



# Women for Sustainable Economies

Just and Equitable Transitions

## FACTS

- ▶ The gendered-division of labour often limits women's access to job opportunities linked with transitioning economies, especially in the science and technology fields.
- ▶ Market-based economies do not recognize nor value women's burden in assuming an essential "care role": ensuring domestic tasks, food security, health, social and childcare services.
- ▶ Women's knowledge and ability to implement sustainable and resilient development models is underestimated and lacks financial or political support.

## MAIN CHALLENGES

- ▶ The transition to low-carbon economies must respond to social challenges.
- ▶ Gender equality must be central to the concept of a "just transition".
- ▶ Local, fair and sustainable economies based on the preservation of ecosystems and traditional knowledge are key for just transitions.



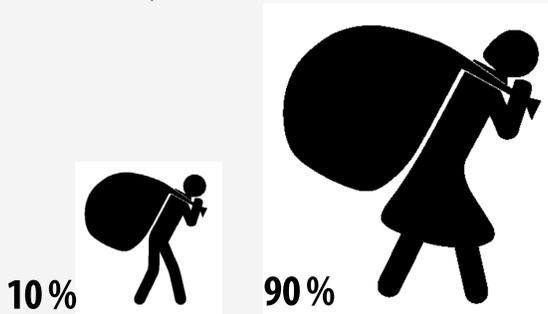
Local markets create revenues for women



Women washing clothes in a river

### Women bear the burden of care-work

90% of care services in the Global South are ensured by women



FAO, The State of Food and Agriculture, 2010-2011 - Women in Agriculture

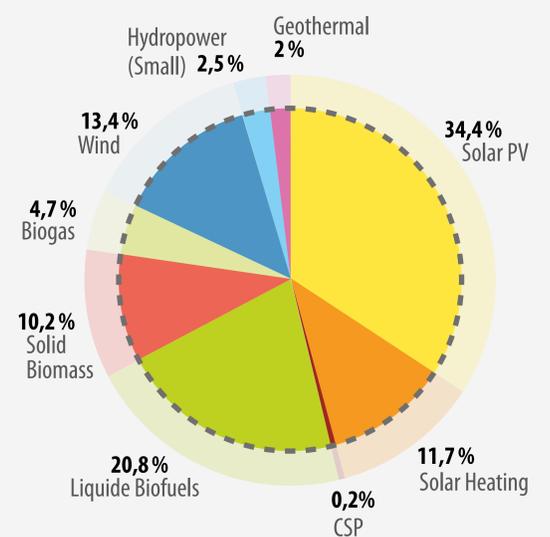


**15-50%**

**Gender Pay Gap: women earn 15 - 50% less than men**

- ▶ Promote gender-just transitions towards sustainable and localized economies, that deliver decent work for all, value the unpaid care work, and redistribute resources and power equitably.
- ▶ Re-think the value of labour and the social benefits of increasing non-work time, growth of community, expansion of the commons and enhanced democratic engagement.
- ▶ Strengthen the place of women in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) academic fields.
- ▶ Promote systemic shifts in global economic governance towards circular economies, sustainable business models such as agro ecology, microbusinesses, cooperatives, as well as reforms in national fiscal and monetary policies.

### 8.1 million jobs in the RE sector for men and women? Million jobs by sector (RE) worldwide in 2015



IRENA, Renewable Energy and Jobs, Annual Review 2016

## RECOMMENDATIONS