

Making Climate Finance Work for Women

A call for strong and gender-responsive climate finance

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During the first edition of the “*One Planet Summit*” which took place in Paris in December 2017, commitments were made to secure additional funding to respond to the needs of the poorest people who bear the brunt of climate impacts, among whom women and girls represent a majority. On this occasion, civil society organizations from across the globe published recommendations to fully integrate gender equality in climate finance¹.

The first-ever **UNFCCC Gender Action Plan**² adopted at COP23 in Bonn in November 2017 provides another incentive for all stakeholders to promote gender equality in adaptation and mitigation actions, climate decision-making and means of implementation. As of 2015, only 0.01% of all worldwide funding supports projects that tackle both climate change and gender inequalities³.

We, the undersigned, strongly encourage the international community to:

- **Significantly scale up public climate finance**, specifically grants for adaptation, **and ensure that by 2020, at least 20% of all projects funded through climate finance mechanisms have a primary goal of reducing gender inequalities**. Starting immediately, no public climate funds should consider any project proposals for funding that do not include significant gender equality considerations.
- **Develop mechanisms to significantly increase direct access to smaller scale finance, both grants and loans for community level**. Small-scale investments, especially for women’s groups and women entrepreneurs, have the potential to achieve tangible results and to play a key role in sustainable in-country transformation.
- **Ensure gender equality and women’s empowerment are anchored as cross-cutting guiding principles in all climate funds, through:**
 - *Establishing a gender policy and adopting a gender action plan*, based on the successful examples of the Green Climate Fund, the Global Environment Facility, and the Adaptation Fund. Such a gender policy and gender action plan should be based on a human rights approach and address the intersectionality of existing gender inequalities by also taking into account factors such as race, age, class, disability or religion. Gender equality

¹ This initiative was led by the French Gender and Development Platform. The text remains open to signature and is available at <http://www.genre-developpement.org/travaux-de-la-plateforme/avis-et-recommandations/plaidoyer/>

² <http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2017/sbi/eng/l29.pdf>

³ IUCN and GGCA (2015), « Roots for the Future »

principles should be integrated in the development of funding, accreditation, and programming guidelines and considered in programme and project review as well as the monitoring, reporting, verification and evaluation of a mechanism funding portfolio.

- *Aiming for a gender balance and increased gender expertise in their respective Boards, technical advisory bodies and panels, and among their staff in general.*
- **Urge all climate finance mechanisms to establish clear gender criteria in screening proposals and assessing performance** for all projects. Such criteria should include a mandatory gender and social analysis, a fully costed project specific gender action plan, a gendered budget and some clear quantitative and qualitative indicators measuring how projects contribute to gender equality objectives. The systematic generation and collection of gender-disaggregated data and the full and meaningful participation of women throughout the project cycle should be made mandatory.
- **Increase the accountability of climate finance mechanisms for gender equality results of their funding** through the establishment of portfolio indicators, budget accounting and audits, periodic independent third-party reviews and through increased external communication and public reporting efforts.
- **Promote women’s participation in climate fund-related country coordinating mechanisms** to determine national funding priorities.
- **Commit to provide adequate resources to ensure the implementation of the UNFCCC Gender Action Plan** and to support the work of the UNFCCC Secretariat Gender Team.
- **Take concrete action to implement gender and climate change recommendations from the Agreed Conclusions of 62nd session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women** held in March 2018 : “Strengthen and build the resilience and adaptive capacity of all rural women and girls to respond to and recover from economic, social and environmental shocks and disasters, humanitarian emergencies and adverse impacts of climate change, natural disasters and extreme weather events by providing essential infrastructure, services, appropriate financing, technology, and social protection, humanitarian relief, forecast and early warning systems, and decent work for women”

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