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Membership, Governance and International Secretariat

Currently the organisation has 87 members. This includes 50 individuals from developing countries and 20 from industrialised countries, and 13 organisations from developing countries and 4 organisations from industrialised countries.

The GenderCC board is currently made up:

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

The Steering Group is currently comprised 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).

It should be noted that the Steering Group is largely inactive at present and may therefore need to be reviewed. A membership survey was also conducted in 2015 and feedback on our activities and the function of our network was provided by a small number of members. This will be reviewed and shared in the coming months.

Following the completion of the project "Integration of Gender into Climate Change Adaptation and Low Carbon Development" in February 2014, the GenderCC Secretariat operated at a very minimal level for the duration of the year.

This opportunity was used to conduct an evaluation of GenderCC's work to date. It was conducted under the supervision of GenderCC Southern Africa with funding provided by Oxfam. The results of the evaluation were circulated to the board members and steering group in early 2015, extensive feedback has not yet been provided.

GenderCC's Activities in 2014 / 2015

During the final stages of the IKI project in 2014, project partners and GenderCC members collaborated to put together a publication on national climate policy. The Global Learning Platform was further expanded as a completion of the pilot phase.

Due to limited capacity, other activities were more restricted in 2014 and the beginning of 2015. Only two newsletters were published, but additional updates on GenderCC activities, current developments, new publications and events related to with gender and climate change were regularly posted on the GenderCC website and social media networks.

Efforts were made to increase the reach of GenderCC on social media. The Facebook page was regularly updated and now has 439 likes. The GenderCC twitter profile, used primarily during the climate conferences, now has 389 followers and is tagged regularly by other organisations and contacts.

GenderCC was represented at the UNFCCC sessions during 2014-2015, including COP20 in Lima, the ADP and SB sessions in Bonn and COP21 in Paris.

The work of the Secretariat was supported by several interns at various stages: Anna Hermanson, Georgia Betros, Lara Eckstein and Wiebke Witt.

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 IKI was finalised in January 2014.

A proposal for EU funding submitted jointly with the Technical University Delft and other research partners in July 2014 was unsuccessful.

Following an application for funding submitted by Kate Cahoon and Gotelind Alber, a grant was approved in March 2015 for a re-launch of the GenderCC website. Funded by the Gender office of the German development agency (GIZ), the "Information Offensive" was conducted from mid-March until September 2015. It involved a complete restructuring of the GenderCC website, a review of content and the creation of a new design and more interactive material. The Content Management System TYPO3 was updated to the latest version to ensure better security and improved functionality.

The project was led by Gotelind Alber, and Kate Cahoon (previously a student assistant) was re-employed on a part-time basis to conduct the re-launch. Following some delays due to technical problems, the website went online in mid-October. Some content is yet to be finalised.

A further project "GenderNetClim", based on a proposal prepared by Ulrike for LIFE e.V., is currently implemented by GenderCC with Ulrike Röhr and Nanna Birk in part-time engagements in charge. It is a collaboration with the Bremen University and funded by the German Research and Education Ministry, to offer networking and exchange among scholars and practitioners on gender in mitigation and adaptation, see <http://www.gendernetclim.de/> (only in German).

In the lead up to COP21 in Paris, fundraising was conducted to support the activities of GenderCC.

A small grant was received from the natural cosmetic company, Lush, for a photo campaign as part of the Global Women's Call for Climate Justice. Moreover, we received funding from the Women's Advocates Programme (WEDO) for a media event and advocacy work at ADP in October and COP21.

A larger funding application was submitted by Gotelind Alber, with the support of Kate Cahoon and Ulrike Röhr in 2014. It was approved (after some delay) to start in November 2015.

The three year project, titled "Gender into Urban Climate Change Initiative (GUCCI)", will address mitigation and adaptation actions and policies in cities in India, Indonesia and South Africa. It will be conducted in partnership with GenderCC Southern Africa, All India Women's Conference and Aksi! Indonesia. The project will be managed by the GenderCC Secretariat in Berlin, with supervision conducted by Gotelind Alber on a part-time basis. Kate Cahoon will coordinate the project on a part time basis (approx. 30 hours a week). A position will be advertised for part-time financial support starting early/mid 2016.

An initial planning meeting is to be held during COP21 in Paris, where the project will be launched as part of a side event in the German pavilion. All project partners will attend.

A more involved kick-off meeting is planned for January 2016 in Bangkok, Thailand. Partners will introduce the pilot cities for the project and concretise the workplan, in conjunction with a series of trainings.

Perspectives

While ongoing work within the Women and Gender Constituency of the UNFCCC was continued, this involvement was more limited than in the past. GenderCC is represented in the newly created facilitating committee of the WGC. The role of GenderCC in international advocacy is something that needs to be considered for 2016 and a need for further capacity building - both within the International Secretariat and the broader network - is apparent.

An ongoing consideration 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 and support international advocacy. Funding options will be considered.

While the GenderCC membership base is growing, the problem of inactive members and a lack of engagement by Steering Group members remains apparent. A renewal of the membership structure and fee system would be advised for the coming year. Input from the board and steering group would be welcome.