

# GENDER JUST CLIMATE SOLUTIONS



## AWARD CEREMONY

### WHAT

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

### WHO

2019 Awards winners, civil society representatives of the Women & Gender Constituency (WGC). Keynote speakers include: Barbara Creecy, Minister of the Environment, South Africa (TBC); Dr. Maria Flachsbarth, Parliamentary State Secretary, BMZ, Germany; Kirsty Berge Director of Energy and Climate, Scotland; Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu, representative of LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS; Rita Mishaan, Chair of the PCCB, Dr. Rose Mwebaza, CTCN Director.

### MEDIA

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.



### WHEN

9 December 2019  
at 2:45 to 4:15 PM



### WHERE

Capacity-Building Hub  
(PCCB), IFEMA, Feria  
de Madrid, COP25

**140**  
applicants

**64**  
countries

**3**  
winners

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## ABOUT THE AWARD

Launched by the Women and Gender Constituency in 2015, the Gender Just Climate Solutions Award honours the fundamental contribution of women in the fight against climate chaos and demonstrates the necessity to integrate gender equality in all climate policies. Women are still underrepresented in consultation and decision bodies at all levels, especially local and indigenous women, who are the bearers of ancestral knowledge that can contribute to appropriate mitigation and adaptation strategies. But instead of being heard, these women are often sidelined and even threatened for speaking up for their rights. The awards highlight technical solutions, participatory approaches, citizens' based initiatives and transformational solutions that can bring about the type of ambition we need in climate action. It will inspire politicians and financiers to develop more effective and more inclusive climate strategies.

## WINNER CATEGORIES

- **Technical Climate Solutions** - with a women's rights or gender equality perspective (e.g. in area of renewables, water-saving adaptation technologies)
- **Non-Technical Climate Solutions** - with a women's rights or gender perspective (e.g. in area of efficiency, consumption changes)
- **Transformational Climate Initiatives** - with a women's rights or gender perspective (e.g. addressing governance, institutional change, planning processes)

## HOW TO APPLY

- **Who** - all types of activist, grassroots and women-led organizations and groups working on issues related to climate change and gender are encouraged to apply. Governments or public institutions cannot apply.
- **What** - the action or initiative must focus on sustainably responding to the climate emergency, as well as addressing gender equality as a central component.
- **When** - applications are received each year between end of June and beginning of September.

## PRIZE



Each winner will receive a seed grant of 2,000 Euros.



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.

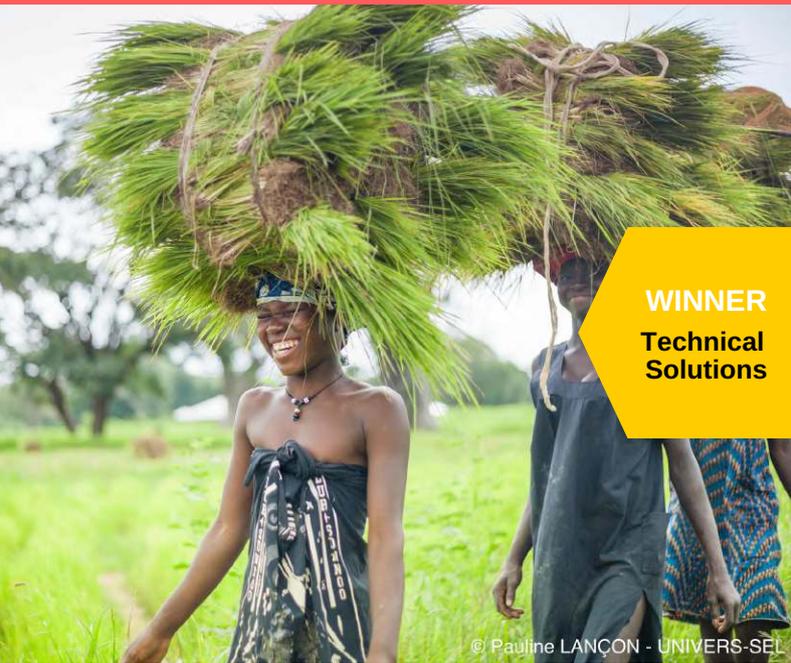


Being featured in our publication, booth and exhibitions together with 20 other shortlisted candidates and 8 WGC projects.



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**WINNER**  
**Technical Solutions**

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**Guinea-Bissau, France** - This project improves the lives of women and communities in the mangroves of Guinea-Bissau, through sustainable use of space, energy and natural resources. 2000 family farms, 75% of which are managed by women, have adopted sustainable salt collection and rice production methods, with solar energy and reduced water consumption. Thanks to the sharing of ancestral know-how and innovative techniques and capacity-building activities, women producers contribute to structure and develop the salt and rice value chain in the mangroves. 1500 women and 500 men have gained in autonomy through increased revenues and their integration into the local economy, while adapting to the impacts of climate change.

## ENDA COLOMBIA

**Colombia** - Started in 2012, this initiative shows the way for gender-responsive urban policies, addressing the challenges of solid waste management in the poor suburbs of the capital of Bogota. 26 women waste pickers have accessed a decent job and are recycling over 30 tons of paper and 12 tons of plastic annually in these suburbs. 3520 citizens are involved in participatory planning, urban gardening, cultural and artistic activities and the creation of 'Bankomunal' - a community savings and credit initiative for women who do not have access to formal banking. Trainings gender inequalities and masculinities, local public policies and citizen's participation, allows beneficiaries to exercise their democratic rights to protect their cultural heritage, contributing to the peace process in Colombia.



**WINNER**  
**Non-Technical Solutions**

## CAMEROON GENDER AND ENVIRONMENT WATCH (CAMGEW)

**Cameroon** - CAMGEW engages local and ethnic women in sustainable forest management, while enhancing their human rights and transforming patriarchal gender relations in the forest communities. Cooperating with Oku local authorities and the government of Cameroon, CAMGEW gives women the opportunity to assume leadership positions of forest institutions and stakeholder platforms. They provide a broad range of trainings to over 2000 people: environmental education for schools and adults, bee farming, agroforestry and organic farming, livestock breeding and biogas production, entrepreneurship skills with financial assistance. CAMGEW helps 800 young women fight domestic violence through counseling on their rights, business opportunities and community sensitization to counter early marriages.



**WINNER**  
**Transformational Solutions**



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## THE START OF SOMETHING GREAT!

Winners from previous years are already up-scaling their initiatives thanks to networking and mentoring support provided by WECF, the WGC and the CTCN. In Morocco two solar energy cooperatives are in the process of being created by women technicians; in the DRC, laws affirming land tenure rights for women have been signed in 7 provinces; and from India the success of a specific and affordable rain water harvesting technology, doubling crop yields, is exported to Bangladesh, Vietnam and Ghana.

### Mentoring programme to scale-up

WECF, supported by the Climate Technology Centre & Network (CTCN), and national development institutions, is inviting 14 award winners to its annual 2-day workshop during COP, to share experiences and expertise on climate technology and finance mechanisms, as well as on how to expand and grow their exemplary initiatives. This networking and mentoring programme aims to positively impact national climate policies by contributing outstanding gender-responsive actions.



“If gender is effectively integrated into climate actions, the outcomes are more impactful, equitable and sustainable for all. Through this mentoring programme, CTCN, WECF and the WGC aim to contribute to the ambitious and inclusive implementation of the Paris Agreement.  
**Karina Kolbrún Larsen, Gender Lead / Knowledge & Communications Manager**”



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## CAMPAIGNS



### #FeministsWantSystemChange

We are fighting discriminatory intersecting structures of inequality in our societies. We need a "system change" away from extractive and exploitative schemes to social justice. This is our main hashtag for COP25, and is also linked to the #Beijing25 process.

### #WomenClimateJustice

WGC provides a space for women and non-binary persons to raise their voices on issues of women's rights, gender equality within the UNFCCC policy framework. Get our member's latest updates by following this #.

### #OurSolutions

This campaign is tied to the gender just climate solutions award and it highlights the work women already do to challenge/transform gender roles and fight climate change.

### #ActOnTheGap

We are demanding a robust GAP that moves beyond gender pink-washing. Follow this hashtag on Twitter for the latest updates on our work to ensure the adoption of a second GAP responding to women's priorities and needs.



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## FEMINIST KEY DEMANDS FOR COP25

The Women & Gender Constituency demands Parties to:

- Deliver on a 5-year Lima Work Programme on Gender with a robust Gender Action Plan;
- Deliver on ambition, including finance;
- Effectively address loss and damage and climate-induced migrations;
- Place communities over markets;
- Preserve the ocean;
- Ensure gender responsive action under the Koroniva Joint Work on Agriculture;
- Effectively launch implementation of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP);
- Ensure human rights-based and gender-just climate action;
- Create a just and equitable transition for all;
- Ensure climate 'solutions' are gender-just;
- Promote health, including sexual and reproductive health and rights;
- Break free from fossil fuels and unsafe energy systems;
- Move the money from war and dirty energy to social and environmental solutions;
- Listen to people, not profit;
- Promote energy democracy;
- Protect ecological food systems;
- Be led by ecosystem-based approaches;
- Declare Geo-engineering and BECCS as 'No-Go';
- Make fisheries and aquaculture sustainable;
- Know that water is life. The Women and Gender Constituency

## BRIEF HISTORY

Gender equality in climate negotiations

The first decisions relating to gender equality and participation of women was taken in 2001. In Bali, 2010, the Parties adopted several decisions integrating a gender dimension in finance, adaptation and capacity building. Sending out a strong message that for effective climate actions, we must ensure gender equality and participation of women. The Parties, supported by CSOs and UN agencies, have since then included gender equality considerations in nearly all thematic areas of the adopted UNFCCC decisions. This includes the notable Doha decision 23/CP.18 in 2012 linked to parity and participation for women; the launch of the Lima Work Programme on Gender (LWPG); the preamble of the Paris Agreement and its articles 7 and 11 on adaptation and capacity building; the adoption of the first Gender Action Plan focusing particularly on capacity-building.

Despite all these decisions, gender inequalities, often reinforced by climate change impacts, are rarely and poorly evaluated and the specific needs of women remain to be considered insufficiently in the elaboration, the planning and the financing of climate policies.



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## GENDER ACTION PLAN (GAP)

### Feminist demand a strong second Gender Action Plan and expanded Lima Work Program resulting from COP25

- Step-change in capacity for implementation of gender-responsive climate policy development, delivery and reporting at national level, particularly via gender budgeting in climate programming.
- Increased availability of sex and gender disaggregated data and analysis at all levels, looking at both the impacts of climate change as well as the impacts of climate change policies and actions. Analysis should include data based on local and traditional knowledge, including women's traditional knowledge.
- Meeting the goal of gender balance in all aspects of climate change policy-making, on delegations, boards and bodies of the UNFCCC as well as at regional and national level, and ensuring the full and effective participation of local, grassroots and indigenous women in these spaces.
- A goal of 100% gender-responsive climate finance and other means of implementation, including ensuring environmentally and socially sound technology transfer and development.
- Financing the gender action plan: The WGC stresses that developed country Governments must urgently commit resources to the specific activities indicated under the GAP, both ensuring necessary resources for the UNFCCC gender focal points and prioritizing gender-related climate activities in major funding initiatives and plans.

## GENDER MANDATES

- **2001**  
COP7: Decision 36/CP.7 & Gender in NAPAs
- **2010**  
COP16: Gender in Cancun Agreements
- **2011**  
COP17: Gender in GCF Operational Guidelines
- **2012**  
COP18: Decision 23/CP.18
- **2014**  
COP20: Decision 18/CP.20
- **2015**  
COP21: Gender in Paris Agreement
- **2016**  
COP22: Decision 21/CP.22
- **2017**  
COP23: Adoption of GAP

**2019**  
**COP25: new Gender Action Plan**



# MEDIA ADVISORY

## ORGANIZERS & PARTNERS

### Women and Gender Constituency - [womengenderclimate.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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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