

# Financing implementation of the Bélem GAP at the national level

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# A launchpad for accelerated action by all

- **Shared ambition** of Parties, observers and partners to make gender equality a foundation for stronger, fairer and more resilient societies
- The Belém GAP is a **launchpad for accelerated action by all:**
  - Specific invitations to some UN entities, climate funds, organizations, civil society groups
  - Open invitations



# The Belém GAP: a new chapter for gender and climate change

- Adopted at COP 30 (Belém gender action plan)
- Operationalizes the enhanced Lima work programme on gender
- 2026-2034, mid-term review in 2029
- Similar structure previous GAP with 5 priority areas
- **27 activities and 98 deliverables**
- **Implementation:**
  - By all stakeholders: governments, civil society, UN entities, relevant organizations
  - At all levels, from local to international

A: Capacity-building, knowledge management and communication

B: Gender balance, participation and women's leadership

C: Coherence

D: Gender-responsive implementation and means of implementation

E: Monitoring and reporting

## Focus on implementation

More structured deliverables

Staged approach

Long-term planning

Cooperation for implementation

# Gender and climate finance under the UNFCCC

- Capacity-building and workshops on Gender Mainstreaming and Social Inclusion jointly organized with the funds (and NDCP), at:
  - 2025 CW2 in Addis Ababa,
  - 2024 COP 29 in Baku in
  - 2023 COP 28 in
- 2024 Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance on accelerating climate action and resilience through gender-responsive finance, held in Arusha
- Dual focus: Mainstreaming and dedicated gender actions



# Snapshot



- Only ~2% of climate finance is gender-responsive (CPI)
- ~ 2-3% of climate related ODA is dedicated to gender equality (GE) as the principal objective
- < 1% of ODA reaches women's organizations (OECD)
- < 0.5% of total foundation grants in 2017 (AWID)
- Women receive less funding (e.g. ~2% of global venture capital)
- ~25-30% of MSMEs globally are women owned (IFC)
- Hundreds of million of women remain unbanked and billions lack equal economic rights (WB)

# Key levers



## Institutional

Linking gender actors with financial actors including both public (e.g. NDAs, finance ministries) and private sector actors



## Technical

Gender expertise in priority setting, project design, monitoring and evaluation of outcomes



## Structural

Architecture currently not sufficiently serving/accessible for women's grassroots organizations, women-led SMEs,



# Focus on finance under the Belém GAP – implementation framework

- Capacity-building on finance instruments (D.1)
- Awareness of funding + access pathways (D.3)
- Methodologies for gender-responsive finance (D.4)

Specific invitation to funds, MDBs, private sector, philanthropic financial institutions – financial institutions and other stakeholders

Mainstreaming gender while supporting targeted action

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Share experience in and support capacity-building for public finance instruments and methodologies

D.1.1 **Submissions** on experience in **implementing gender-responsive financial instruments and methodologies**, and available capacity-building

D.1.2 Synthesis report on submissions

D.1.3 Report on the implementation of paragraph 23 of decision 7/CP.29 for inclusion in the annual gender composition report

D.1.4 In preparation for each biennial budget of the secretariat, inclusion of a status update of the implementation of paragraph 23 of decision 7/CP.29

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Advance methods for improving the gender-responsiveness of climate finance

D.3.1 Webinars, communication materials and events

D.3.2 Joint webinars, communication materials, and events, including at UNFCCC sessions and during intersessional period

D.3.3 Publish information on available support on the UNFCCC website and on websites of relevant organizations

D.3.4 Targeted in-person and online training, including skills development for identifying and accessing existing finance

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## Raise awareness of the financial and technical support available for mainstreaming gender

D.4.1 Invitation to the constituted bodies, operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, and relevant public and private entities to share information on their efforts to advance gender-responsive climate finance

D.4.2 Dialogue report

D.4.3 Invitation to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, multilateral climate funds and national gender and climate change focal points to engage in an **interactive dialogue** on progress in the delivery of gender-responsive climate finance (annual)

D.4.4 Organization of a workshop on **experience in implementing gender-related mandates of the Adaptation Fund, GEF, GCF and Fund for responding to Loss and Damage**, including a focus on developing countries, the least developed countries and small island developing States (SB 66 in 2027)

# Agenda

## Setting the Scene: Introducing the Belém GAP and relevant mandates

**9:00-9:15** Fleur Newman, Action Empowerment Unit, UNFCCC  
Wiebke Bender, Gender Programme Officer, UNFCCC

## Session 1.A: Landscape of climate finance access for gender-responsive climate action: climate funds

**9:15-10:00** Ronald Musizvingoza, Gender Specialist, AF  
Seblewongel Deneke Negussie, Gender and Social Specialist, GCF  
Nina Kolybashkina, Senior Social Development Specialist, CIF

**10:00-10:35** Q&A moderated by Bindu Bhandari, Gender and Climate Programme Specialist, UN Women

Coffee break

**10:50-11:05** Insights to Orange Bonds, Natasha Garcha, Senior Director, IIX

## Session 1.B: Landscape of climate finance access for gender-responsive climate action: MDBs

**11:05-11:20** Wendy Teleki, Head of We-Fi Secretariat, WB

**11:20-11:30** Q&A moderated by Menka Goundan, Programme Director at ARROW

## Session 2: A deeper dive: National experiences of accessing gender-responsive climate finance

**11:30-11:45** Dr. Nancy Omolo, Climate Finance Gender Adviser, Commonwealth Secretariat

**11:45-13:00** Group work on national experience with accessing gender-responsive climate finance and report back

## Session 3: Alternative funding models for gender-transformative climate action

**14:00-14:20** Tara Daniel, Associate Director of Policy, WEDO (virtual)

## Session 4: Hands-on examples of innovative gender-responsive finance, including at the sub-national and community level and a private finance perspective

**14:20-14:35** Cristina Gregorio, Regional Climate Finance Specialist, UNDP  
Athena Denise Galao, Programme Manager EmPower, UN Women  
Sohna Ngum, Senior Officer Gender and Social Development GGGI

**14:35-15:20** Case studies, Q&A and reflections

Ayako Sakamoto, EmPower

Joyita Ambett, AVPN

Anu Joshi Shrestha, ICIMOD

Francesco Dinmore, GGGI

Jay Tyler Malette, Regional Climate Change Specialist, UNDP

**15:20-16:30** Group work

Coffee break

**16:40-17:00** Report back

## Session 5.A: In conversation with the funds

## Session 5.B: Reflection on learning and next steps

**17:00-18:00** Group work and report back and closing by UNFCCC

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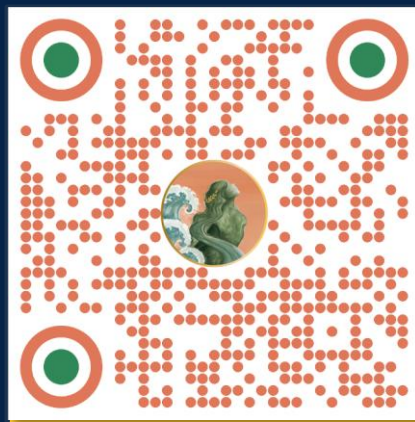
# The Athenian Edge

## Gender–Climate–Peace Framework



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# Post coffee break energizer (IIX- Orange Bonds) Ask your question here and up-vote questions by others...

Natasha Garcha, Sustainable Finance, Senior Director, IIX



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**Q&A**

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## Group work session 2

1. Share national experience with accessing climate finance and reflect on gender-responsiveness
2. Share national experience with accessing climate finance for gender-responsive action (funding windows, successes, barriers faced)
3. Are you able to prioritize key issues that need to be addressed for improving access?

### Report Back

3 minutes

One or two success stories

Your groups' top two key issues/barriers that need to be addressed for improving access.

### In-Person Group 1

Seblewongel Deneke Negussie  
Gender and Social Specialist  
GCF

### Online Group 1

Tara Daniel  
Associate Director of  
Policy  
WEDO

### In-Person Group 2

Wendy Teleki  
Head of We-Fi Secretariat,  
WB

### Online Group 2

Hailey Campbell,  
Climate Advisor to the  
Republic of the Marshall  
Islands

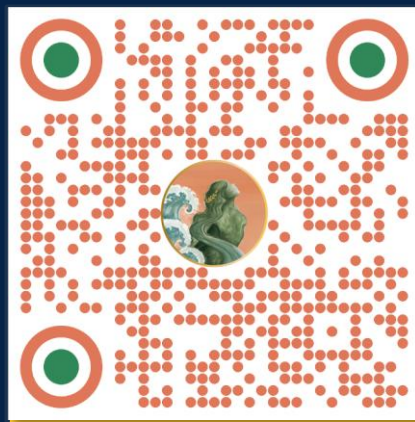
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Lunch time inspiration  
We will resume at 14:00 KST

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# Group work session 5.A

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1. What are strategic needs, that could inform the climate funds' institutional strategies and implementation modalities?
2. What are your views on GAP deliverable D.4.3 ?

### Online Group A

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Social Development  
Specialist, CIF

### In-Person Group A

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Negussie Gender and Social  
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