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Membership, Governance and International Secretariat

Currently the organisation has 76 members. This includes 45 individuals from developing countries and 18 from industrialised countries (following two membership cancelations), and 9 organisations from developing countries and 4 organisations from industrialised countries. A membership survey is planned for January 2015 to receive feedback from members and re-engage those who have been largely inactive.

The Board comprises of:

Dorah Marema, South Africa (Chair),
Patricia (Trish) Glazebrook, USA (Vice Chair),
Gotelind Alber, Germany (Treasurer),
Tereza Perez Rocha, Uruguay.

The Steering group is made up of:

Sharminde Neelormi (Bangladesh), Andrea Isabel Guzmán Arroyo (Bolivia), Claudia Gimena Roa Avendano (Colombia), Kuini Rabo / Koin Etuati (Fiji), Ulrike Röhr (Germany), Annabell Waititu / Eunice Warue (Kenya), Maira Zahur (Pakistan), Nina Somera (Philippines), Yvette Abrahams (South Africa), Felicia Davis (USA).

Since the completion of the project "Integration of Gender into Climate Change Adaptation and Low Carbon Development" in February 2014, the GenderCC Secretariat in Berlin has been operating at a very minimal level, with the office space sublet temporarily. We had planned to carry out an evaluation and organisational development process before making further efforts for fundraising, however, there was a delay in funding for this process.

Our assistant Kate Cahoon has been re-employed on a part-time basis (10 hours per week) since October 2014 to carry out administrative and membership-related tasks. There is currently no GenderCC co-ordinator, however, board member Gotelind Alber has been overseeing the ongoing work related to the association. Two interns, Alexandra Arntsen and Anna Hermanson provided assistance to the Secretariat in 2013-2014.

GenderCC's Activities in 2013 / 2014

Two editions of the GenderCC newsletter have been released since COP19 in 2013; a further edition is planned as a follow-up to COP20. Additional updates on GenderCC activities, current developments, new publications and events related to with gender and climate change are regularly posted on the GenderCC website and social media networks. The GenderCC Facebook page, created in 2013, now has 184 fans.

The Global Learning Platform on gender sensitive adaptation and low carbon development remains in a pilot phase.

GenderCC was represented at the UNFCCC international negotiations, at COP19 in Warsaw and COP20 in Lima, as well as at the SB Session in Bonn in June.

Projects

The project "Integration of Gender into Climate Change Adaptation and Low Carbon Development: Raising Awareness, Building Capacity, Supporting National and International Policy Processes" funded by the German International Climate Initiative was finalised in January 2014.

Project partners Sharmind Neelormi (Centre for Global Change, Bangladesh) and Kuini Rabo (Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Pacific region) have produced a comprehensive range of materials such as guidebooks and training manuals and contributed to a publication titled "Gender and Climate Change: Working Towards Gender-sensitive Climate Policy". Other authors included GenderCC members Eunice Warue, Maira Zahur, Usha Nair, Dorah Marema and Yvette Abrahams. The report is available at http://www.gendercc.net/network/gendercc-news/news-details/article/new-publication-working-towards-gender-sensitive-national-climate-policy/9.html?no_cache=1

Perspectives

Following the completion of the ICI project at the beginning of the year, GenderCC entered into a phase of reflection and planning for future activities. Thanks to the efforts of GenderCC South Africa, the funding for the evaluation of our work during the last years and for organisational development is now coming in, and the work will start immediately.

Kate and Gotelind have submitted proposals for funding of a re-launch of the GenderCC website at the beginning of 2015.

An additional proposal for EU funding was submitted jointly with the Technical University Delft and other research partners in July 2014, the outcome is not yet clear.

A positive development, however, is expected for next year, as the ICI Programme Office has indicated that a proposal submitted by Gotelind Alber is likely to be approved for spring 2015. The three year project, titled "Gender into Urban Climate Change Initiative (GUCCI)", would address mitigation and adaptation actions and policies in cities in India, Indonesia and South Africa.

Another suggestion for future work is the creation of a paid position at the GenderCC Secretariat for a researcher/intern from the global South, to create a better North/South balance. Funding options are being considered.