COP25 official side event: Gender Just Climate Solutions annual Award ceremony & publication launch.

2019 Awards winners, civil society representatives of the Women & Gender Constituency (WGC). Keynote speakers include: Svenja Schulze, Federal Minister of the Environment, BMU (TBC); Dr. Maria Flachsbarth, Parliamentary State Secretary, BMZ, Germany; Hajia Alima Mahama, Minister of local Government and rural Development, Ghana (TBC); Teresa Ribera, Minister of the Environment of Spain; Minister from Scotland (TBC); Fekitamoeloa Katoa ‘Utoikamanu, representative of LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS; Rita Mishaan, Chair of the PCCB, Dr. Rose Mwebaza, CTCN Director.

Media are welcome to attend the event. UN Media accreditation is required. If you are interested in interviewing the participants, please contact the media contacts below.

Members states come together to discuss their climate action commitments during UNFCCC’s 25th Conference of Parties; held in Madrid.

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WHY

The relocation of the COP25 from Chile to Madrid will prevent South American and other grassroots' and civil society's participation in the climate negotiations. A transition to green economies needs to be just and put human rights at the heart of policies and programmes tackling climate chaos. It is more important than ever to ensure climate policies are made by the people for the people.

Radical action is what the Women and Gender Constituency has been demanding for years. The Gender Just Climate Solutions Award, aims to do just this. It brings together environmental defenders from around the world who use a gender equality and women’s rights approach when implementing the Paris Agreement to fight our climate crisis.

We are proud to show that relevant gender just climate solutions are already happening around the world. They aim for transformative, inclusive development models and help to rethink growth. With real commitments from governments, e.g. in terms of finance and technology, we can upscale these inclusive solutions to have a significant impact, not only locally but also on the global level.

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ABOUT VENUE

PCCB HUB - Created in 2015, the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) addresses current and emerging gaps and needs in implementing and further enhancing capacity-building in developing countries. PCCB has since COP24 established a hub to provide training at the climate negotiations.

PRIZE

Each winner will receive a seed grant of 2,000 Euros. There are three solutions categories:
1) technical;
2) non-technical;
3) transformational.

Travel support for one representative to attend the awards ceremony held at COP25 in Madrid, December 2019.

Mentoring activities and skills training workshop organised by CTCN, WECF and WGC members during COP25.

Being featured in our publication, booth and exhibitions together with 20 other shortlisted candidates and 8 WGC projects.

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ORGANIZERS & PARTNERS

Women and Gender Constituency - womengenderclimate.org
A coalition of 29 NGOs established in 2009; was recognised as official observer by the UNFCCC Secretariat in 2011. Demanding full realisation of women’s rights, gender justice and environmental protection throughout all UNFCCC processes and Agenda 2030.

Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF) - wecf.org
An ecofeminist network with 150 organisation active in 50 countries working from local to global. Aims at strengthening women’s capacity while advocating for gender equality and a sustainable world. A founding member of the WGC.

Women’s Environment & Development Organization (WEDO) - wedo.org
A global women’s advocacy organization working for a just world that promotes and protects human rights, gender equality, and the integrity of the environment.

French Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MEAE) - diplomatie.gouv.fr
MEAE designs and implements France’s foreign policy, contributes to the organization of a globalization that guarantees a sustainable and balanced development of the planet, and acts in favor of peace, security and human rights.

Agence française de développement (AFD) - www.afd.fr
Public institution implementing France’s international development and solidarity policy. The teams are engaged in more than 4,000 projects having a positive social and environmental impact and responding to climate, biodiversity, peace, education, urbanism, health and governance challenges in 115 countries and French Overseas territories. AFD is part of France’s and French people’s contribution to the SDGs.

Fondation RAJA-Danièle Marcovici - www.fondation-raja-marcovici.com
Committed to the emancipation of girls and women all over the world, the Foundation supports associative projects in education and social action, training and professional insertion, the fight against violence and the defence of women’s rights and the protection of the environment. Since its creation in 2006, the Foundation has co-financed 447 projects in 54 countries for more than 90,000 women, with a budget of 9 million euros.

Climate Technology Centre & Network (CTCN) - www.ctc-n.org
A UNFCCC body promoting the accelerated transfer of environmentally sound technologies for low carbon and climate resilient development which provides technology solutions and capacity building and is co-hosted by UN Environment and UNIDO.

Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) - www.giz.de
GIZ is a public-benefit federal enterprise with worldwide operations. GIZ supports the German Government in the field of international cooperation for sustainable development. GIZ is also engaged in international education activities around the globe. GIZ works with its partners to develop effective solutions that offer people better prospects and sustainably improve their living conditions.

European Union - ec.europa.eu/europeaid
Supporting the award through #women2030; a programme led by WECF, working towards a gender just realisation of the SDGs.

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