



## Gender Day – Technical Dialogue: Financing for gender-responsive just transitions and climate action

Event of the 28th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 28)

4<sup>th</sup> December 2023, 10:00 – 12:00

*Action Lab 2 – Al-Shaheen – Global Climate Action, Zone B7, Building 92*

*Dubai, United Arab Emirates*

*The event will be conducted in English, with translation in French, Spanish and Arabic. It will be broadcast live.*

### Background

Climate change causes widespread adverse impacts and related losses and damages to nature and people that are unequally distributed across systems, regions and sectors. Science shows that vulnerability to climate change is exacerbated by inequity and marginalization, including in connection to gender, ethnicity, disability, age, and historical and ongoing patterns of inequity.<sup>1</sup> Climate change's gendered effects exacerbate existing gender inequalities, representing severe threats to women and girls' health, livelihoods, and safety. Climate policy responses themselves can have unintended negative gendered impacts when they do not take this context into account.

Both adaptation and mitigation strategies should be carefully managed via transition policies and processes, to avoid economic changes resulting in increased gender inequality. Climate finance that supports gender-responsive just transitions can enhance climate resilience, reduce emissions, and advance gender equality and women's enjoyment of their human rights. Initiatives to support the integration of gender in climate finance are increasing. There is, nevertheless, a persisting need for investment and for better coordinating finance frameworks and investment strategies in support of gender equality in the greening of the economy. Action is needed for better integrating gender-responsive financing to advance gender transformative climate policies, plans, strategies, and action and implement gender-responsive just transitions and climate action. Climate finance can support countries in carrying out their just transition planning and implementation, leveraging gender equality and women's representation and empowerment, and promoting decent work for all women and men in the green and blue economy.<sup>2</sup>

### COP 28: time to advance gender-responsive climate action

The UNFCCC enhanced Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan (GAP), under activity C.3, mandates an in-session dialogue on Gender Day each year focused on a thematic area relevant to the Convention and the Paris Agreement to promote coherence reflecting multidimensional factors.

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<sup>1</sup> IPCC. 2023. Climate Change 2023: Synthesis Report. Contribution of Working Groups I, II and III to the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Core Writing Team, H Lee, and J Romero (eds.). Geneva: IPCC. Available at <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/syr/>.

<sup>2</sup> International Labour Organization (ILO). 2022. Just transition: An essential pathway to achieving gender equality and social justice. Geneva: International Labour Organization (ILO).



At COP 28, the in-session dialogue will be divided into two parts: firstly this technical dialogue, happening in the morning, and a high-level segment, taking place in the evening of the **Gender Equality, Finance, Trade and Accountability Day**, on **4<sup>th</sup> December 2023**. The events will continue discussions initiated on the previous day, during the in-session [ILO-UNFCCC high-level dialogue on delivering a gender-responsive just transition for all](#), with a focus on how to finance the needed action towards a gender-responsive climate action.

## Objectives

In complementarity to the high-level segment, the technical dialogue will delve into detail on recent developments in the discussion on gender-responsive climate finance. Specifically, it will aim to:

- Disseminate insights from recent discussions on gender-responsive climate finance
- Promote a coherent understanding of opportunities and gaps in the area
- Discuss successful cases of development and implementation of action for gender-responsive just transitions and climate action and how they mobilized available financial support

## Expected Outcomes

The technical dialogue will result in a common understanding of opportunities and gaps in financing the development and implementation of gender-responsive just transitions and climate action. It will promote knowledge sharing and exchange regarding national experiences in accessing climate finance to develop and implement action for gender-responsive just transitions and climate action.

## Programme

Time	Session
<b>Welcome and opening remarks</b>	
5 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome, flow of the meeting, introduction of the panel (<i>Funanani Muremi, NGCCFP South Africa - Moderator, 2 minutes</i>)</li> <li>• Objectives of the dialogue, its relevance to the discussions on gender-responsive just transitions, climate finance, response measures under the UNFCCC (<i>Nabeel Munir, SBI Chair, 3 min</i>)</li> </ul>
<b>Setting the Scene: where are we in the discussion on financing a gender just transition?</b>	
15 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insights from the SCF Forum Financing Just Transition (<i>Gertraud Wollansky, Co-Chair of the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) -5 min</i>)</li> <li>• Gender, just transition and response measures (<i>Ms Alexandra Khlebnova, Katowice Committee of Experts on the Impacts of the Implementation of Response Measures (KCI) representative - 5 min</i>)</li> <li>• Key messages from the ILO-UNFCCC workshop and its call to action, with a focus on asks for financing gender-responsive climate action (<i>Emanuela Pozzan, International Labour Organization, 5 minutes</i>)</li> </ul>
10 min	Q&A
<b>Implementing a gender-responsive just transition: existing options and country experiences</b>	
35 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Options to access climate finance for gender-responsive climate action (<i>Verania Chao, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Climate Hub, 15 min</i>)</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Multilateral finance</li><li>○ Private finance</li><li>○ Innovative finance</li><li>● The case of Colombia (<i>Juan Andrés Casas, NGCCCCFP Colombia, 10 min</i>)</li><li>● The case of Zimbabwe (<i>Margaret Mukahanana-Sangarwe, NGCCFP Zimbabwe, 10 min</i>)</li></ul>
20 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Q&amp;A</li></ul>
<b>Closing remarks and way forward</b>	
5 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Closing remarks</li></ul>