

1.5°C IS POSSIBLE:



GENDER JUST CLIMATE SOLUTIONS ARE SHOWING THE WAY!

According to the recently released report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), we have 12 years left to take radical action to prevent global warming from rising beyond 1.5°C. Radical action is what the Women and Gender Constituency has been demanding for years. And we are proud to showcase impressive, relevant and gender just climate solutions which are already happening on all continents. Look out for this year's winners of the **Gender Just Climate Solutions Awards**: they will be announced during the upcoming **UN Climate Conference, COP24 in Katowice**, in December.

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions much faster than we have done so far, while aiming for a transformative, inclusive and sustainable development model requires massive commitments, including much more financial and technological resources for the right solutions: the solutions that put respect of people's rights and the integrity of the planet first.

In reality, the steps the IPCC experts are calling for, are already being taken. Policy makers often focus on the notion of 'large-scale' but there is real power in 'diversity of scale' and in particular, the replication of tested, community driven and gender-just small scale solutions. With the **Gender Just Climate Solutions Awards** we aim to showcase how successful climate actions can be scaled up to attain a significant impact at global level, that is if world leaders decide to invest properly in them.

With previous winning projects tackling sustainable alternatives to heavy use of solid fuel by building clean cookstoves in rural Cameroon, the conservation and reproduction of local seeds by learning agro-ecological techniques in India or bridging traditional harvesting practices with sustainable livelihood in the endangered forests of Laos, we are certain the solutions we need are out there. They simply need a platform that can spread the world's best climate practices globally to achieve our common 1.5 target.

The **Gender Just Climate Solutions Awards** at COP24 will honour the fundamental contribution of women in the fight against climate change and demonstrate the relevance of integrating gender equality in all climate policies, giving substance to the 2017 adopted Gender Action Plan. It will inspire political decision makers and funders to develop more effective and fairer climate strategies.

The Gender Just Climate Solutions winners will be awarded in three categories:
technical solutions (e.g. in area of renewables, water-saving adaptation technologies etc.)
non-technical solutions (e.g. in area of efficiency, consumption changes etc.)
transformational solutions (e.g. addressing governance, institutional change, development models etc.) The winners will receive a grant of 2000€ and benefit from a **1-year-mentoring programme** of the Women and Gender Constituency, to build their capacity towards scaling-up, access to climate technologies and climate finance.



2017 AWARD WINNERS



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



WINNER
Transformational
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.



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ORGANIZERS

Women and Gender Constituency - womensgenderclimate.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

France's inclusive public development bank, AFD commits financing and technical assistance to projects that genuinely improve everyday life, both in developing and emerging countries and in the French overseas territories. Our action is fully in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Through its network of 85 agencies, AFD operates in 109 countries, supporting over 3,600 development projects.

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

GIZ is a federal enterprise with worldwide operations. GIZ supports the German Government in the field of international cooperation for sustainable development. GIZ is also engaged in international education activities around the globe. Through its work, GIZ assists people and societies in shaping their own futures and improving living conditions.

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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