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AWARD CEREMONY GENDER JUST CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

WHAT

COP23 official side event: Women & Gender Constituency's (WGC) annual award ceremony & publication launch.

WHY

WGC and its member organisations engage on the ground and at international negotiations to ensure that the world's leaders integrate gender equality while implementing the Paris Agreement. "We know the gender just solutions to a sustainable future already exist – it is time to showcase them far and wide!"

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Nazhat Shameem Khan, Chief Ambassador & Fiji COP23 President; Hilda Heine, Marshall Islands President; Maria Krautzberger, German Environment Agency (UBA) President; Li Yong, Dir. General of UNIDO (TBC).

WHEN

13 November 2017, at 4:45 to 6:15 PM

WHERE

Meeting Room 7, Bonn Zone, COP23



ABOUT THE AWARD

Launched in 2015, by the WGC, the Gender Just Climate Solutions Award honours the fundamental contribution of women in the fight against climate change and demonstrates the pertinence of integrating gender equality in all climate policies. Women are still underrepresented in consultation and decision bodies at local level, only 20% of councillors and just 5% of mayors globally are women according to UCLG*. At the national or international level, women are still largely a minority in UNFCCC bodies, mechanisms, and delegations. The award highlights technical solutions, training or awareness-raising, and transformational solutions that encourage sharing of best practices. It also inspires politicians and financiers to develop more effective and fairer 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 are encouraged to apply. Local or national government initiatives cannot apply.
- **What** - the activity/initiative must focus on finding solutions to cope with climate change as well as integrate gender equality as a central component.
- **When** - you can apply 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 COP23 in Bonn, Germany this November 2017.



One year of mentorship activities from the members of the WGC & a skills training workshop held by CTCN.



Being featured in our publication, booth and exhibitions together with 17 other shortlisted candidates and 9 WGC projects.

* UCLG (2017) <https://www.uclg.org/en/media/news/women-mayors-are-ready-stand-and-be-counted>



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WINNER
Technical
Solutions

BETTER WORLD CAMEROON

Cameroon - BWC offers a simple, low cost, sustainable alternative to heavy use of solid fuel by building clean cookstoves with mud-building techniques and local materials.

The main objectives of this participatory project are to: improve the livelihood of women by training them on the construction of low-emitting mud cookstoves, reduce air pollution, improve health, and enhance women's participation in community engagement. Reaching 300 beneficiaries in 30 communities, BWC has held 10 participatory stove building workshops with women's groups; held training of trainers; supported the establishment of partnerships and cooperatives to foster income generation; organized annual meetings for all trainees.

NAVDANYA & SOL

India & France - The project "Seeds for Hope" improves the climate resilience, food sovereignty and economic autonomy of farming communities (20,000 people) in the valley of Derhadun, in Northern India, relying on women's knowledge and action. They are trained to reproduce and conserve local seeds, learn agro-ecological techniques and food transformation, which reinforces their power to make decisions. The project is led in partnership with the association Navdanya, created by Vandana Shiva. Direct beneficiaries: 745 farmers and their families in 31 villages.

WINNER
Non-Technical
Solutions



GENDER DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

LAO PDR - GDA assessed gender roles in the northern rural uplands of Lao PDR, focusing on Non-Timber Forest

Production. The project used a women's empowerment lens to bridge traditional harvesting practices with sustainable livelihood initiatives in the target communities. The 4,500 project beneficiaries were women, their families and fellow community members; many of whom belong to the Hmong and Khmu ethnic groups who have been systematically marginalized in Lao PDR. The project identified key areas and documented policies for improving sustainability. Women leaders in the community participated in the Training of Trainer workshops with the goal to enhance their capacity and their knowledge sharing.

WINNER
Transformational
Solutions



THE KICKOFF OF SOMETHING GREAT!

Winners from previous years have already up-scaled their projects with the help of their award grant. For example, Enda Graf Sahel, 2016 transformational winner, bought 45 efficient cookstoves for Simal, Nadagane Sambou and Djilor villages. With this equipment, shellfish processing becomes more sustainable as households have a smaller use of wood.

Follow-up workshop on scalability

The Climate Technology Centre & Network (CTCN) is inviting all the winners from 2017, 2016 and 2015 to a workshop on “Up-scaling gender-just climate solutions: sharing on climate technology and finance”, at LVR-Landesmuseum, November 15. WECF, WGC and CTCN's climate experts will mentor the winners on how to scale-up their gender just climate projects and about integrating them into national climate strategies. The aim of the workshop is to build capacity and share knowledge on how to overcome financial, technical, communicative and advocacy challenges.



“When gender is effectively integrated into climate change initiatives, the outcomes are more impactful, equitable and sustainable. Through this transformative workshop, the WGC and CTCN will share technological, finance and advocacy insight into up-scaling gender-responsive implementation of the Paris Agreement.”

Karina Kolbrún Larsen,
Gender Lead / Knowledge &
Communications Manager



WGC AT COP23

#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.

#MindTheGap

We are demanding a robust GAP that moves beyond gender-washing. Follow this hashtag on Twitter for the latest updates on our work to ensure the adoption of a GAP responding to our diversities.

#WomenDefendCommons

2016 was one of the deadliest years for women fighting on the frontline for their human rights and environmental justice. This campaign will show what real wonder women look like, honour freedom fighters and raise awareness of the work left to do to ensure their safety.



NO CLIMATE JUSTICE WITHOUT GENDER JUSTICE

Many efficient solutions implemented by women are often overlooked by decision-makers who instead prioritize technical solutions and expensive projects meant to leave a big impression. Not everyone is affected in the same way by climate change, which became clear this summer during the natural disasters taking place around the world, i.e. Sierra Leone, Mexico, US, and Puerto Rico. To ensure the longevity of climate actions; projects and policies must respond to the actual needs of people. These needs differ depending on your gender role in society, class, race, whether you live in the Global South/North or rural/urban.

Strengthening the resilience of territories and populations confronted with climate change is crucial. Women are often the ones preserving traditional knowledge and responding to their communities' and territories' needs by contributing to adaptation and mitigation strategies. Women are initiating renewable energy cooperatives in Georgia, decolonizing agriculture and preserving biodiversity with seed banks in India and the Ivory Coast, fighting against deforestation in Malaysia, pushing for innovative agriculture by improving soil fertility in Nepal. Their local success stories could be up scaled and replicated if they were correctly honoured, taken into account by international orientations and were financed by climate funds.



BRIEF HISTORY

Women 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 decision 21/CP.22 on awareness-raising and on further 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.



GENDER ACTION PLAN (GAP)

#MindTheGAP

One of The Fiji Presidency's priorities for the upcoming COP is to finalize the GAP. To understand the work leading up to the GAP see "brief history" (previous page) and the mandates (right).

Adopt a robust GAP

a comprehensive, targeted and resourced two-year gender action plan (GAP) as a critical outcome for COP23, in order to urgently advance gender-responsive and human-rights based climate policy and action. The GAP must be an instrument that effectively supports the overall goal of an urgent transition from a deeply unjust fossil-fuel based economy to a more sustainable, just and equitable model of development that ensures women's human rights and gender equality.

Our demands for the GAP

- **Step-change in 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 (including data based on local and traditional knowledge, including women's traditional knowledge).
- Meeting the goal of **gender balance in 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: Gender Action Plan



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ORGANIZERS

Women and Gender Constituency - womengenderclimate.org

A coalition of 27 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 international network of over 150 gender equality CSOs implementing projects in 50 countries and a founding member of WGC. Strengthening women's capacity through projects on the ground while advocating at national, regional and international level for gender equality and a sustainable world.

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.

All India Women's Conference (AIWC) - aiwc.org.in

A pioneer national level organization, AIWC has been dedicately working towards gender justice, capacity building and socio-economic empowerment of women for the past 90 years.

Agence Française de Développement (AFD) - www.afd.fr

A French public financial institution working, since 70 years, to promote sustainable development in the Global South. Through a network of 75 offices, AFD finances and accompanies projects which improve living conditions of populations and support economic growth.

Fondation RAJA-Danièle Marcovici - www.fondation-raja-marcovici.com

Engaging, for the improvement of women's living conditions worldwide. Focusing on women's rights and VAWG; training & professional integration; education & social action. In the last 10 years they have improved the lives of more than 55 000 women.

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. CTCN is co-hosted by UN Environment and UNIDO.

Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) - www.giz.de

A German public financial institution, providing solutions to projects advocating for the fulfillment of human rights and equal opportunities, supporting civic participation committed to ensuring fair negotiation processes and promoting an ecological and social economic order.

EU - 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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