About us

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 34 women’s and environmental civil society organizations, 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 organizations, represents hundreds and thousands of people across the globe, with advocates from over 90 countries.
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 organizations 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 space 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 emphasizes 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.

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 non-legally binding international treaty. The convention provided a new framework through which nations could work together to agree on limiting emissions of greenhouse gases, 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 organizations 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 organizations they represent: businesses and industry organizations; environmental organizations; local and municipal authorities; trade unions; research and independent organizations; and organizations that work for the rights of indigenous people; young people; agricultural workers; and women and gender equality.

Gina Cortés Valderrama, WECF; Lilian Gregorio, Fundacion Plurales at COP26, Glasgow
**Our Gender Just Climate Solutions Awards**

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!

**SELECTION 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. Empowers 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

**With special thanks to our jury members:**

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

- **Technical Solutions**
- **Non-Technical Solutions**
- **Transformational Solutions**

We received 259 applications. The selection process was based on the following criteria:

**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.**

Andrea Monzon, Todos Juntos, receives award from Abdou Karim Sall, Min. of Environment of Senegal
Description of the project:
In the village of Kelizio, Togo, women build on the production of shea butter to strengthen their economic autonomy. 50 shea butter producers decided to install a photovoltaic (PV) solar plant to power their mill. They are decarbonizing their product processing and strengthening the sustainability of this sector. They invested in individual improved stoves, further reducing their dependence on fossil fuels and biomass. The 8 KWh PV plant will also provide electricity to the 1,600 inhabitants of the village. This community-led project promotes a comprehensive approach, integrating the organic and fair-trade labeling of shea products (Fair For Life and EOS Ecocert).

TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES

Climate impact
- Emissions reduction via the installation of a solar mill (6 t GHG/Y) and 15 improved stoves (60 t GHG/Y).
- Electrification of isolated and underserved rural areas.
- Forest conservation to reduce drought and flooding risks – and preserve biodiversity.

Gender impact
- Women’s economic empowerment via capacity building on organizational and economic management, product labeling.
- Creation of a woman-led Togolese enterprise.
- Improving women’s working conditions: reducing air pollution and drudgery.

Scalability / replicability
- Community development approach, identification of needs by the beneficiaries, co-construction.
- Trusting relationship and strong links among the different partners.
- Collaboration with local enterprises.

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Women revolutionizing the shea butter sector

Description of the project:
This project empowers vulnerable communities in Lebanon with a focus on women, youth, refugees, and other underserved individuals to implement local climate solutions. The Green Circles initiative offers education, training, and work experience on circular economy via collaborative, community-led programs. Complementary, the RISE2030 program focuses on empowering women and youth to build capacities and improve living conditions through access to technical training and employment. RISE2030 launched the first all-woman solar team in Lebanon thereby challenging gender stereotypes in the male-dominated construction sector that has less than 1% of female representation.

TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES

Climate impact
- Design and installation of on-grid solar photovoltaic systems to meet 100% of daily needs.
- Promoting circular economy via the creation of 2,000 jobs indirectly benefiting over 35,000 people.
- Focus on waste recycling and management facilities, wastewater treatment plants, and public gardens.

Gender impact
- RISE2030 changed the quota of women in construction projects from 5% in 2018 to 30% in 2022.
- Green Circles, with 80% female participation, empowers women in the circular economy sector.

Scalability / replicability
- Series of replicable training programs conducted across Lebanon.
- Small grants enable women to grow and start their own circular small businesses.

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Sustain The World
Cultivating aquaponics, women’s entrepreneurship and leadership in STEMs

Description of the project:
In 2019, Action for Youth and the Environment (AYE) trained 300 women throughout the Datcheka, Guidiguis, Tchatibali, and Maroua communities in Northern Cameroon to grow organic foods using innovative, climate adapted farming methods. The project taught young women and girls to use hydroponic and aquaponic growth systems to challenge food insecurity and create economic opportunities in drought affected areas. Additionally, AYE trained 1,000 primary and secondary school girls in practical STEM activities, equipping them with skills in entrepreneurship and food-production.

Transformative Outcomes
- Climate impact: Producing and selling fish as well as harvesting crops supports climate adaptation in rural areas affected by droughts.
- Gender impact: Cultural shifts in the community engage women as stakeholders with technical entrepreneurship roles in building and operating hydroponic systems.
- Scalability / replicability: Workshops and training can be replicated and extended to regions facing terrorist and environmental threats.

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YEST-IN – sustainable economic empowerment through mushroom and biogas production

Description of the project:
In the Northwest and Southwest of Cameroon, rice husk and corn straw is usually burnt for cooking and heating, resulting in toxic gas emissions. YEST-IN launched a sustainable development project in 2019 using rice and corn straw to grow mushrooms to feed the local demand and produce biogas for fuel. The primary beneficiaries are 2000 women and 850 young men from Fako and Bafut districts, trained as mushroom producers and vendors. YEST-IN mushrooms empower women and youth to cut emissions while boosting the local economy and promoting nutrient rich diets in the villages.

Transformative Outcomes
- Climate impact: Farm waste for mushroom production reduces toxic gas emissions by 30%.
- Gender impact: Income generation for women, helping them and their households out of poverty.
- Scalability / replicability: Protein-rich mushrooms have become a popular local substitute for meat in the target regions.

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Women and youth restore their ecosystems in Wadi Rum, Jordan

Description of the project:

WADI NGO developed a scientific and sustainable ecosystem restoration model linking biodiversity and watershed restoration to ecotourism-based income generation for women and youth. The NGO works closely with the Dissi Women's Cooperative which operates native tree nurseries (Aleppo pine, Carob and Atriplex shrubs) employing Bedouin women. WADI has trained 43 local women to become “citizen scientists”, to cultivate native species, prevent soil erosion and support groundwater recharge. By creating permanent and seasonal job opportunities with equal access for women and men, this project promotes social inclusion, and environmentally conscious practices.

TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES

Climate impact
- Out planting processes mitigate the impact of climate change and raise public awareness.
- Native seedling growing and propagation restores degraded ecosystems.
- Watershed conservation and installation of efficient irrigation systems reduce water consumption by 2/3 in a semi-arid area.

Gender impact
- Women acquire technical and leadership skills.
- Promotes social behavioural change in families and communities-at-large.
- Women involved in consultations and design choices at local and national levels.

Scalability / replicability
- Partnership with the International Center for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas (ICARDA) to optimize seedling process and the value-chain of propagated iconic plant species.
- Replicates best practices for biodiversity conservation and social inclusion throughout Jordan and in other countries.
- Participatory approach fosters the engagement of local communities and ensures sustainability of the action.

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Climate resilient, water protecting sanitation solution in Moldov

Description of the project:

Since 2020, Women in Sustainable Development Moldova implement a climate resilient ecological sanitation model to treat grey and black water in the rural school of “Mihai Eminescu” in Slobozia Mare. Sanitized urine is distributed through an automatic pumping and drip irrigation system to a garden of decorative plants, while the fecal waste is treated via vermicomposting and used as soil fertilizer. This EcoSan model is located in the biosphere nature reserve “Prutul de Jos” in South Moldova. It engages 414 school pupils, teachers and school staff in exemplary water source protecting and climate adaptation activities with a long-lasting positive impact on the degraded ecosystem.

TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES

Climate impact
- The EcoSan treatment with Lactic Acid Fermentation (LAF) reduces emissions of several GHGs: CO2 by 20 %, CH4 by up to 93 % and H2S by over 50 %.
- Water source protection and water saving technology.
- Soil enrichment in a degraded ecosystem.

Gender impact
- Girls’ access to school is ensured by the provision of safe and clean sanitation facilities.
- 124 female pupils, teachers and technical staff are trained in operating, monitoring and evaluating the EcoSan utilities.
- Women’s workload is alleviated via the automatic pumping and irrigation system while female technical staff remain in control of maintaining the system.

Scalability / replicability
- Simple technology that can be easily replicated in other schools and by local farmers.
- Exemplary initiative implemented in the Lower Prut Biosphere Reserve connected to the UNESCO World network of Biosphere Reserves.

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Innovative financing technology boosting gender just energy transition in Nigeria

Description of the project:
Household cooking sector is the largest consumer of energy in Nigeria, with 80–90% of them using biomass, particularly fuel wood. This causes GHG emissions and air pollution. In a bid to mitigate this, RUWES in partnership with Nexleaf Analytics, identified clean and affordable cookstoves to close the gap in this sector. Women energy entrepreneurs were trained to use innovative technologies and financing schemes. This ‘Sensor-enabled Climate Financing (SCF)’ introduced the use of new scalable mechanisms to fund and deploy clean cookstoves in rural communities.

TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES

Climate impact
- Black Carbon (BC) reductions in up to 100 households, reaching up to 245 tons of CO₂ eq. emission reduction for the BC component.
- Reducing indoor air pollution for households.
- Strengthened skilled technicians and entrepreneurs in the renewable energy sector.

Gender impact
- Capacity building of rural women on energy technologies, entrepreneurial skills and financing mechanisms.
- Sustainable income generation for women via energy-related services.
- Improved women’s participation in decision-making about energy.

Scalability / replicability
- Reduction of upfront costs, through microfinancing options to ease burden of payment by low-income women.
- Train-of-Trainers allowing beneficiaries to take ownership of the program.
- Development of an ‘energy entrepreneur kit’ to sell, install, evaluate equipment and provide after-sales service to cookstove end users.

Description of the project:
The Gender and Environment Data Alliance (GEDA) aims to improve availability, accessibility, understanding, and application of quality and robust data and information at the gender and environment nexus. By compiling and amplifying existing gender data and research and identifying gaps, GEDA supports gender-just and evidence-based environment and climate action that meets the needs of all people in all their diversity. As a membership alliance, GEDA serves as a hub for diverse organizations working on the intersection of gender and environment through a data lens.

TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES

Climate impact
- Improves accessibility, methods, and application of robust gender-environment data to inform climate policy.
- Advances climate action by catalyzing and scaling the analysis and use of gender-disaggregated data and intersectional analysis.

Gender impact
- Strengthens the gender mandate of climate processes by influencing norms of data generation, synthesis and analysis, by expanding definitions and representation.
- Promotes gender equality in climate and environment through trainings and programs guided by feminist, participatory action research methods.
- Supports enabling conditions for gender-environment data collection, analysis and application, including through providing small grants.

Scalability / replicability
- Presents tools, frameworks, and approaches to advance systemic, gender-transformative shifts in policy, programming, financing, and planning.
- Will support a cohort of international fellows to build long-term analysis and capacity at the intersection of gender and environment.
- Strengthens capacity of statistical bureaus and policy-makers to use and apply non-traditional data, including feminist participatory action research.

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Non Technical Solutions
Description of the project:
The Sindh Community Foundation uses a Feminist Participatory Action Research (FPAR) approach to support the demands of women agriculture workers — particularly cotton pickers — for better working conditions and health services in response to rising temperatures. Located in the Matiāri District of Pakistan, the foundation developed an innovative advocacy strategy linking social and climate justice. Goals are to strengthen climate adaptation measures, establish a training program for 100 women agricultural workers on climate awareness, climate justice and labour rights protection, and ultimately to push policy-makers to implement the Sindh Agriculture Women’s Protection Act of 2020.

TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES

**Climate impact**
- Data collection and analysis on the differentiated effects of climate change on women’s health.
- Building advocacy skills on climate justice and climate adaptation.

**Gender impact**
- Consolidation of women workers’ Union for collective demands on women’s labour rights and health protection.
- Ministries of agriculture and women’s rights committed to support The Sindh Agriculture Women Protection Act and link it to Pakistan’s NDC.
- Awareness raising about the living conditions of women cotton pickers.

**Scalability / replicability**
- Community workshops on climate resilience and climate justice expanded to other areas and sectors (tree growers).
- Outreach campaigns to national policymakers and climate organizations via media outlets and press conferences.
- Partnerships with 7 other women trade unions in the area.

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Advancing the labor rights of women cotton pickers in Pakistan

Gender-transformative urban development model in Lima

Description of the project:
In the underprivileged district “La Ensenada de Chillon” in the north of Lima, women from the neighbourhood trained as bricklayers have built earth walls along the hillside to develop community-based urban gardens. Grey water from the houses is used for irrigation. The terracing—benefiting more than 40,000 residents—has made homes and roads more solid and resistant to earthquakes and heavy rains. 5,000 square meters of gardens are transforming crime-prone wastelands into productive green spaces, reducing gender-based violence and fights among youth. Plants absorb toxic emissions, improve air and life quality, and contribute to food security.

TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES

**Climate impact**
- Earthquake and landslide prevention in a mountainous area.
- Green areas limit temperature rise and reduce air pollution.
- Urban gardening strengthens food security.

**Gender impact**
- Women access technical training and local jobs in a male dominated sector.
- Women bricklayers became role models for young girls and the entire community.
- Long-term reduction of gender based violence.

**Scalability / replicability**
- Long-term partnerships with university institutions, NGOs, local governments.
- Holistic, participatory approach, with literacy classes, psychological support, discussion groups, ensuring community ownership.
- Planning to spinoff to neighbor communities in the area.
La Crisálida: a miraculous utopia to generate alternative, resilient social models

Description of the project:
La Crisálida Comuna is a socio-productive project led by women who thrive to generate new alternatives for living, interacting, producing, and consuming, built on a feminist, educative and environmental approach. Involving around 300 women farmers, they carry out agro-ecological community gardening to grow organic vegetables transformed in sauces and pickles; they initiate waste collection and up-cycling to build solar collectors. These activities serve as initiators to hold group discussions on sexual rights education, allowing women to plan and conduct community actions to protect their environment.

TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES

Climate impact
Creation of agroecological community gardens banning the use of agrotoxics or pesticides.
Waste collection with a circular economy approach, up-cycling for the manufacture of solar collectors, reducing energy consumption by up to 70%.
Strengthening food security through the collective management of community gardens and the production of health-beneficial water Kefir.

Gender impact
Balanced division of tasks and responsibilities among the participating women using a collaborative work scheme that ensures long term sustainability.
Creation of childcare spaces to allow time for women to actively participate in the different projects.
Promotion of women’s leadership through training, literacy, and access to education.

Scalability / replicability
Creation of cooperation networks for the productive activities across the region.
Dissemination of knowledge, experiences and lessons learned via talks, trainings, and forums that foster replication.

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Grassroots women-led climate information learning centre

Description of the project:
In the arid rangelands of Kajiado County, Kenya, the Rural Women Network supports locally led initiatives with agro-pastoral communities to conduct climate adaptive agriculture for resilient livelihoods. A climate information learning centre was established after consulting 40 local group leaders. Over 600 Maasai women organized in self-help groups have been trained via farmer-field-school (FFS) on climate adaptive crop agriculture, poultry breeding and bee-farming, improving the livelihoods of 2,805 community members. This project launched a trainer-of-farmers programme, benefitting 24 trainers. The locally led learning centre is operating 11 raised bed nurseries, 7 conical and 10 sunken bed gardens.

TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES

Climate impact
Growing farm forests for sustainable carbon sequestration.
Introduces household level water harvesting and water saving techniques.
Promotes locally adapted mitigation and adaptation solutions embedded in community ownership, and human capacity.

Gender impact
Women become equal decision makers in food and nutrition to benefit the whole community.
Women’s workload is decreased by promoting sustainable agriculture in the home.
Education and training give women confidence to become leaders.

Scalability / replicability
Climate-resilient livelihood methodologies provide locally based solutions to alleviate famine.
Learning centre demonstrate local, innovative technologies and management practices that can be replicated.
Entire communities promote agroforestry and water harvesting techniques, food security, leadership and good governance.

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“Emthonjeni” – Come to the wellspring: African girls bringing change in rural communities

Description of the project:
The Women’s Leadership and Training Programme addresses the needs of traditional, historically disempowered communities in rural South Africa. They foster a holistic development of girls around issues of traditional, historically disempowered communities in rural South Africa. They recognize and value differences so that women can fully exercise their rights and connect them with the defence of their land, water, local products, and food sovereignty. Rural grassroots, peasants and indigenous women of the American Chaco implement local climate mitigation and adaptation, as well biodiversity conservation actions and build bridges to break isolation.

TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES

**Climate impact**
- Promoting Indigenous knowledge on climate adapted heirloom seeds.
- Re-planting endemic tree species.
- Engaging communities in water and land conservation issues.

**Gender impact**
- Learning to analyse patriarchal cultural practices and challenging gender norms.
- Strengthening girls’ self-esteem and developing leadership attitudes.
- Fostering girls’ environmental and cultural education.

**Scalability / replicability**
- Creating a multiplier effect via train of trainer’s model expanding to other communities.
- Training for Transformation (TFT) programme with online manuals and resources disseminated locally and globally.
- Engaging girls in provincial and national water forums, NGO networks and climate change advocacy towards governments.

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Gender equality for a better life in the Gran ChacoAmericano

Description of the project:
Using a gender and intersectional lens, the collective of indigenous women of the Tri-national Chaco promotes inclusive, fair, and healthy territories for young people, women, and the elderly in all their diversity. They recognize and value differences so that women can fully exercise their rights and connect them with the defence of their land, water, local products, and food sovereignty. Rural grassroots, peasants and indigenous women of the American Chaco implement local climate mitigation and adaptation, as well biodiversity conservation actions and build bridges to break isolation.

TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES

**Climate impact**
- Rainwater collection (building cisterns) and rainfall monitoring.
- Climate mitigation via multiple actions: use of clean energy, cycling, car sharing, tree planting and composting.
- Promoting reforestation with native plants and crop diversification.

**Gender impact**
- Alleviating women’s burden of domestic chores via a redistribution of tasks in or around the household.
- Intergenerational trainings on gender rights fostering new narratives to empower women and youth.
- Strengthening leadership skills, self-confidence and trusting ties with other organizations.

**Scalability / replicability**
- Disseminating ‘Research, Action, Mediation’ methodology for appropriate and meaningful responses in difficult contexts.
- Exchange of local experiences with the Chaco Women’s Collective, Chaco Networks, and broader networks.
- Sharing and replicating experiences on interculturality and intersectionality from the Network “Feminisms in Dialogue”.

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Menstruation is not a luxury

Description of the project:
In North Macedonia, 90% of girls in rural areas and 75% in cities miss school 2-5 days/month due to excessive cost of menstruation products and inadequate sanitation facilities. To tackle menstrual poverty, JHR Skopje trained 5,000 women from rural poor communities to create their social enterprise to manufacture and sell environmentally safe, reusable menstrual pads. This has cut down by 10% the plastic use for menstrual hygiene (6 million plastic parts discarded/month result in heavy emissions and pollution). The organisation has led national information and advocacy campaigns demanding tax cuts on menstruation products and decent sanitation facilities in public schools and universities.

TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES

Climate impact
- Reduces carbon footprint by the equivalent of 5.3 kg CO₂/person/year (Life Cycle Assessment by RIT Stockholm for processing and waste).
- Eliminates toxic plastic waste from menstrual hygiene products.
- Circular economy via the promotion of multi-use cotton pads.

Gender impact
- Women’s economic empowerment from producing and selling reusable menstrual pads.
- Community organizations connect to women and girls in marginalized groups.
- Education and training available in equal measure to women, youth, and men.

Scalability / replicability
- Expanded to local municipalities and currently scaling at national level.
- Provides informal settings for sharing beliefs, problems, and community interests.
- Based on their study on menstruation poverty, JHR is connecting organizations in the region to promote Agenda 2030 on access to water & sanitation.

Equal mobility

Description of the project:
Awareness of gender-specific needs in the field of mobility has been growing for several decades, yet knowledge on the subject has largely remained theoretical. To fill this gap, the Equal Mobility project puts the spotlight on gender and socially just mobility initiatives in Germany. They show how the gender dimension can be integrated in mobility planning and implementation, promoting fair participation, and reducing environmental impacts. Through a competition for gender-equal mobility good-practice projects were presented in a webinar series and in a brochure. Based on the results of the competition two position papers for a gender just mobility transformation were disseminated.

TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES

Climate impact
- The project promotes climate compatible mobility: by foot, bike, or public transportation.
- City administration and urban planners raised their knowledge on sustainable city planning.

Gender impact
- Criteria about intersectional gender inequalities or discrimination in the context of mobility were defined.

Scalability / replicability
- The good practice projects can be replicated on different levels: neighbourhood, city, country.
- Network events connect city administrations, urban planners, equal opportunities officers, organisations and companies working on mobility.
Transformational Solutions
Women Barefoot Ecologists bridge ancestral knowledge with modern science to protect their ecosystems

Description of the project:
Women Barefoot Ecologists are 20 indigenous women from Tamil Nādu and Kerala who have strengthened their capacities to link Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) with modern scientific methods to observe and monitor climate impacts on their forests, rivers, and farms. Practical observation with village elders as well as data collection and analysis – using digital modelling – enable local women groups to lead appropriate and adapted climate and conservation actions in their communities. Supported by Keystone Foundation, they have launched forest nurseries, community kitchen gardens, water source protection initiatives, and soon to come: a seed keeping social enterprise.

TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES

**Climate impact**
Unique combination of ancestral and modern science to document climate impacts identifying and monitoring specific ecological indicators.

- Innovative climate solutions – analog forestry with model plots, seed banks – are created and utilised.
- Promotion of autonomous ecosystem restoration and food sovereignty.

**Gender impact**
Indigenous women are recognized as knowledge bearers and climate action leaders.

- Trainings on Women Environmental Human Right Defenders.
- Gender integration in the governance and management of protected areas.

**Scalability / replicability**
Partnered with the International Analog Forestry Network (IAFN) to promote local engagement and showcase climate resilient farming methods.

- Creation of a locally owned enterprise for seed keeping.
- Capacity building model for indigenous and local communities: forest nurseries, nature education, community kitchen gardens, water conservation activities.

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Women for Climate Justice in Colombia

Description of the project:
Women for Climate Justice empowered 15 women leaders from environmental organizations throughout Colombia, including from Afro-descent and indigenous communities, to conduct climate justice advocacy focusing on gender equality. Baranquilla+20 designed and facilitated an online training course with 9 modules enabling the participants to build different advocacy strategies for gender and climate justice in local, intersectoral and national spheres. The programme culminated a 3-day face-to-face Women’s Summit for Climate Justice in Bogota, creating an interactive space for exchange and network-building. Baranquilla+20 estimates that the Women for Climate Justice project indirectly impacted around 10,000 Colombians.

TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES

**Climate impact**
Women’s Summit for Climate Justice: a first of its kind climate policy event in Colombia.

- Policy paper, dialogues with other feminist groups in LAC, strengthened the recognition of women’s climate action.
- Strengthens awareness raising and capacity building on climate – 9 online modules, active network.

**Gender impact**
Strengthens women’s participation in climate policy processes in Colombia, providing relevant tools to build advocacy strategies.

- Strengthens gender integration in the governance and management of protected areas.
- Contributes to the integration of gender equality in environmental organizations’ and collective movements’ actions for climate justice.

**Scalability / replicability**
Collaborating with the UNFCCC Women and Gender Constituency, to enhance technical capacities and skills in digital communication and print media.

- Promotes and strengthens networking, and collaborative work on climate advocacy and leadership.

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## Protecting Indian women farmers from climate displacement through legal empowerment

**Description of the project:**
The Marathwada region in India has experienced five serious droughts since 2010, leading to debts, farmer suicide, and climate migration. Women farmers are not recognised as agricultural workers nor landowners by the state, barring them from access to public subsidies. Earth Refuge created an Emergency Response (ER) legal toolkit to defend the rights and raise the voice of farmers struck by climate disasters. Working with local lawyers and established women’s groups, they aim to develop a rights-based social protection model for women affected by climate disasters. Earth Refuge created an Emergency Response (ER) legal toolkit to defend the rights and raise the voice of farmers struck by climate disasters. Working with local lawyers and established women’s groups, they aim to develop a rights-based social protection model for women affected by climate disasters.

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<td>Legal support for marginalized women to exercise their rights to land and livelihoods.</td>
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<td>Includes women participants through local women’s groups and participatory approach.</td>
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<td>Ensures equal access via private WhatsApp groups, puppetry productions, local podcasts, comic books, etc.</td>
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## WEnCoop: first women entrepreneurs’ energy cooperative in Greece

**Description of the project:**
WEnCoop is a women-led energy cooperative initiated by the Greek Association of Women Entrepreneurs and founded by 60 businesswomen in June 2021. It aims to promote clean, sustainable energy innovation, address energy poverty and transform consumers into prosumers while achieving the EU climate goals. WEnCoop’s members and direct beneficiaries are women from diverse backgrounds living in vulnerable Greek communities. The cooperative has already installed a 1 MW photovoltaic park in Kassandra, Chalkidiki. It is boosting women’s participation in the Greek energy sector, raising awareness, mobilizing citizens and tracking the European Green Deal’s progress on energy transition.

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<td>Plans to develop 3 more photovoltaic parks using the produced energy for electromobility.</td>
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Strengthening women in Benue communities to combat reckless mining

**Description of the project:**
The Angel Support Foundation strengthens citizen’s capacities in Benue State, Nigeria, threatened by extractive mining, to engage in natural resource protection. 500 women in several communities have been trained to serve as liaison officers with customary, religious and opinion leaders engaging in community decision making about mining and the safeguarding of water resources. The project intentionally involves people living with disabilities and youth, trained on resource monitoring, advocacy, and stakeholder engagement. They organize townhalls to draft and sign Community Development Agreements, set-up rallies and produce media to raise awareness on the dangers of reckless mining.

**TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES**

**Climate impact**
- Awareness raising and advocacy in the broader community on the dangers and climate impacts of mining.
- Community Development Agreements (CDAs) signed in several communities to set standards for mining and destructive practices.
- Waste management training and community-led activities.

**Gender impact**
- Women, youth, and people living with disabilities are prioritized as leaders in designing and implementing advocacy processes.
- Rights-based approach and participatory engagement scheduled to allow time for farming and other livelihood activities.

**Scalability / replicability**
- Shared learnings from CDAs and meetings among all involved communities.
- Activities contribute to peace building in a conflict zone.

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Communities of the Sierra de las Minas resisting for the defence of their territory

**Description of the project:**
Sierra de las Minas is an important water catchment and biosphere reserve in Guatemala, confronted with extractive mining. The “Centro de Reflexiones” strengthens the capacities and knowledge of women and men from communities in resistance. Through a model called “Rakun Akal” (sons and daughters of the Earth), political training workshops are organized on indigenous law, human rights, community organization and communication, food sovereignty, and nature protection. Equal access for men and women is ensured. The goal is to help communities build their own pathway towards alternative development models, based on the people’s rights to autonomy and self-determination as political citizens, recognizing their Mayan identity Q’eqchi’ and Poqomchi’.

**TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES**

**Climate impact**
- Recovering and formalizing land tenure rights in favour of communities.
- Gathering data, generating and disseminating knowledge through publications and studies on territories and indigenous territoriality.
- Strengthening community environmental resistance movements through participatory observation and collective knowledge production.

**Gender impact**
- Strengthening the public participation of women’s groups in decision-making spaces.
- Alleviating women’s burden of domestic care to allow time for education and knowledge-sharing.
- Breaking gender stereotypes within the community through political training on territorial decisions.

**Scalability / replicability**
- Extending their training to 10 other communities.
- Moderating a community radio to reach out to other Mayan communities and share information and lessons learned.
- Promoting the Tezulutlán Peoples Council as an inter-communal network defending the right to water, food sovereignty and respect of nature.

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Description of the project:
Using a Feminist Participatory Action Research (FPAR) methodology, WoNEE empowered 100 local women in the Satkanya and Bhaise communities in Nepal to act on climate adaptation by successfully advocating for gender-responsive budgeting and policymaking. Capacity building actions help formulate strategies for resilient infrastructure development and to create an enabling environment for equal participation of women in the economic, social and political spheres. The training programme was designed based on community-based participatory research, including an intersectional analysis of lived reality and stories from individuals. Over 800 community members benefit indirectly from the project.

TRANSFORMATIONAL OUTCOMES

Climate impact
- Women have gained knowledge and understanding about climate change and its impact.
- Women have transferred their knowledge to community members, raising their awareness on climate change and climate adaptation actions.
- A climate adaptation program was presented to the local government, with specific policy demands.

Gender impact
- Women participate in the decision-making processes through capacity building related to climate adaptation, budgeting and gender.
- Representation of diverse groups such as men, youth, girls and the elderly in the community consultations.
- Community members have developed leadership on rights-based approach, gender budgeting and access to clean energy.

Scalability / replicability
- Extending the issue to larger groups in Nepal to achieve climate justice and gender equality.
- Enhances the opportunity for employment, investment and benefits sharing, social security and access to education and health.
- Empowered beneficiaries on climate change adaptation for water, energy and food.

Description of the project:
From 2019 to 2022, WEEK2 promoted gender equality in Kenya’s energy sector. Kenyan women face barriers in access to energy technology, information and finance, leading to low participation in sustainable energy markets. 84% of rural households rely on wood as their main fuel, leading to GHG emissions and deforestation. Health impacts of indoor smoke and firewood collection fall disproportionately on women and girls. WEEK2 championed the business development of women entrepreneurs in sustainable energy markets in six counties. It influenced national and county policy to support women-led enterprise and promote sustainable energy products. WEEK2 empowered women as energy actors and leaders.

TRANSFORMATIONAL OUTCOMES

Climate impact
- Energy entrepreneurs reached 286,766 households and 2,739 institutions with sustainable energy products for cooking, lighting and productive use.
- 321,667 improved cookstoves and 700 tonnes of briquettes (made from biomass waste) were sold reducing firewood use.
- 88,441 pico solar and solar home systems were sold, reducing households’ reliance on burning kerosene for lighting.

Gender impact
- Gender responsive energy national plans generated an enabling environment and improved participation of women entrepreneurs.
- 401 entrepreneurs (360 women) strengthened their businesses: 70% reported increased sales, 360 jobs created (218 held by women).
- Reduced indoor air pollution via the uptake of improved cookstoves and solar lighting have a positive impact on women’s health.

Scalability / replicability
- Cascading national policy to local government, supported via training of government officials.
- Cultivated diverse networks with representatives from national and county govt, energy companies, CSOs, women energy entrepreneurs, community leaders.
- Established 52 Village Savings and Loan Associations to address barriers in access to finance faced by women energy entrepreneurs.
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