



GenderCC – Women for Climate Justice

Annual Report 2017 / 2018
and Financial Report 2017

Membership, Governance and International Secretariat

As decided at the AGM two years ago, the International Secretariat has invested additional efforts in strengthening the network and members' exchange.

Compared to last year, GenderCC's member base has continued to grow and currently encompasses 109 members. This includes 45 individuals from developing countries and 36 from industrialised countries, 22 organisations from developing countries and 6 organisations from industrialised countries.

The GenderCC **Board of Directors** is currently (as of November 2018) made up of:

Dorah Marema, South Africa (Chair)
Patricia Glazebrook, USA (Vice Chair)
Gotelind Alber, Germany (Treasurer)
Sylvia Namukasa (Uganda)
Kate Cahoon (Australia/Germany)

At the AGM two years ago, members were selected to join the **Steering Committee** based on their applications and experiences with the GenderCC network. Afterwards all members were asked for their approval via email. The group was approved without any objections by all members. The Steering Committee has resumed work at the beginning of 2017. Since then, additional members have joined the Steering Committee.

It is currently (as of November 2018) composed of the following persons:

- Usha Nair (India)
- Nicky Broeckhoven (Belgium)
- Eunice Warue (Kenya)
- Sharmind Neelormi (Bangladesh)
- Yvette Abrahams (South Africa)
- Olfa Jelassi (Tunisia)
- Minu Hemmati (Germany)

- Ewa Larsson (Sweden)

If members are interested in becoming a member of the Steering Committee, please reach out to the Board of Directors. The amendment of the Steering Committee is possible on a continuous basis.

The Steering Committee provides the main leadership for the network. Its tasks include

- Developing and safeguarding GenderCC's mission statement, policies, strategic plans, etc.
- Leading the monitoring and evaluation of network activities
- Recruiting and mobilise new network members
- Identify funding and partnership opportunities for GenderCC in their various regions
- Overseeing the work of GenderCC
- Representing GenderCC network externally
- Developing circles of women and organisations in various world regions to participate in discussions and development of perspectives on gender and climate change

The main task of the Steering Committee during the past years was to develop a long-term strategy for the development of the GenderCC network. Based on ideas collected during the AGM 2016, a first draft was prepared and will be circulated once completed.

The **International Secretariat** is currently set up of Gotelind Alber (Board member), Linda Ederberg (project coordinator), Patricia Bohland (finance officer) and Isadora Cardoso (project assistant), who joined the team in October 2018. Kate Cahoon left the team in 2017 after five years and Lisa Göldner (student assistant) left the team in September 2018 after three years.

Additionally, the Secretariat hosted interns throughout both years: In 2017, Louise Lap (UK/Netherlands), Elena Alter (Germany) and Iris Morrell (USA) and in 2018, Nayab Zyfar (Pakistan), Isadora Cardoso (Brazil), Celia Zoe Wicher (Germany), and Lea Scheffler (Germany) were of great support.

GenderCC's Activities in 2017 / 2018

GenderCC is administered by the Secretariat located in Berlin, Germany. The main channels for communication with the public are GenderCC's website, facebook page, twitter, flickr* as well as our regular newsletters. In 2017 and 2017 GenderCC published in total five newsletters. An additional edition will be published before COP24. The newsletter does also offer space for GenderCC members to share information with a broader audience and to highlight their activities. Currently 844 persons are subscribed to the newsletters. In addition, updates on GenderCC activities, current UNFCCC developments, new publications and events related to gender and climate change were regularly posted on the GenderCC website and social media networks.

Ongoing efforts have been made to attract more persons to follow GenderCC on **social media**. The facebook page is currently updated almost daily and has so far 1225 fans and 1241 followers. The GenderCC twitter profile, used primarily during events and conferences, has 1245 followers (All numbers as of Nov. 20th 2018). Follow and/or share us: @GenderCC.

The campaign, “Member’s Monday” that has been set up by a previous intern is used to feature the work of our members via our social media channels and website. The pictures are currently published irregularly. Any member can contact the Secretariat if interested in being featured as well.

GenderCC has continued its **international advocacy work in the UNFCCC process**. We were represented at the intersessional meetings in May 2017 as well as at COP23 in Bonn in 2017. Additionally, Kate Cahoon attended a preparatory meeting for the Gender Action Plan in de Hague in March 2017. In 2018, GenderCC had a delegation at the intersessional meetings in May in Bonn (SB48.1) as well as in September in Bangkok (SB48.2). In addition, a GenderCC delegation will be also present throughout COP24 in Katowice Poland in 2018. GenderCC’s delegations were encompassing staff members of the International Secretariat, GenderCC members (including members of the Board of Directors and the Steering Committee) and partners from our broader network.

GenderCC has continued its work in the Women and Gender Constituency and has participated in collaborative projects such as the Gender-just Climate Solutions Award and trainings for the members of the Women and Gender Constituency. More information can be found below in the respective projects.

GenderCC has continued to engage in **German-wide advocacy policy** in 2017/2018 through various means. In September 2017, GenderCC became a member of the major civil society alliance “[Klima-Allianz](#)” (Climate Alliance). GenderCC attended the general assemblies of the Klima-Allianz and contributed to the strategy and several position papers of the alliance, participated in lobbying activities (e.g. lobbying meeting with the German Foreign Office) and in coordination meetings. Moreover, GenderCC is represented in the German stakeholder consultations for the Klimaschutzplan 2050 (long-term national climate programme to implement the goals 2030 and 2050), called Aktionsbündnis. GenderCC is part of the environmental stakeholder group and contributes to their position papers.

GenderCC took part in the 2018 **European Development Days (EDD)** on 5th and 6th of June in Brussels, Belgium. Organised by the European Commission, the event focused on the empowerment of women and girls in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Sharmind Neelormi, from GenderCC's Steering Committee, spoke on the panel "Stronger Women for a better Climate". Linda Ederberg co-hosted a booth together with CARE International, CIDSE, WWF, Climate Action Network (CAN) Europe and ACT Alliance under the slogan campaign "Step Up to 1.5C: Paris and the SDGs".

Besides the communication related tasks done by GenderCC, the project teams uses **GenderCC’s Global Learning Platform** to exchange on project-related matters and for learning purposes. Even though the open-source software Moodle has very useful functionalities, the Secretariat has realised that there are certain limits to use this platform regularly (due to many other communication platforms already used by peoples such as twitter, Instagram, facebook etc.). Therefore, we are currently looking for a solution to be able to provide a platform that can support the network as much as the project and thematic activities run by us.

In addition to the Global Learning Platform and in order to enhance the exchange between members as requested by the AGM in 2016 the Secretariat has started a **LinkedIn group** in 2017. The aim is to vividly exchange, look for project partners, share activities and more. So far the group has been joined by 20 members only, so we would be glad if more members would join and initiate

discussions. Due to limited resources, the International Secretariat cannot regularly provide input and manage activities. If someone would like to support the management and enhance activities, please come back to us!

To strengthen the **Berlin-wide network of feminists for climate justice** GenderCC invited members and friends to a networking night in September 2017 and will organise these events on a regular basis. The first networking event resulted in an initiative to organise a flashmob action at the Brandenburger Tor 10 days prior to COP23. The action aimed at raising awareness on the UNFCCC Gender Action Plan that was adopted. You can find pictures on that action [here](#). Even though, more press was expected the action and its press releases led to several requests by media about COP24 and the Gender Action Plan. In 2018 the networking events in Berlin continued about every three months. The main activity throughout the first half of the year was the organisation of GenderCC's Anniversary celebration in August 2018. The last networking event took place in November 2018 and was combined with a housewarming party of GenderCC's new office space.

On 23rd August 2018, the International Secretariat of GenderCC celebrated it's **10th Anniversary**. More than 60 people attended the festivities that took place in the courtyard of the women's cooperative Weiberwirtschaft where the office of GenderCC's International Secretariat is located.

The party started with a wine reception and live music followed by a welcome note by Gotelind Alber, member of GenderCC's Board of Directors and a keynote speech by MinDirig Berthold Goeke, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety. He was followed by Ulrike Röhr, founding member of GenderCC, who looked back at 10 years fighting for gender and climate justice. We then organised a panel discussion with guests around the question "Where do we stand in the integration of gender justice into climate policies?" The guests were Anne-Lise Koch Lavis, the Gender Focal Point to the UNFCCC of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Arn Sauer, officer for Gender Mainstreaming at the German Federal Environment Agency, Cordine Lippert, head of the Coordination Office Climate Protection City of Potsdam, Ann-Kathrin Schneider, head of International Climate Policy with BUND/Friends of the Earth Germany, and Kate Cahoon, Germany Campaigner with 350.org and a member of GenderCC's board. The session was moderated by Claudia Neusüß from compassorange.

After the official programme a finger food buffet by "The real junk food project Berlin", was offered while guests could listen to a live Handpan concert by the artist Karukene. During the evening, video messages of GenderCC members all over the world were screened (watch the here) and guests were invited to take part in a game about history and stories of GenderCC. We are honoured and privileged to have received so many nice birthday greetings, presents and wishes from all over the world.

Projects

Gender into Urban Climate Change Initiative (GUCCI)

The project **Gender into Urban Climate Change Initiative (GUCCI)** has been running for three years now. Considerable progress has been made, as all partners could be finally contracted and in all pilot cities the Gender Assessment and Monitoring of Mitigations and Adaptation – methodology (GAMMA) could be implemented.

So far GAMMA shows that even though many cities already developed climate action programmes and strategies, the implementation is largely lacking behind. Gender has so far not systematically been taken into account in any of the pilot cities' climate policies, although some of them have gender equality departments. After the interviews in the course of GAMMA, most pilot cities' administrations expressed their interest towards integrating gender in their climate-related activities and were interested in receiving recommendations. After finalising the assessment, recommendations to improve urban climate policies and ideas for local projects and campaigns that can be used as showcases of gender just-climate action in the cities will be developed.



Image 1 Gender into Urban Climate Change – 3rd international project meeting in Johannesburg, South Africa, January 2018

Preliminary results were discussed and reviewed in a peer learning process at the international meeting in Johannesburg, South Africa 31st of January – 2nd of February 2018. Furthermore, a press conference and side-event were held at COP23 in Bonn where all partner organisations were represented. The methodology developed under the project (GAMMA) could be presented and widely shared at the UNFCCC SB Session 48 in Bonn in May 2018 during a Gender Workshop, hosted by the UNFCCC Gender Team as part of the implementation of the UNFCCC Gender Action Plan.

In July 2018, the German Environment Ministry, who is funding the project activities, granted an extension until 2020 including budget for new activities and implementation in another partner organisation. Equidad de Género from Mexico joined the project consortium and will implement the gender assessment in the pilot cities Mexico City and Xlaxala. Moreover, two new pilot city per “old” partner country (India, Indonesia and South Africa) have joined the project team. Kick-Off Meetings in the new pilot cities were held in October and November 2018. The methodology GAMMA will be revised and extended to be applicable to the national level. Two countries (Indonesia and South Africa) will implement the Gender Assessment on national level in 2019.

Furthermore, all project partners organised local stakeholder and national capacity workshops in the pilot cities. The workshops address city stakeholders such as citizens and communities, individuals from administration, NGOs or research institutes working in the field of gender and urban climate policies and actions. The objectives of the workshops are defined by the partner needs and are used

for capacity building on gender and climate change, urban climate policies, to present local assessments results and more.

The contribution of gender justice to successful climate politics: impact assessment, interdependencies with other social categories, methodological issues and options for shaping climate policy.

In the beginning of 2017 GenderCC has started a new research project in cooperation with the Wuppertal Institute and the Institute for Social-Ecological Research (ISOE) on **The contribution of gender justice to successful climate politics: impact assessment, interdependencies with other social categories, methodological issues and options for shaping climate policy**. It is funded in the framework of the Environmental Research Plan of the German Environmental Ministry and the German Environment Agency, started by the end of 2016 and will run for two years. The research project examines the added value of a gender perspective for climate protection and adaptation and develops recommendations for taking action. It involves three work packages: First, a systematic review of the literature on gender and climate change with a focus on industrialised countries, and an analysis of the relevant international agreements and mechanisms and their strategies to address gender issues, as well as their implications for gender-responsive national climate policy. A methodology for a gender review of national mitigation and adaptation programmes is developed and applied to the German action programmes.

The first work package resulted in report that provides an overview on evidence-based publications addressing gender and climate in industrialised countries, resistances in implementing the gender knowledge and strategies to overcome these barriers. Moreover it provides the results of a comprehensive analysis of relevant international agreements and mechanisms and their strategies to address gender issues, as well as their implications for gender-responsive national climate policy and a matrix for a gender assessment of national mitigation and adaptation programmes. The second part of the project focused the instrument of gender impact assessment which has been further developed and adjusted, primarily (but not exclusively) for the German institutional context. In the third work package, currently, an analysis is conducted on the benefits of integrating gender dimensions into climate policies and measures and on the question of how climate policies can facilitate gender justice. As the basis for future work, the project will give recommendations on how to close information gaps and improve data collection, and, finally, policy recommendations for integrating gender into the German climate change politics will be developed.

Interdependent gender aspects of the fields of need mobility, consumption, nutrition and housing as the foundation of urban environmental protection:

Against the background of the steady trend towards urbanization and current developments in gender relations in society, the focus of this research project is on their interdependences with and impacts on urban environmental protection. Role-specific behaviors and responsibilities, such as the unequal distribution of care work between the genders, differences in the distribution of incomes, or gender-specific consumption and nutrition practices are decisive here. The purpose of the project is to determine the state of knowledge on gender aspects in the fields of mobility, consumption (such as clothing), nutrition and housing for urban environmental protection. Building on this, programs

and measures (such as Habitat III, New Urban Agenda, SDGs) related to urban development will undergo a gender analysis, in order to derive research recommendations to generate ideas, e.g. for future research, planning processes, the design of federal programs, and other effective measures for the promotion of sustainable urban lifestyles and infrastructures.

In essence, the following research questions will be addressed:

- Which gender-specific patterns of behavior and societal changes, as well as gendered structures, have particular urban environmental effects in the areas of mobility, clothing, nutrition and housing, including the overarching aspects of digitization and collective use?
- What are the interactions and how are they taken into account in sustainable urban and infrastructure development, transport planning, sustainable construction, mitigation / adaptation or sustainable clothing and food production, including their supply chains?

The project is being carried out on behalf of the German Federal Environment Agency / German Federal Ministry for the Environment in a cooperative network between GenderCC - Women for Climate Justice, ISlconsult and the artec Research Center Sustainability at the University of Bremen.

Not without us! Climate justice and gender justice in international climate politics

Together with our long-standing partner organisation in Germany, LIFE e.V., GenderCC launched a new project at the beginning of 2017, run throughout 2018, called **Not without us! Climate justice and gender justice in international climate politics**. The project is supported by the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation with funds of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of the Federal Republic of Germany. The project aims to promote the integration of gender justice within the global climate justice movement and both struggles (climate justice and gender justice) in the international climate regime, mainly at the UNFCCC. It also aims to showcase impacts on the local level of actions induced by the international climate politics. The project targets the local level of the activists to enhance their knowledge about the impacts of and entry points into the international climate politics regime. Throughout the project, a group of activists from different gender and climate change organisations all around the world gets supported: Solidaritas Perempuan (Indonesia), GenderCC Southern Africa (South Africa), the Critical Geography Collective (Ecuador) as well as LIFE e.V. and GenderCC (Germany). In May 2017, the project team met in Bonn (Germany) for a capacity-building workshop and further attend the SB46 climate talks. In November of that year, the team went to COP23 and contributed to the civil society activities prior to the Conference. Three articles from their participation at their first SB-session in 2017 provide you with an impression of the negotiations from an activist's point of view and an insight on their focal topics: agriculture, REDD+ and conflict of interests within the UNFCCC (see [here](#)). In 2018, the project team attended the second week of the SB48 session in Bonn. Moreover, they will participate at COP24 in Katowice during the first week. Several capacity building activities like webinars ahead of intersessionals, workshops and learning materials on the Global Learning Platform allowed the participants to get strategic insights on the UNFCCC process and the work of the Women and Gender Constituency. In addition, training materials were produced which helped the project's participants to get an insight into the UNFCCC basics as well as gender entry points into the work programme of the Paris Agreement (also known as "rulebook") which are to be finalised at COP24. In order to enhance efforts to connect local struggles for climate and gender justice with the global level of the UNFCCC

process, there were three local workshops of 1-2 days in South Africa, Ecuador and Indonesia, as well as an evening event in Germany in 2018. At the end of the project period in 2018, there will be a short video produced by the participants.



Image 2 Not without us! Project team at intersessionals SB48, May 2018

Building capacity of gender-advocates in international climate policies

As the pace of the negotiations at the SB48 meeting in Bonn was very slow, the session was suspended and continued in Bangkok, Thailand from 4th to 9th September 2018. With financial support from Bread of the World in a short term project called **Building capacity of gender-advocates in international climate policies**, GenderCC was able to be represented with a delegation at the intersessionals in Bangkok as well. Together with five participants from Brazil, South Africa, Bangladesh, Germany and Fiji, GenderCC with other members of the Women and Gender Constituency advocated for gender equality being integrated into the work programme of the Paris Agreement. On September 2nd-3rd 2018, a training was organised to prepare women to participate effectively at the intersessionals. The training provided a background on the different elements of the Paris Agreement and their specific gender entry points as well as practical exercises on advocacy and communication. The recommendations from the Women and Gender Constituency and a short report on the intersessionals can be found [here](#).

With financial support of the GIZ, GenderCC implements another short-term project focused on building capacity and knowledge exchange among gender and climate activists during COP24 in Poland. The project will fully fund the participation of five Global South activists, from Fiji, Bangladesh, Tunisia, Kenya and Uganda. They will participate, along with interested participants of

the Women and Gender Constituency, in advocacy and communications trainings, targeted at the international climate negotiations.

More information on current and past projects can be found on [GenderCC website](#).

Perspectives

The main project GUCCI will run until December 2020. The research project 'The contribution of gender justice to successful climate politics' will be completed in March 2019, and the research project 'Interdependent gender aspects of the fields of need mobility, consumption, nutrition and housing' in October 2019.

Concerning GenderCC's presence at the international level, the Secretariat plans to provide more information for its members about the different possibilities for participation in international conferences e.g. the High Level Political Forum 2019. The active participation in the UNFCCC process will continue as well. At the moment, the Secretariat is discussing different cooperation opportunities with other WGC members about how to improve coordination of and capacity building within the constituency. In addition, we are evaluating how to continue the Not without us!-project.

Moreover, the GIZ gender programme requested GenderCC in Fall 2018 to submit a proposal for a global project on national implementation of the UNFCCC Gender Action Plan and integration of gender into NDCs. As of November 2018, the decision on the project approval was pending.

In Fall 2018, GenderCC was asked to write a Gender Briefing on gender and climate justice for the German foundation Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung. It is primarily targeted at their climate programmes in the FES regional offices. The Gender Briefing will be finalised around February 2019.

To gain more presence on EU level, GenderCC has decided to take part in a project proposal responding to a DEAR Call (Development Education and Awareness Raising) as co-applicant. The decision is pending.

Financial Report 2017 (EUR)

	Year 2016	Year 2017		Year 2018 (plan)
		Plan	Real	
Reserves / advance payments	5.580,59		54.482,54	40.000,00
Subsidies/grants	168.985,56	210.900,00	216.749,35	351.217,00
IKI GUCCI	168.985,56	205.000,00	205.902,85	291.857,00
Rosa-Luxemburg Foundation	-	3.400,00	8.346,50	11.860,00
Small projects		2.500,00	2.500,00	47.500,00
Contracts	29.578,44	26.300,00	55.105,53	50.600,00
Uni Bremen	24855,84	-	-	-
BMUB / UBA		21.600,00	46.806,57	47300,00
VAT	4722,60	4.700,00	8.298,96	3300,00
Other Incomes	160,00	200,00	175,00	200,00
Donations	160,00	200,00	175,00	200,00
Reimbursements	00,00			
Total income	198.724,00	237.400,00	272.029,88	402.017,00

Spending					
Payroll	126.998,65		132.500,00	148.735,69	161.000,00
Salaries incl. taxes and social security	126.148,34	132.000,00		146.447,28	160.000,00
Other work contracts	455,11			2.267,40	500,00
Further training costs	395,20	500,00		21,01	500,00
Transfers	57.619,51		120.000,00	145.948,31	200.000,00
Transfers to project partners	57.619,51	120.000,00		145.948,31	200.000,00
Travel costs	8.575,95		8.500,00	9.550,97	15.000,00
Travel and allowances	8.575,95	8.500,00		9.550,97	15.000,00
Office costs	6.077,83		5.550,00	6.042,31	8.000,00
Office rental and cleaning	5.474,57	5.550,00		6.042,31	8.000,00
Administration costs	2.923,23		3.600,00	3.181,04	5.250,00
Office supplies	2.565,84	3.000,00		2.181,28	4.000,00
Banking costs	357,39	600,00		999,76	1.250,00
Consultancy and services	2.977,47		1.800,00	1.447,39	2.000,00
Bookkeeping and audit	2.977,47	1.800,00		1.447,39	2.000,00
Publications. public relations. events	1.706,78		3.800,00	1.763,06	2.000,00
Publications, Web, Communication,	1.063,50			295,59	1.000,00
Events	643,28	1.800,00		1.467,47	1.000,00

		2.000,00		
Pre-tax allowance	727,93		392,78	500,00
VAT	18.890,00		-	
Other				
depreciations	433,00		208,00	
Total expenditures	226.497,35	275.750,00	317.061,55	393.750,00
Total income	198.724,00		272.029,88	402.017,00
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Balance	28.206,35		45.239,67	8267,00