in finance, just transition, climate adaptation or gender in disaster risk management.

Q: How does it contribute to better realities?

AB: The experiences of the GJCS awardees are extremely important for our advocacy. They nourish it and provide meaningful examples. It is truly fundamental for the WGC to work with this community of practice.

In terms of our tangible outcomes, one of our biggest successes is that 70% of the awardees have been able to expand their funding, their reach, and the scope of their work—sometimes scaling up at the territorial level, sometimes adopting more holistic approaches and reaching new communities. Some awardees have even multiplied their funding tenfold, while the rest have at least maintained their activities. All of them understand how they contribute to their national climate policies.

Another key success is the shift in perspective: awardees now really link their community work to national and international policy. They understand the components of climate policy and how to make their contributions visible.

What is most transformative—for us and for the awardees—is the sense of meaning: realizing that what we are doing is part of a broader global feminist movement striving to integrate gender justice as a core element of climate policy. This has always been our driving force at the WGC, but for the awardees it has also become a profound source of motivation –the reason they continue working with communities. You can feel this when you are there with them. During my travels, I have seen how they bring this awareness –of being part of a greater movement– back into their communities.

Q: When we think about the trajectory of the award, what is your strongest memory?

AB: Traveling to countries such as Togo, Pakistan, or Bangladesh was a tremendous experience. I could see with my own eyes how communities –particularly women and non-binary people– struggle and are affected by climate change. I could also see the hope in their eyes and hear their stories of moving “from darkness to light”. It was deeply rewarding. Many expressed how they now feel much more confident in themselves and in their ability to act. That, for me, has been one of the most meaningful rewards.

Other powerful memories come from the award ceremonies themselves. There is so much joy, accomplishment and celebration—not only from the awardees but also, strikingly, from policymakers. Many have told us that this is the best event of the COP, because of the joy it radiates and because they see how meaningful and impactful these actions are. For instance, a member of the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) board once told us: “*This technology solution shows very concretely why it is so important to put gender equality and gender justice at the centre of technology development and transfer.*” Seeing policymakers have these eye-opening realizations about why we advocate for gender justice across all areas of climate negotiations has been one of my greatest rewards.

Q: So, what would be the biggest legacy of the award?

AB: The biggest legacy from this programme, for me, is having created a community of human beings who work together in solidarity, and who believe in each other and in the future. They are all acutely aware that climate change is the greatest threat humanity has ever faced, but they also know that by working together, we can overcome it.



Climate Technologies that Work for Everyone: GJCS Builds Resilience and Drives Innovation

**Ariesta Ningrum, Director,
Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN)**

Q: Why did you decide to support the Gender Just Climate Solutions (GJCS) programme?

AN: Gender has always been an integral part of the CTCN's work. Since 2017, we have consistently supported the GJCS programme because it aligns with our mandate to promote inclusive and sustainable climate technologies. Women and marginalized groups are powerful drivers of innovation, and through WECF's efforts their solutions are being recognised and strengthened, making climate action not only more effective but also more equitable.

Q: In your view, what is the added value of investing in gender just community-driven climate solutions?

AN: When we invest in gender-just, community-driven solutions, we tap into local knowledge, empower women as leaders, and deliver

climate action that is inclusive, resilient, and sustainable—fully aligned with the CTCN gender policy and action plan.

Q: How does the Gender Just Climate Solutions initiative contribute to advancing the goals of the Paris Agreement and global climate negotiations?

AN: Locally driven gender-responsive solutions strengthen adaptation, mitigation and resilience, while bringing community voices to global negotiations. The GJCS initiative shows that climate action is most impactful when inclusive, and in doing so, it drives progress on the Paris Agreement.

Q: Which aspects of the programme do you find most impactful or unique?

AN: What inspires me most is how the programme shines a light on grassroots, women-led solutions that might otherwise go unseen. It uniquely combines practical climate action with social justice, ensuring technologies truly serve communities. For example, last year's awardee, Ms. Anisa Abibulova from Tajikistan, trained 40 women across 11 remote villages to build and maintain solar and green technologies, replacing firewood with clean, sustainable energy.

Q: What message would you share with our donors or institutions about the importance of supporting this work?

AN: My message to donors and institutions is clear: investing in GJCS builds resilience, drives innovation, and ensures climate technologies work for everyone. *

Women are at the Heart of Climate Solutions: Lessons from 10 Years of Action

**Danièle Marcovici, Founder, Foundation RAJA –
Danièle Marcovici**

Q: Why did you decide to support the Gender Just Climate Solutions (GJCS) programme?

DM: Since its inception, the RAJA-Danièle Marcovici Foundation has been dedicated to promoting gender equality and protecting the environment. The GJCS Awards perfectly embody this dual mission: they highlight local, concrete initiatives led by women that address both the climate emergency and gender inequality.

By supporting this award and its mentoring programme, we want to help these women increase their visibility and legitimacy, while also giving them the means to make their voices heard on the international stage. It is by recognising their role and supporting their actions that we can build a fairer and more sustainable world.

Q: Do you think it is important for women on the ground, who are involved in climate action at the local level, to participate in COPs? Why?

DM: Yes, it is absolutely essential. Women on the ground have intimate knowledge of local realities and the concrete consequences of climate change. Every day, they develop innovative solutions, often with limited resources, but with a considerable impact on their communities.

Their presence at COPs is fundamental: it reminds decision-makers that the ecological transition can only succeed if it is inclusive and equitable. Too often, climate policies are decided far from the field and without those who are directly affected by them. These women bring a voice of truth, experience, and resilience, which is essential for developing more humane and effective policies.

Q: The Foundation directly supports the actions of some of the award winners. What links/synergies do you see between the Women & Environment Programme (WEP) and the GJCS programme?

DM: The WEP, which has just celebrated its 10th anniversary, is a funding programme dedicated to supporting projects at the intersection of women's rights and environmental protection. It is based on a large-scale profit-sharing operation, entirely funded by 16 companies in the RAJA Group.



Our two programmes are based on the same conviction: women are at the heart of solutions to climate change. Through the WEP, we support projects that strengthen their economic autonomy, leadership and role in the sustainable management of natural resources.

The GJCS Awards, meanwhile, highlights exemplary projects and promotes networking among women agents of change. Together, these two initiatives complement and reinforce each other, contributing to the emergence of fairer and more sustainable ecosystems and promoting true feminist climate justice, where women—who are the first to be impacted but also often the first to provide solutions—participate fully in the decisions that shape our future.

Q: What long-term impacts have you seen for the award winners and their initiatives?

DM: The award winners gain not only recognition, but also confidence and influence. Many of them have been able to expand their activities, secure new funding, strengthen their partnerships and inspire other women to get involved. We have also observed a ripple effect: the award-winning solutions are often replicated in other areas. In my view, it is this dissemination of best practices and strengthening of female leadership that constitute the most lasting impacts of the programme.

Q: How does the GJCS programme contribute to the international community and policymakers in the context of climate negotiations?

DM: The programme provides an indispensable voice: that of women who innovate, resist and build concrete solutions to the climate crisis on a daily basis. It demonstrates that global policies must be based on local experiences and that integrating gender equality into climate policies is a lever for effectiveness. By documenting and sharing these solutions, the GJCS helps to influence negotiations, inspire decision-makers and remind them that climate justice cannot be achieved without gender justice. *



Shifting the Discourse: Gender-Just Climate Solutions as a Strategic Investment

**Lena Bretas, Senior Policy Officer, Federal Ministry for
Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany (BMZ)**

Q: In your view, what is the added value of investing in gender-just, community-driven climate solutions?

LB: Women in all their diversity, Indigenous Peoples, and local communities have valuable knowledge and skills that offer enormous potential for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to climate change. However, they are often underrepresented in decision-making, planning, and implementation of climate solutions. This is a missed opportunity. Involving this valuable knowledge and perspective will lead to better decisions and more sustainable reforms. Gender-just, community-driven climate solutions draw on this diverse local knowledge and address specific vulnerabilities. The outcomes are fair, effective, and sustainable for all.

For the BMZ (the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development), this is a matter of justice and human rights. Climate solutions need to address these inequalities and the heightened vulnerabilities of women and marginalized groups to be fit for purpose, protecting the most vulnerable.



Q: How does the *Gender Just Climate Solutions (GJCS)* initiative contribute to advancing the goals of the Paris Agreement and global climate negotiations?

LB: The initiative provides concrete examples on how to centre gender equality and women's rights in climate action. It gives a wider platform for existing solutions for a more sustainable future. These examples also often generate learnings which can be translated into policy recommendations – directly advancing the implementation of the Paris Agreement and leading to significant impact, not only locally but also on a global level.

Furthermore, the GJCS Awards highlight gender equality in climate negotiations and elevate marginalized voices, ensuring more diverse representation in global climate dialogue and improving justice in climate negotiations.

Q: What message would you share with decision-makers about the importance of supporting this type of work?

LB: Supporting this work is a window of opportunity – it's a strategic investment in gender-responsive climate solutions. The Paris Agreement is right to call for. Gender-just climate solutions address both: Tackle the disproportionate impacts of climate change on women and marginalized groups, and at the same time unlock innovation, resilience, and social equity at the community level. In a moment when multilateralism is under strain – from rising nationalism to backlash against gender equality – this award is a step to shift the discourse and provide the visibility, recognition, and momentum needed to implement gender-just climate action and advance a just transition. *

Backing Those Who Act: Why the French Development Agency (AFD) Supports Gender-Just Climate Solutions

**Philippe Galland, Manager of the Environmental
and Social Complaints Mechanism, French
Development Agency (AFD)**

Q: Why did you decide to support the *Gender Just Climate Solutions (GJCS)* programme?

PG: A pioneer in investment aimed at supporting countries in their transition to low-carbon energy and adaptation solutions, the AFD has been committed for the past decade to developing strategies and financing programmes aimed at combating inequality and promoting gender equality. The first 100% Social Bond strategy was launched in 2020, followed by a second one that was recently approved by our Board of Directors. At the heart of the latter is the financing of projects that seek to implement France's feminist diplomacy and the ambition to maintain significant financial targets in terms of gender equality. Supporting WECF's GJCS programme seemed like an interesting opportunity. It corresponded to a comprehensive Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) approach encompassing both climate and social aspects, while giving a voice and sources of innovation to those who suffer most from the significant negative effects of global warming.

Q: In your opinion, what is the added value of investing in climate solutions based on gender equality and driven by local communities?

PG: Firstly, the assurance that gender equality is considered, and secondly, the guarantee that the actions and the project will be sustainable. We need to work even harder on assessing the 'unquantifiable' and human secondary impacts, enabling us to highlight the funding of projects carried out by communities.



Q: How does the GJCS initiative contribute to advancing the objectives of the Paris Agreement and global climate negotiations?

PG: There can be no legitimate COP without the participation of civil society. The events organised by community organisations, and their very presence at the negotiations, are welcomed by Member States and the official negotiating teams. Messages are listened to, and reports are studied. Climate change is everyone's business, and everyone has a positive role to play, while respecting each other's differences and mandates.

Q: What aspects of the programme do you find most impactful or unique?

PG: For a donor such as AFD, the award ceremony is certainly an important moment, but we believe that the process of mobilizing and supporting synergies throughout the year is fundamental. The mentoring programme offered by WECF is the driving force!

Q: What message would you like to share with other donors or institutions regarding the importance of supporting this work?

PG: In an international context of social and environmental backlash, where significant budget cuts are being made by certain European countries that have historically been leaders in gender equality and the fight against global warming, the GJCS initiative, thanks to its history, network and resonance, remains a safe bet in terms of commitment. *

Towards a Feminist and Just Future: The Vision for the Next 10 Years

Valeria Peláez Cardona, Coordinator of the Gender Just Climate Solutions programme (GJCS), WECF

Q: How do you imagine the GJCS programme over the next 10 years?

VPC: I imagine GJCS as a vibrant and powerful global platform that not only connects women leaders in climate justice but also positions them as true protagonists in the transformation of climate, environmental, and gender policies and practices. Over the next ten years, I dream of consolidating this space as a solid bridge between grassroots organisations and key actors, such as governments, the private sector, and international cooperation, to scale up awarded solutions and take their impact from the local to the regional and global level.

I want the programme to strengthen itself as a genuine meeting point between innovative projects that tackle the effects of the climate crisis and defend the rights of the most marginalised groups, and those individuals and institutions with the capacity to implement and finance them. I envision a network driven by sisterhood and collective action, where the winners collaborate across countries, forging alliances and creating joint projects that unite diverse causes, knowledge, and struggles.

And, of course, I want to see the mentoring programme expanded and strengthened, with more workshops on leadership, political advocacy,

strategic communication, and climate finance, so that each participating woman can multiply the impact and replicability of her work. Finally, my greatest hope is that in ten years' time we will no longer have to justify women's participation in the climate agenda, because we will have moved beyond that conversation. Instead, we will be talking about how to make that participation effective and transformative, building together a truly feminist, just, and sustainable future.

Q: What makes this programme unique?

VPC: More than just an award, the GJCS is a global movement. It is not only about recognising local initiatives in the Global South that fight for climate and gender justice each year, but also about promoting a profound cultural



transformation around female leadership in climate and environmental action.

The programme's impact is systemic: it connects local causes with global agendas, showing not only how the climate crisis disproportionately affects women, Indigenous Peoples, Afro-descendant communities and other marginalised groups, but also how women are leading the solutions with innovation, knowledge and resilience.

The recognition given by the GJCS is not an isolated gesture, but part of a comprehensive support and mentoring strategy that provides women leaders with tools, opportunities, and spaces to defend their causes and engage in direct dialogue with decision-makers. That is why it is so important that the ceremony takes place during the COP and that the winners can attend: because that stage belongs to them. It is there that they can speak out, share their stories, and defend their proposals before governments, international organisations, and key actors.

To date, the GJCS has awarded prizes to 30 organisations from different contexts, cultures, and generations. All of them are part of a safe, supportive, and powerful network, a space where women listen to, support, and learn from each other. In essence, the GJCS transforms individual stories into collective narratives that inspire and promote structural change towards a more just and equitable future.

Q: Why is it important to support this award?

VPC: The GJCS were born as an initiative of resistance and struggle, a feminist response to the inequalities and injustices of the current system. Today, in a context where multilateralism is weakening and neoliberal governments, climate change deniers, and human rights

violators are gaining ground, supporting women who are on the front line of climate defence is more urgent than ever.

These women leaders face real risks, from violence to criminalisation, for defending climate, environmental, and gender justice. Supporting the GJCS is a political and ethical act: it means opposing the logic of capital with the ethics of care, solidarity, and social justice. It means committing to local and community-based solutions, driven by women and communities that have been caring for the land and sustaining life for generations. These are cost-effective, transformative initiatives with profound impacts on the social fabric.

Climate policies will only be truly effective when they integrate the voices, experiences, and knowledge of those who are living through the crisis. This cannot be achieved solely through consultations or symbolic spaces for participation, but rather through a real redistribution of power: democratising resources, decisions, and opportunities.

Supporting GJCS is, in short, a commitment to a feminist and just future, where climate action is born locally and sustained by the collective strength of women who never stop resisting or caring. *





ABOUT US

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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 and granted full constituency status in 2011, the

WGC consists of 64 women's and environmental civil society organisations, who are working together to ensure that women's voices are heard and their rights prioritized in the fight against climate change.

The Women and Gender Constituency, consisting of a broad variety of national and regional network organisations, represents hundreds and thousands of people across the globe, with advocates from over 90 countries.



GJCS Awards ceremony at COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan.

OUR BACKGROUND

Since the Earth Summit in 1992, the United Nations has been working with governments and civil society to tackle one of the greatest challenges the planet has faced; climate change. At the summit the Member States of the UN agreed to a new convention on climate change; a legally binding international treaty. The convention provided a new framework through which nations could work together to agree on limiting emissions of greenhouse gasses, those which cause climate change, principally carbon dioxide. This UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, or UNFCCC, is an evolving commitment that develops through the ongoing discussions and agreements of governments around the world. There are now

around 1,400 such organisations observing the annual conferences, and many have grouped themselves into constituencies.

These constituencies provide focal points for easier interaction with the UNFCCC Secretariat, based in Bonn, and individual governments. There are currently nine constituencies, and they are broadly grouped by the type of organisations they represent: businesses and industry organisations; environmental organisations; local and municipal authorities; trade unions; research and independent organisations; and organisations that work for the rights of Indigenous People; young people; agricultural workers; and women and gender rights.

OUR GOALS

The WGC promotes human rights and gender equality and the full and effective participation of women at all levels of decision making, as well as a gender responsive approach in all policies and measures related to climate change. The WGC provides a voice to women to formalize and unify the perspectives of women and gender civil society organisations active in the UNFCCC processes.

We provide a space for the Constituency members to raise their concerns and suggest priority actions,

and together formulate democratically shared positions, which we strengthen and promote.

The Constituency aims to further expand its outreach and engagement with various groups and unify a global movement demanding climate justice. We want to ensure that global commitments embrace gender equality and women's rights, especially with relation to climate change through UNFCCC conventions, and the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

OUR PRINCIPLES

WGC members work to promote full realization of the human rights of women and girls through specific goal-oriented, clear and measurable purposes and objectives. The Constituency embraces principles of democratic and participatory governance, ensuring respectful collaboration between members, especially of diverging positions. Providing a platform for women's leadership with broad and participatory access, procedures of the WGC are transparent, timely and flexible, further facilitating the potential for wide and inclusive membership. The WGC also emphasises an equitable approach to representation, affiliation, age, and ability, encouraging members to build on our collective and individual history. As an official stakeholder body of the UNFCCC, the WGC also strives to mentor the younger generation and newcomers to the movement and the Constituency.



«The Gender Just Climate Solutions exemplify that the ultimate objective of the UNFCCC's Gender Action Plan (GAP) is possible: gender-transformative climate action at a local level. However, these solutions also prove why having a robust, intersectional, and operationalized GAP that responds to lived realities is essential. Such a GAP would ensure these solutions are not numbered isolated examples, but rather exist in abundance across multiple, overlapping forms.»

Claudia Rubio Giraldo,
co-coordinator of the WGC
gender working group



Claudia Rubio Giraldo, co-coordinator of the WGC gender working group, COP29.

OUR GENDER JUST CLIMATE SOLUTIONS AWARD

The Women and Gender Constituency, along with other women, gender, and human rights advocates, has been actively pushing world leaders to ensure just and equitable climate policies that put respect of people's rights and the integrity of the planet first, while responding 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 is time to upscale them far and wide, and demand change!

As we focus on implementing the Paris Agreement, the Gender Just Climate Solutions showcased in this publication provide concrete examples on how to centre gender equality and women's rights in climate action. The Gender Just Climate Solutions Awards comprises three categories:

- 1 **Technical Solutions**
- 2 **Non-Technical Solutions**
- 3 **Transformational Solutions**

We received
517
eligible
applications.

The selection process was based on the following criteria:

1. Provides equal access to benefits for women, men and youth
2. Aims to alleviate and/or does not add additional burden to women's workload (such as via additional natural resource management or care responsibilities without compensation)
3. Gives autonomy to women through better mobility/ accessibility, enhanced livelihood security, enhanced food security, improved health, access to safe water, etc. (as many benefits as possible)
4. Promotes women's democratic rights and participation by ensuring decision-making by local women, men, women's groups, cooperatives and communities
5. Is locally led and/ or locally driven (decentralised and appropriate)
6. Ensures self-sufficiency and a low input of resources (safe, affordable and sustainable)
7. Contributes to climate change mitigation, emissions reduction and/ or climate adaptation (the project is sustainable)
8. Results can be shared, spread & scaled up (replicable elsewhere, not just benefiting one individual)
9. Shows interlinkages to cross-cutting issues, such as (including, but not restricted to) peace-building, natural resources management, food security and/ or health, water and sanitation.



Anisa Abibulloeva, Little Earth, Awardee 2024



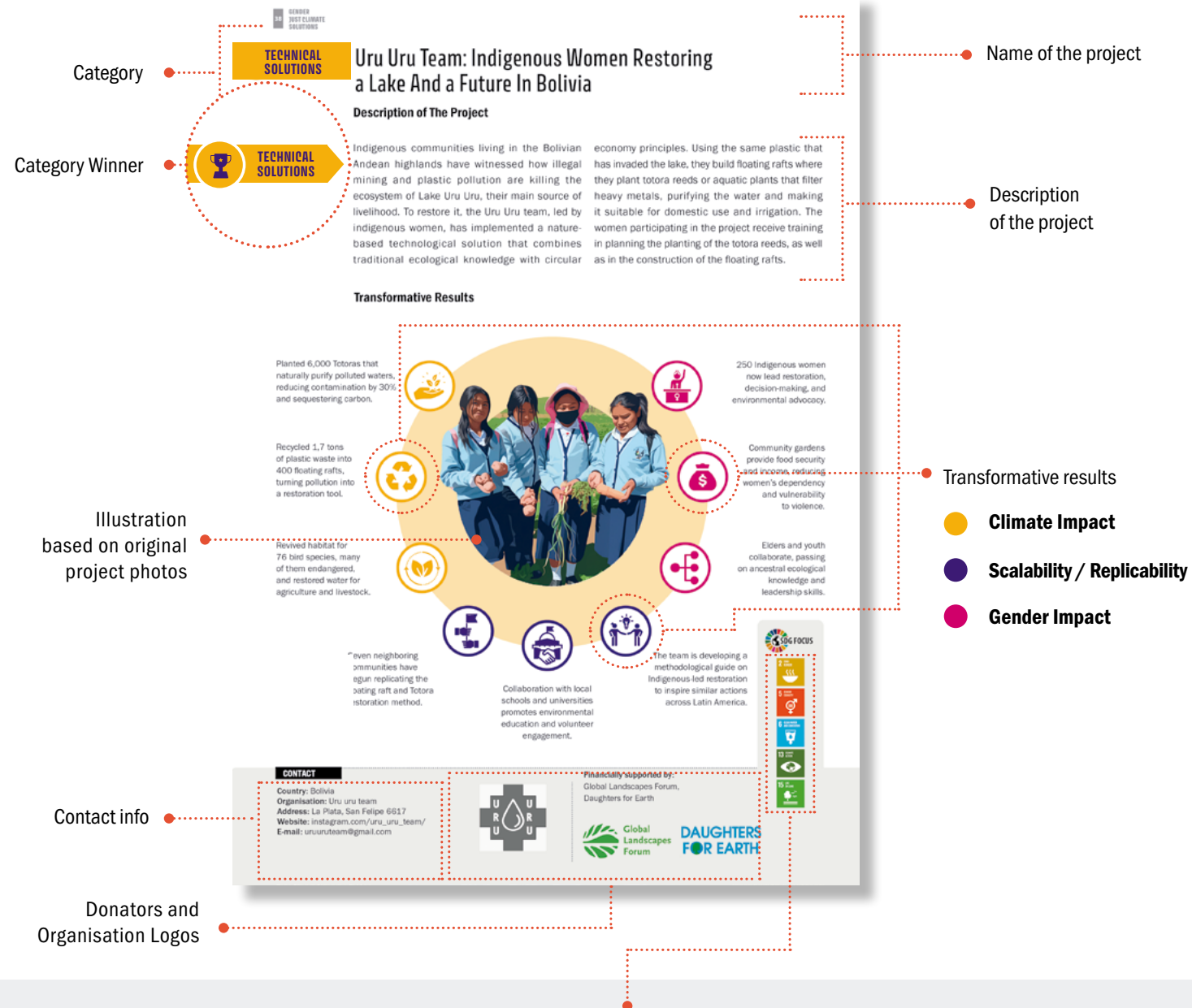
In order to implement the transformative shift needed to appropriately respond to climate change, gender-just solutions must be strengthened and scaled up in every country.



With special thanks to our jury members:

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Uru Uru Team: Indigenous Women Restoring a Lake And a Future in Bolivia

Description of the Project

Indigenous communities living in the Bolivian Andean highlands have witnessed how illegal mining and plastic pollution are killing the ecosystem of Lake Uru Uru, their main source of livelihood. To restore it, the Uru Uru team, led by Indigenous women, has implemented a nature-based technological solution that combines traditional ecological knowledge with circular

economy principles. Using the same plastic that has invaded the lake, they build floating rafts where they plant totora reeds or aquatic plants that filter heavy metals, purifying the water and making it suitable for domestic use and irrigation. The women participating in the project receive training in planning the planting of the totora reeds, as well as in the construction of the floating rafts.

Transformative Results

Planted 6,000 Totoras that naturally purify polluted waters, reducing contamination by 30% and sequestering carbon.

Recycled 1.7 tonnes of plastic waste into 400 floating rafts, turning pollution into a restoration tool.

Revived habitat for 76 bird species, many of them endangered, and restored water for agriculture and livestock.

Seven neighbouring communities have begun replicating the floating raft and Totora restoration method.

Collaboration with local schools and universities promotes environmental education and volunteer engagement.

The team is developing a methodological guide on Indigenous-led restoration to inspire similar actions across Latin America.

250 Indigenous women now lead restoration, decision-making, and environmental advocacy.

Community gardens provide food security and income, reducing women's dependency and vulnerability to violence.

Elders and youth collaborate, passing on ancestral ecological knowledge and leadership skills.



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TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS

GAWIREA: Indigenous Women Leading a Solar Powered Just Energy Transition in Indonesia

Description of the Project

In South Papua's Samurukie village, Indigenous women have traditionally processed sago, spending over 30 hours weekly in unsafe and exhausting conditions. However, the *Wani Yinio Sago House*, an initiative of the Girls and Women in Renewable Energy Academy, is changing this reality. By introducing solar-

powered processing systems, the project reduces women's workload, improves health and safety, and replaces diesel with clean energy. Beyond technology, this solution offers training in renewable energy, advancing Indonesia's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Energy Policy.

Transformative Results

Replacing diesel-based processing with solar-powered systems reduces around 300 litres of fuel use and avoids 720 kg of CO₂ emissions per unit every month.

By tripling sago production, the initiative strengthens food security for over 2,000 families, while supporting the conservation of 800,000 hectares of forest that regulate water cycles and preserve biodiversity.

The use of renewable energy and sustainable forest management reduces vulnerability to droughts and floods in one of Indonesia's most climate-exposed regions.

The Wani Yinio Sago House has created green jobs and improved household incomes and strengthened local technical capacity.

Indigenous women gain economic independence and safer working conditions through access to solar energy.

Women lead 80% of cooperative activities and participate equally in decision-making and resource management.

Over 200 young people have been trained in solar energy installation and maintenance, fostering shared responsibility and a feminist approach to climate technology.



Combining Indigenous knowledge with renewable energy solutions, the model can be adapted in other contexts across the Asia-Pacific region.

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Nyonu Si: Women Leaders for Climate Justice in Benin

Description of the Project

In the lake region of Lokossa, Benin, women fishmongers are at the forefront of climate action. Facing severe deforestation, resource depletion, and rising temperatures, *Jeunes Volontaires pour l'Environnement (JVE)* reduces emissions with improved stoves that use less mangrove wood and cuts down pressure on fragile wetlands through

aquaponic techniques and tree planting of local species. Beyond the environmental benefits, 85 women have gained technical and sustainable management skills while strengthening their public participation and decision-making power in their community. Through four cooperatives, they now generate higher and more stable incomes.

Transformative Results

Improved fish-smoking stoves reduce carbon emissions by 60%, equivalent to 116 tonnes of CO₂ per year, while reducing dependence on mangrove wood.

4,000 local fruit trees were planted, contributing to reforestation and soil regeneration.

Four aquaponic systems were installed and tested, improving food security while reducing overfishing on the lake.

The cooperative model with democratic governance can be replicated and adapted to other fishing communities.

Illustrated practical user guides for improved stoves and aquaponic systems were developed and shared for easy replication.

Four cooperatives were created, ensuring women's collective ownership, decision-making, and fair distribution of benefits.

85 women leaders strengthened their technical, management, and public-speaking skills, positioning themselves as local climate leaders.

400 women improved their financial independence through sustainable income-generating activities linked to climate technologies.



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Algaplast: Bioplastic for a Just Transition Away from Fossil Fuels

Description of the Project

Born from the vision of a woman engineer and researcher in marine biology, *Algaplast* is an ecofeminist start-up that promotes ecological farming of red algae to produce fully biodegradable bioplastics. Through community mobilization, six fisherwomen have been trained to manage this innovative technology, forming a self-managed

cooperative that strengthens their economic autonomy. This solution is a sustainable alternative to plastic products derived from petrochemicals and fossil fuel combustion. *Algaplast* links women's autonomy, circular economy, and marine ecosystem restoration.

Transformative Results

The bioplastic is made entirely from locally available red algae polysaccharides, replacing plastics derived from petrochemicals.

The process uses drying, mechanical grinding, and moderate heating, minimizing carbon emissions throughout the value chain.

Well-managed seaweed cultivation helps absorb CO₂ and mitigate ocean acidification by creating habitats for coastal biodiversity.

The founder plans to establish a training centre in Tunisia dedicated to 'blue jobs', expanding opportunities in algaculture and sustainable materials.

The cooperative structure promotes social and economic sustainability, with a 3- to 5-year development plan to strengthen production and expand the model.



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Climate Change and Security: Gender-Responsive Climate Technologies for Resilient Communities

Description of the Project

Growing evidence suggests that climate change and environmental degradation act as a catalyst, a driver and a multiplier of instability, exacerbating already volatile food prices, insecure livelihoods, and large-scale displacement. The EC climate change and security programme, managed by UNEP-CTCN, supports ten pilots in countries at risk of conflicts due to climate impact, prioritizing women

and marginalized groups. In Cameroon, women's cooperatives apply synecoculture for sustainable farming; in Zimbabwe, women use solar-powered drying systems for Mopane worms; and in Nigeria, women adopt hydroponic farming powered by solar energy, creating gender-responsive solutions for climate security.

Transformative Results

Implemented climate technologies adapted to conflict-affected areas, reducing vulnerability to droughts, food insecurity, and resource competition.

Supported solar, hydroponic, and ecological farming systems that cut emissions and reduce dependence on fossil fuels.

Community-driven approaches and local capacity building enable replication in other regions with similar environmental and social conditions once local actors are trained.

Improved access to resources, income, and green job opportunities for women and marginalized communities.

Promoted community and women's ownership of technologies, ensuring long-term sustainability and ecosystem restoration in high-risk regions.

Strengthened resilience in conflict-affected and high-risk regions by deploying conflict-sensitive, community-based climate technologies.



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Jambo Radio: Indigenous Media Driving Gender and Climate Justice in DRC

Description of the Project

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, where extractivism, climate crises, and humanitarian emergencies intersect, Jambo Radio is amplifying the voices of women and Indigenous peoples through community media. Since 2023, this grassroots platform has combined radio programmes, online podcasts, listener clubs, and community debates. Its participatory approach prioritizes women's perspectives and

traditional ecological knowledge. By debunking climate misinformation, facilitating dialogue, and documenting community-based solutions, this solution builds adaptive capacity while defending forests and ecosystems. With its blend of ancestral wisdom, digital innovation, and feminist advocacy, Jambo Radio is redefining how media can drive climate and gender justice.

Transformative Results

Training on interpreting climate signals has enabled communities to anticipate six extreme weather events in 2024, reducing agricultural losses by 60%.

A podcast series encouraged the conservation of 5,000 hectares of primary forest and led 1,200 farming families to adopt sustainable agricultural practices.

A participatory monitoring system with community-defined indicators tracks the adoption of promoted practices, women's participation in environmental decision-making, and the reduction in conflicts over natural resources.

25 local radio hosts were trained, enabling five other stations to launch similar programmes, reaching over 8,000 additional listeners.

Younger women support elders with digital tools, while they share traditional ecological knowledge.

A "community and Indigenous multimedia" methodological guide was created and distributed to 15 radio across the DRC, offering a replicable model for locally led adaptation.

65% of local experts featured on Jambo Radio programmes are women, including farmers, healers, and leaders.

45 women secured legal land titles covering 180 hectares, strengthening their economic and social autonomy.

25 women were trained as gender-based violence focal points, building a grassroots safety net against abuse and discrimination.



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Moving Boundaries: Breaking Gender Barriers in the Electric Mobility Sector in India

Description of the Project

In India, where women make up less than 2% of the mobility workforce, *Moving Boundaries* is breaking barriers and driving change. Led by Mowo Social Initiatives, this flagship campaign enabled 500 women to become certified electric auto drivers, opening pathways to gender-inclusive livelihoods. Through a training programme, the

initiative promotes the active participation of women in the electric vehicle (EV) transition, a crucial component of India's net-zero vision. This solution demonstrates a scalable and replicable model of gender-responsive climate action, providing women with the skills, agency, and opportunities to thrive in India's evolving e-mobility landscape.

Transformative Results

With each electric auto replacing a fossil-fuel vehicle, 500 trained women drivers collectively offset an estimated 1,000–2,000 metric tonnes of CO₂ emissions per year.

The initiative has sustainable practices, such as using reusable materials, digital management, and convening within existing community spaces, reducing waste and environmental footprint.

Modular EV training programmes delivered in local languages by female instructors can be expanded and adopted across India and beyond.

QR-based sign-ups, WhatsApp groups, and peer-led storytelling enable a wide reach at low cost, making replication accessible.

Cross-cutting contributions such as better air quality, dignified work, and inclusive mobility systems.

Women drivers gained visibility in public spaces, dismantling stereotypes and normalizing women's presence in India's transport sector.

500 women were trained and certified as e-auto drivers, obtaining access to dignified jobs, and financial inclusion schemes.



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Strengthening Women's Leadership In Conservation and Sustainable Livelihoods in the Cerrado, Brazil

Description of The Project

In the heart of Cerrado, one of the most threatened ecosystems in Brazil, rural women are leading the way in ecological restoration and climate justice. *Caminhos da Onça* ("Paths of the Jaguar") restores degraded areas, creating ecological corridors for flagship species like the jaguar, and other vulnerable species such as the giant anteater and maned wolf, while strengthening women's

leadership in conservation and community-based ecotourism. Women conduct interpretive trails, manage nurseries, monitor fauna, and lead environmental education for schools and visitors. By connecting traditional knowledge with ecological science and fostering gender-responsive territorial governance, the project protects threatened ecosystems and species.

Transformative Results

Reforestation with native species increases vegetation cover, restoring soil health and water sources. Three hectares have been restored, estimating the capture of up to 18 tonnes of CO₂ per year.

Restoration of ecological corridors improves habitat connectivity for endangered species like the jaguar, enhancing ecosystem resilience in the face of global warming.

Planting climate-adapted species strengthens food security, reduces soil erosion, and secures water availability for communities facing droughts and rising temperatures.

The community-based ecotourism model offers alternatives to decent work, championing the care economy, cultural appreciation, effective and sufficient financial support, and fair distribution of benefits.

Collective decision-making and participatory planning ensure deep local ownership and long-term sustainability.

By simultaneously addressing biodiversity loss, income generation, women's political empowerment, and climate resilience, the initiative offers a holistic framework for just transitions.

Women earn economic autonomy from nursery management, ecotourism services, and environmental facilitation, reducing dependence on unsustainable extractive practices.

Women take on public leadership roles, participate in decision-making spaces, and advocate for territorial and women's rights.

Activities are designed around women's care responsibilities, while also engaging youth and valuing diverse identities, including Indigenous, Afro-descendant, and LGBTQIA+ participants.



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Ecofeminist 2.0: Rural Women Advocating for Climate Justice in Tunisia

Description of the Project

Ecofeminist 2.0 equips women farmers in Tunisia with the knowledge and tools to become leaders of a just ecological transition. Grounded in ecofeminist values, the project aims to promote sustainable agricultural practices, enhance women's leadership in climate action, and co-create green, resilient, and replicable farming models. Guided by agronomists and architects, women combined ancestral

farming practices with modern ecological methods: mapping their soils, cultivating geraniums for essential oils, and testing alternatives to chemical fertilizers. A unique "Green Lab" model offers each farmer a personalized, sustainable plan for her land. Their stories are being shared through videos and exhibitions, giving visibility to rural women's leadership in climate justice.

Transformative Results

The use of chemical fertilisers has been reduced from two tonnes per hectare to one litre per hectare.

The use of endemic seeds, natural pest repellents, and aromatic plants strengthens soil and crop resilience to climate stress.

The project bans pesticides and single-use plastics, replacing them with natural farming practices and safe, textile-based packaging recognised by national authorities.

The "Green Lab" model, training modules, soil diagnostics, and 3D land planning tools are documented for reuse and peer-to-peer training across Tunisia and beyond.

Designed with and for women farmers, the approach ensures local buy-in and sustainability while reinforcing partnerships with grassroots associations and local authorities.

The model strengthens food security, restoring soil health for climate resilience, protects water resources, and opens income opportunities for the local community.

Through training, participatory planning, and policy engagement, rural women strengthened their decision-making power and gained recognition by local and regional authorities.

By involving men and youth in community dialogues, the project fostered greater support for women's leadership and encouraged intergenerational engagement in sustainable farming.

From creating new local spaces for women to sell their products to celebrating an official "Women of Takelsa Day," the initiative embeds women's rights and visibility in local governance.



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Youth and Women's Leadership in Contexts of Climate-Induced Displacement

Description of the Project

On Nicaragua's Caribbean coast, people face not only natural hazards but also structural and extractive violence that has destroyed the region's ecosystems and livelihoods, increasing their vulnerability to climate disasters and their inability to adapt and build climate resilience. Through participatory dialogues, feminist popular education, and storytelling, this project documents

experiences of climate-induced displacement and challenges the structural drivers of ecological destruction, such as illegal mining, deforestation, and settler invasions. A digital observatory hosted on Ciudadanica.org gathers testimonies and community research to amplify the voices of women and young people, long silenced in climate and migration debates.

Transformative Results

By strengthening the political agency of displaced women and youth, the project enhances their capacity to respond collectively to the impacts of climate-related disasters.

Raises awareness and provides evidence of the structural causes of climate-induced displacements, and the socio-ecological impacts of extractive practices such as illegal mining, deforestation, and settler invasions.

By exposing how extractive practices fuel ecological collapse, the project links climate justice to territorial defence and biodiversity protection.

Digital tools, testimonies, and community research are hosted online, making the methodology available to and adaptable for displaced communities in other regions.

Built on the trust and knowledge of displaced Afro-descendant and Indigenous communities, the model can be adapted wherever exile and resistance intersect.

Beyond climate, the project strengthens peacebuilding, psychosocial well-being, and democratic participation - showing how climate justice is inseparable from social justice and human rights.

Afro-descendant and Indigenous women lead dialogues, research, and advocacy, transforming their lived experiences into tools for political influence and advocacy.

The solution incorporates emotional and psychosocial support in all stages, recognising the weight of sharing traumatic experiences and resisting extractive research dynamics.

By framing displacement through a human rights lens, the project asserts women's right to migrate with dignity, to be heard, and to shape climate and democratic agendas.



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Urban Youth Council: Young Leaders for Climate and Gender Justice in Bangladesh

Description of the Project

Across Bangladesh's secondary cities, the *Urban Youth Council* (UYC) initiative is changing how young people engage in local governance and climate action. Designed for women, marginalized, and underrepresented groups, the programme institutionalized youth participation and promoted gender equality and social inclusion in municipal decision-making. Over 2,000 young people have

been trained, with more than 800 elected as council members, 50% of them women. Engaging over 15,000 residents, UYCs champion community-led environmental initiatives, gender equality, and leadership. From climate-resilient urban planning to gender-responsive budgeting, youth councils are driving inclusive and sustainable change in cities across Bangladesh.

Transformative Results

Youth councils promote disaster preparedness, early warning systems, and community-driven adaptation strategies to strengthen local resilience.

Public campaigns drive plastic reduction, encourage clean mobility, and promote waste segregation, reducing urban emissions and pollution.

Youth leaders engage in wetland protection and halt illegal resource exploitation.

The model has been replicated in Khulna, addressing salinity, water scarcity, and biodiversity challenges near the Sundarbans.

A low-cost digital electoral platform ensures transparent, inclusive, and violence-free youth participation.

Institutionalized youth councils now shape local governance frameworks and inform national youth policy.

Gender-responsive budgeting and climate recommendations are integrated into municipal development plans.

Local campaigns have advanced girls' education, promoted the ending of child marriage, and combated gender-based violence.

UYC alumni take leadership roles in NGOs, student bodies, and advisory boards, amplifying women's voices.



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Seeds of Peace: Women Restoring Land and Resilience in Kenya

Description of the Project

In Kenya's climate-stressed and conflict-affected regions, Kipepeo Green Heritage places women at the centre of peacebuilding and ecological restoration. Through Climate Peace Circles, women engage in trauma healing, conflict mediation, and dialogue on the fair use of land and water resources. Trained as *peace*

champions, they combine Indigenous agroforestry knowledge with climate advocacy to restore degraded landscapes, plant "peace gardens", and influence climate and peace policies. More than 500 women have strengthened community cohesion, reduced local conflicts, and gained seats in peace committees.

Transformative Results

Over 20 hectares of degraded land have been restored through reforestation and "peace" gardens that act as natural carbon sinks, enhancing soil fertility and water retention.

By using Indigenous agroforestry techniques, women reduce dependence on fossil fuels and chemical fertilizers, lowering carbon footprints.

Over 10,000 community members have been reached through storytelling and awareness campaigns promoting peace and ecological resilience.

Digital storytelling and multimedia materials are shared through online platforms and community networks to inspire replication nationwide.

By reducing conflict and forced migration, women and youth are able to remain on their ancestral lands in safety and dignity.

Women's participation in local peace committees has increased by 30% across five communities.

More than 500 women have been trained as peace and climate champions, strengthening their advocacy and leadership.

Activities are scheduled flexibly to fit women's daily routines, ensuring meaningful participation.



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From Delta to Upper Egypt: Women-Led Climate Action through Agricultural Waste Reduction

Description of the Project

Across Egypt's Nile Delta and Upper Egypt, women are becoming leading agents of change in the national climate action movement. *From Delta to Upper Egypt* supports more than 200 local women activists with the tools, knowledge, and platforms to address climate change in their communities. Through local climate labs and dialogues with local

authorities, this solution fosters women's leadership in agro-ecology, sustainable water use, green entrepreneurship, and environmental justice. By combining grassroots mobilization, intergenerational learning, and policy advocacy, the initiative builds inclusive resilience in communities most vulnerable to water scarcity, soil degradation, and extreme heat.

Transformative Results

Over 30 tonnes of crop residues have been diverted from burning, preventing an estimated 50–60 tonnes of CO₂ equivalent emissions.

Composting and mulching techniques increase soil fertility and water retention, improving crop yields by up to 25% and reducing irrigation needs by 20% in pilot fields.

Women-led cooperatives generate new income from recycled agri-waste products, compensating for climate-induced crop failures and building household financial resilience.

Composting units, biochar stoves, and cooperative structures are designed to be affordable, accessible, and easily replicated across rural Egypt and the wider MENA region.

A training-of-trainers model and Arabic digital toolkits enable replication through peer education and WhatsApp-based knowledge sharing.

By linking agricultural waste reuse with food security, women's livelihoods, clean air, and soil health, the project offers a holistic and replicable framework for inclusive, climate-resilient development.

200 women gain technical skills in agri-waste valorization, entrepreneurship, and climate advocacy, shifting them into roles as active environmental problem-solvers and leaders.

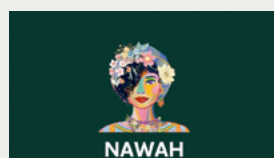
25 women now co-lead village climate committees, shaping local adaptation plans and submitting gender-responsive policy briefs to municipal councils.

Three women-led cooperatives have formally registered and begun cross-village collaborations.



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Awesome Blossoms: Scaling Hydroponic Farming through Land Ownership in Kenya

Description of the Project

Awesome Blossoms, a social enterprise of Safe Spaces in Nairobi, is transforming rooftops and schoolyards into hubs of sustainable food production. By introducing hydroponic urban farming, the initiative supports women and youth in informal settlements to produce fresh vegetables in water and land-efficient systems, addressing both climate resilience and food security. After

establishing three successful school-based farms, the organisation is now acquiring land to create a demonstration farm and centre of expertise. This new hub will feature vertical hydroponic gardens, training, and consulting services, scaling climate-smart, low-emission agriculture across urban food deserts. Revenues will be reinvested in Safe Spaces' education programmes for girls in Mathare.

Transformative Results

Hydroponic systems use 80% less water than soil-based farming, which is critical in drought-prone Nairobi.

Producing food close to consumers reduces transport-related emissions and food waste.

Organic nutrients and bio-pesticides prevent contamination, safeguarding local ecosystems.

The modular hydroponic model can be replicated across urban slums, adapting to diverse local conditions.

A "train the trainer" model ensures knowledge transfer and multiple community impacts.

Profits are reinvested into expanding farms and supporting education, creating long-term sustainability.

Women are trained in hydroponics, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy, enhancing their skills and confidence.

Female micro-entrepreneurs gain income and decision-making power within their households and communities.

Young women are mobilized as peer educators and agribusiness leaders.



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