



# GenderCC – Women for Climate Justice



## Why Gender into Climate Policy?

Women and men contribute differently to the causes of climate change.

The individual carbon footprint is a product of gendered roles, responsibilities and identities.

Women and men are differently affected by climate change.

Due to their socially constructed roles and responsibilities, such as family care, women are more vulnerable to the effects of climate change.

Women and men have different attitudes and preferences in terms of responses to climate change.

As different roles in society result in different attitudes towards policies and measures, women tend to more strongly reject high-risk technologies and limited technological approaches, preferring a more holistic approach, including changes to lifestyle.

Women and men are differently affected by climate policies and measures due to socio-economic factors, such as disparities in income and occupational choices.

Climate policy needs to recognise and integrate gender dimensions in order to become more effective and to be respectful of human rights.



**GenderCC – Women for Climate Justice** is a global network of organisations, experts and activists working for gender equality, women's rights and climate justice.

**GenderCC** has evolved in the context of the international climate negotiations (UNFCCC). It includes women and gender experts working in policy, research and practical implementation at international, national and local levels.

**GenderCC** is working to achieve gender and climate justice by:

- Raising awareness and building capacity on gender and climate to improve climate policies;
- Increasing the knowledge base on gender and climate to identify effective mitigation and adaptation options;
- Empowering women and men to actively contribute to mitigation and adaptation;
- Enhancing cooperation on gender and climate issues at all levels; and
- Advocating for gender and climate justice as overarching, guiding principles.

## GenderCC Mission

The change we envision is fundamental. **GenderCC** believes that in order to achieve women's rights, gender justice and climate justice radical changes are necessary to overcome the existing systems of power, politics, and economics.

## GenderCC Activities



**GenderCC** is working to ensure that gender dimensions are fully integrated into climate policy. Gender responsive approaches must be developed and implemented in adaptation, mitigation and low-carbon development. Finance, technology sharing and capacity building, as well as outreach and participation, must also be gender responsive to meet the needs of women and men.

Equal participation of women and men, and commitment to gender justice in international agreements is an important step, yet this alone is not sufficient. International arrangements and national plans need to integrate inclusive and gender responsive climate policy.

**GenderCC** opposes high-risk technologies such as nuclear power, geo-engineering and carbon capture and storage, genetic

engineering and monoculture plantations. Moreover, **GenderCC** opposes the prevalence of market-based schemes over other policies and measures.

**GenderCC** played a central role in initiating the acknowledgement of the **Women and Gender Constituency**, granted in 2009. The goal of this observer group is to channel the voices of women's and gender civil society organisations participating in the UNFCCC process, reaching out to the global community on issues of climate change and the UNFCCC process.

**GenderCC** members represent a wide range of initiatives, networks and individuals working at international, **local and national level**, through advocacy, capacity building and pilot projects.



## Global Learning Platform

The Global Learning Platform is an interactive tool that offers joint learning and exchange on gender and climate policy between climate change practitioners, allowing them to ...

- discuss experiences from the implementation of gender-responsive projects at local or national level and ask questions or offer advice to the community,
- collaborate on the development of training concepts and tools and on criteria for gender-sensitive adaptation and mitigation projects; and
- develop positions and draft papers together.

Participants can contribute by providing documents, data, best practice examples and links to the community. In the future, GenderCC is planning to expand the platform to include e-learning modules on gender and climate change.

We invite you to join the GenderCC Global Learning Platform at [comm.gendercc.net](http://comm.gendercc.net), to participate in the discussions and to contribute actively to the development of this online community of practice.

The Global Learning Platform, as well as pilot activities in Bangladesh and the Pacific, are funded by the German Ministry for the Environment in the framework of the International Climate Initiative.

## GenderCC Governance

**GenderCC** is a membership based organisation. It is led by a steering committee of women from Africa, Asia, Latin America, Pacific Island States, North America and Europe. The Steering Committee develops and approves policies and strategic plans of **GenderCC**. It monitors implementation, initiates evaluation activities, and represents **GenderCC**.

**GenderCC** is working through regional focal points that anchor in the realities of women and communities, channel experiences and interests from local and regional to international level and conduct substantial work for **GenderCC** such as capacity building, outreach and research.

The Steering Committee and the Focal Points are assisted by the International Secretariat, currently located in Berlin, Germany, where **GenderCC** is formally registered as a non-profit organisation.



## Let us work together – join GenderCC

GenderCC welcomes individuals and organisations active in the fields of gender and climate and related issues to join the network. Please find the statutes and membership application on our website [www.gendercc.net](http://www.gendercc.net) or contact the International Secretariat at [info@gendercc.net](mailto:info@gendercc.net).

If you are committed to gender justice in climate change policy, join our list-serve to follow debates and exchange information. Simply send an email to [gender\\_cc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:gender_cc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

GenderCC publishes a newsletter four times a year. Sign up at our website. [www.gendercc.net](http://www.gendercc.net) offers

- information and news on gender in climate policy, as well as activities related to women and genders in the international and national climate policy arena
- an overview of the gender aspects relating to various topics of the international climate negotiations, climate policies and measures
- research and case studies that clarify and illustrate the gender aspects
- tools for integrating gender dimensions in climate change policies and measures.

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