



# Annual Report 2018 / 2019 and Financial Report 2018

## Membership, Governance and International Secretariat

As decided at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) three 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 131 members. This includes 53 individuals from developing countries and 47 from industrialised countries, 25 organisations from developing countries and 6 organisations from industrialised countries.

The GenderCC **Board of Directors** is currently (as of November 2019) 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 2019) 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), Ulrike Röhr (researcher), Isadora Cardoso (project coordinator), Sarah Louis Montgomery (finance and project coordinator) and Malu Tello (student assistant). Patricia Bohland and Linda Ederberg (finance and project coordinator, respectively) left the team in Spring 2019.



**GenderCC International Secretariat Team, July 2019**

Additionally, the Secretariat hosted interns throughout 2019: Marius Koepchen (Germany). Elisa Tuillon (France), Sara Lopez (Spain) and Franziska Stambke (Germany) were of great support.

## GenderCC's Activities in 2018/ 2019

GenderCC is administered by the International Secretariat located in Berlin, Germany. The main channels for communication with the public are GenderCC's website, facebook page, twitter, as well as our regular newsletters. As of November 2019, in 2018 and 2019, GenderCC published in total seven newsletters. An additional edition will be published before COP25. The newsletter does also offer space for GenderCC members to share information with a broader audience and to highlight their activities. Currently, 976 persons are subscribed to the newsletters. In addition, updates on GenderCC activities, current UNFCCC developments, publications and events related to gender and climate change are 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 1.472 fans and 1.534 followers. The GenderCC twitter profile, used primarily during events and conferences, has 1.630 followers. Follow and/or share us: @GenderCC.

GenderCC has continued its **international advocacy work in the UNFCCC process**. We were represented at the intersessional meetings in COP24 in Katowice, Poland in 2018, and SB50 in Bonn in June 2019, where GenderCC followed up an in-session workshop on the Gender Action Plan. GenderCC had a delegation of 7 people per week during COP24 and is planning to take a delegation of around 27 people for each week of COP25 in Madrid. GenderCC's delegation encompasses 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 during COP24. More information can be found below in the respective projects.

GenderCC has continued to engage in **German-wide advocacy policy** in 2018/2019 through various means. As a member of the major German civil society alliance "[Klima-Allianz](#)" (Climate Alliance), GenderCC attended meetings of the Klima-Allianz, contributed to position papers and participated in lobbying activities.

GenderCC is represented in the stakeholder consultation of the government (represented by the Ministry for the Environment, Nature Protection and Nuclear Safety) for the Klimaschutzplan 2030 (long-term national climate programme to implement the goals 2030), called 'Aktionsbündnis Klimaschutz'. GenderCC is part of the environmental stakeholder group and contributes to their statements.

To strengthen the **Berlin-wide network of feminists for climate justice** GenderCC invites members and friends to "Stammtisch" events (regular get-together event). In 2019, GenderCC hold one Stammtisch prior to SB50 and organized another one prior to COP25, on November 27th.

Moreover, 2019 was a year of intense social mobilisations led by students who started strikes around the globe as a means to protest against government inaction and corporate abuse on climate issues. The GenderCC Secretariat co-organised the feminist bloc at the climate strike in Berlin on September 20th. The organisers counted up to 270.000 participants joining the strike in Berlin, 1.4. Million in the more than 500 communities in Germany where climate strikes were organised. Millions of people

supported it worldwide. The strike itself was very motivating for GenderCC and its allies. We participated in the protest with colourful banners and signs. Activists of all age groups and genders joined the feminist bloc in the Berlin demo.



GenderCC is one of the 12 European NGOs participating in the 2019 edition of the [EU-China NGO twinning programme](#). The programme seeks to strengthen collaboration among civil society organisations working on climate change, low-carbon development, environmental and social justice in both regions. Isadora Cardoso, project coordinator at GenderCC, exchanged with Jia Yuan, project manager at the partner organisation [Yunnan Green Environment Development Foundation](#) (YGF) in Kunming, Yunnan Province. The programme also included a capacity-building workshop in Beijing and an event on gender issues in China and the EU in Berlin, and GenderCC contributed to both. The programme is organised by [Stiftung Asienhaus](#), in cooperation with [Climate Action Network \(CAN\) Europe](#) and the [China Association for NGO Cooperation \(CANGO\)](#).

In order to enhance the exchange between members as requested by the AGM in 2016 the Secretariat has a [LinkedIn group](#) in 2017. It is planned to focus the group on gender and climate change researchers and invite also non-members to join who are active in this field to join. Comments are welcome!

## Projects

### Gender into Urban Climate Change Initiative (GUCCI)

The project **Gender into Urban Climate Change Initiative (GUCCI)** has been running for four years now. Considerable progress has been made since the first phase of the project (2015-2018). All pilot cities from the first phase of the project concluded the implementation of the Gender Assessment and Monitoring of Mitigations and Adaptation methodology (GAMMA) and currently the methodology is being run in the cities of the second phase, as well as at the national level in South Africa and Indonesia.

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 or mention it in the climate policies. 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 were developed by the project partners and presented to the interested stakeholders through workshops or internal meetings.

Results from the first phase of the project, as well as insights from the work in the new cities included in the second phase were discussed and reviewed in a peer learning process at the international meeting in Mumbai, India, from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2019. Furthermore, a side event was held at SB50 in Bonn where Ndivile Mokoena, project coordinator from GenderCC – Women for Climate Justice in South Africa, presented the GAMMA methodology as a tool to enhance gender-responsive Nationally Determined Contributions and other national climate action.



**Gender into Urban Climate Change project team at the 4th international project meeting in Mumbai, India, February 2019**

All project partners have been organising stakeholder and capacity-building workshops in the new pilot cities (Ekurhuleni and eThekweni in South Africa, Chennai and Kolkata in India, Jember and Yogyakarta in Indonesia, Mexico City and Tlaxcala in Mexico). 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. Last, the project partners have concluded most of the status quo reports of the “new” pilot cities, which can be found [here](#).

The project will co-host the side event "Gender responsive urban climate policies and NDCs" with our project partner Equidad de Género Ciudadanía Trabajo y Familia and Fundación Despacio on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Together with the other project partners, we will present lessons learned from assessing the gender responsiveness of climate change policies and discuss recommendations from the project, both for the local/urban and national levels (NDCs). We will focus on Mexico and present cases of our partner organisations from India, Indonesia and South Africa.

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

The research project in cooperation with the Wuppertal Institute and the Institute for Social-Ecological Research (ISOE) is funded in the framework of the Environmental Research Plan of the German Environmental Ministry and the German Environment Agency and was planned to end in March 2019. In order to support the gender mainstreaming strategy of the German Ministry for the Environment, Nature Protection and Nuclear Safety it was extended until end of October 2019.

The research project examined the added value of a gender perspective for climate protection and adaptation and developed recommendations for taking action. It involved 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 on the instrument of gender impact assessment which has been further developed and adjusted to climate policy, primarily (but not exclusively) for the German institutional context. In the third work package an impact analysis was conducted on some climate change programmes. Furthermore, the benefits of integrating gender dimensions into climate policies and measures and on the question of how climate policies can facilitate gender justice were identified. As the basis for future work, the project gave recommendations on how to close information gaps and improve data collection, and, finally, policy recommendations for integrating gender into the German climate change politics were developed.

During the six month extension two workshops were held for staff of the Environment Ministry. The first one addressed heads of departments, the second one those responsible for some of the measures of the new programme for climate protection. In both workshops the minister for the Environment, Svenja Schulze, participated and demonstrated that she cares for gender justice in environment and climate change policy. Furthermore, various background papers were provided for the ministry, e. g. on gender responsive implementation of the climate protection programme 2030

and on gender agreements in international climate change policy and their implementation on national level.

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

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

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 underwent 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 were 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 partners presented its results to an expert public and are currently providing the final report. The project is planned to end by February 2020.

**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 continued the implementation of the third-year of the project **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 and activists from all world regions gets supported: Solidaritas Perempuan (Indonesia), GenderCC

Southern Africa (South Africa), the Critical Geographers Collective (Ecuador) as well as LIFE e.V. and GenderCC (Germany).

In 2018, the project team participated in three important events to showcase their local work and demands. In November, the project held a panel discussion in Berlin to highlight and showcase the importance of gender just climate politics in the event “Patriarchy vs. the climate: Why there is no climate justice without feminism”. At COP24 in Katowice, Poland, the project team participated in two events: “From local approaches to (inter)national policy: Gender Just Transition and Decent Work” together with CEED, Grassroots Global Justice, UNRISD and the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation. At the civil society space, the project presented the workshop “Women for Climate Justice: Local Struggles, Global Actions”. The main goal was to create a participatory space where a methodology used by local communities in the Amazon region was jointly experimented by an international audience. We shared the “Body mapping” methodology that makes you understand in which ways climate change is directly affecting your most intimate territory - your body and inner life. The event was such a great experience that part of the project team presented this same methodology in August 2019 at the Klima Camp in Leipzig. The videos produced in 2018 by the project participants can be accessed on our project page: <https://gendercc.net/our-work/current-projects/not-without-us.html>

In 2019, the project announced a call for new participants and selected two new activists to join the team and contribute to the capacity building and advocacy aspects of the project: Shradha Shreejaya, from Kerala, India, works with women-led campaigns and advocacy around adaptation, menstrual equity and access to justice for loss and damages due to climate breakdown; and Tamani Rarama, from Fiji, is an indigenous I-taukei (Fijian) feminist and climate justice activist. Tamani is the current Secretary Executive of the Fiji Youth SRHR Alliance, a network of young leaders who work on advocacy & lobbying for SRHR issues in Fiji.

This year, the project implemented internal capacity building sessions through thematic webinars where all project participants shared on current issues of their work and activism with each other. Also, participants are elaborating local stories to be taken to COP25, where the project will launch them in two occasions: at the Peoples Summit in Santiago, Chile, on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and also at the Cumbre Social por el Clima, which will happen from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> of December in Madrid. Finally, on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the project will co-host the side event “Making Article 6 work for gender equality and indigenous peoples’ rights: learning from local experiences” in Madrid.

### **Building capacity of gender advocates in international climate policies**

With financial support from GIZ in a short term project called **Getting ready to advocate for gender and climate justice at COP24, Katowice**, GenderCC was able to be represented with a strong delegation of gender and climate activists at COP25 in Katowice. Together with four participants of this project, who came from Bangladesh, Kenya, Tunisia and Uganda, GenderCC and other members of the Women and Gender Constituency advocated for gender equality being integrated into the work programme of the Paris Agreement. The project main measure was a 1.5-day training for gender advocates during, including introducing content on the Women and Gender Constituency, the UNFCCC and its processes, especially the Paris Agreement (NDCs, Global Stocktake, Adaptation Communication, Transparency Framework and Article 6). It took place on the 4<sup>th</sup> and the 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2018. 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 COP24 can be found [here](#).

### **Information platform [genanet.de](http://genanet.de)**

Due to the gender mainstreaming activities of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment and respective need for information, GenderCC got a small grant to technically update the system and to continuously update the content of the platform.

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

## **Perspectives**

The main project GUCCI will run until December 2020. A project proposal has been submitted to the International Climate Initiative together with a number of partners that would focus on gender-responsive just transition strategies in various countries. Another proposal concentrating on the integration of gender into NDCs with the help of our GAMMA method is likely to be approved.

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 such as the World Urban Forum, where we will be present with a networking and a training event as well as a GUCCI project meeting.

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.

The secretariat is interested in diversifying its sources of finances in order to provide a secure financial basis for the organization's future. It is looking into IKI funding but also funding from the German Ministry of Development Cooperation and other donors for projects in the area of education, awareness raising and campaigning on behalf of gender and climate issues.

## **Financial Report**

Incomes, expenditure and the balance are given in the table on the next page.

The financial reports of 2018 and the previous years have been submitted in due time to the German tax office, and the non-profit charitable status of GenderCC has been confirmed.

It should be noted that the major part of the surplus at the end of 2018 is due to project payments that have been received at the end of the year, but were used in 2019. If the balance is adjusted accordingly, the reserves have been 5.435,96 EUR. Therefore, it would be beneficial, if GenderCC would receive more donations in order to build up a financial reserve. Otherwise, we cannot manage the cash flow of larger projects, and cannot raise funds where an own contribution is required.

**Financial Report 2018**

01.01.2018 - 31.12.2018

<b><u>Incomes</u></b>	Euro	Euro	Euro
Grants			
Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung	6,755.51		
Brot für die Welt	8,000.00		
GIZ	37,367.00		
Bundesministerium für Umwelt	<u>359,977.61</u>	412,100.12	
Contracts 7% VAT			
Wuppertal Inst, / ISIconult		22,092.68	
VAT		1,546.49	
VAT previous year		727.42	
Donations		<u>508.00</u>	436,974.71
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>			
Staff		167,393.73	
Work contracts		520.00	
Rent		3,734.54	
Reinigung		418.26	
Celaning		2,044.94	
Travel		25,444.17	
Other travel		189.37	
Catering Events		895.82	
Events		428.47	
Transfer to partner South Africa		92,750.00	
Transfer to partner Indonesia		39,163.24	
Transfer to partner India		17,564.60	
Transfer to partner Mexico		426.67	
PR and printing		307.42	
Video production		6,466.22	
Fees		1,476.22	
Postage		41.03	
Communication		387.83	
Office consumables		255.17	
Literature		11.21	
Training		80.00	
Consultancy and financial audit		1,456.73	
Tax counsellor		2,211.67	
Banking fees		1,372.78	
Other expenditures		647.17	
VAT previous year		2,883.71	
VAT advance payments		561.99	
Deductio of input tax		<u>188.92</u>	369,321.88
<b><u>Balance</u></b>			<b><u>67,652.83</u></b>