



# Annual Report 2019 / 2020 and Financial Report 2019

## Membership, Governance and International Secretariat

Compared to last year, GenderCC's member base has continued to grow and currently encompasses 146 members. This includes 56 individuals from the global south and 56 from the global north, 26 organisations from the global south and 8 organisations from the global north.

The GenderCC **Board of Directors** is currently (as of November 2020) made up of:

Dorah Marema, South Africa, Chair  
Patricia Glazebrook, USA, Vice Chair  
Gotelind Alber, Germany, Treasurer  
Birte Rodenberg, Germany  
Olfa Jelassi, Tunisia  
Shaila Shahid, Bangladesh  
Sylvia Namukasa, Uganda.

At the AGM in 2017, 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 2020) composed of the following persons:

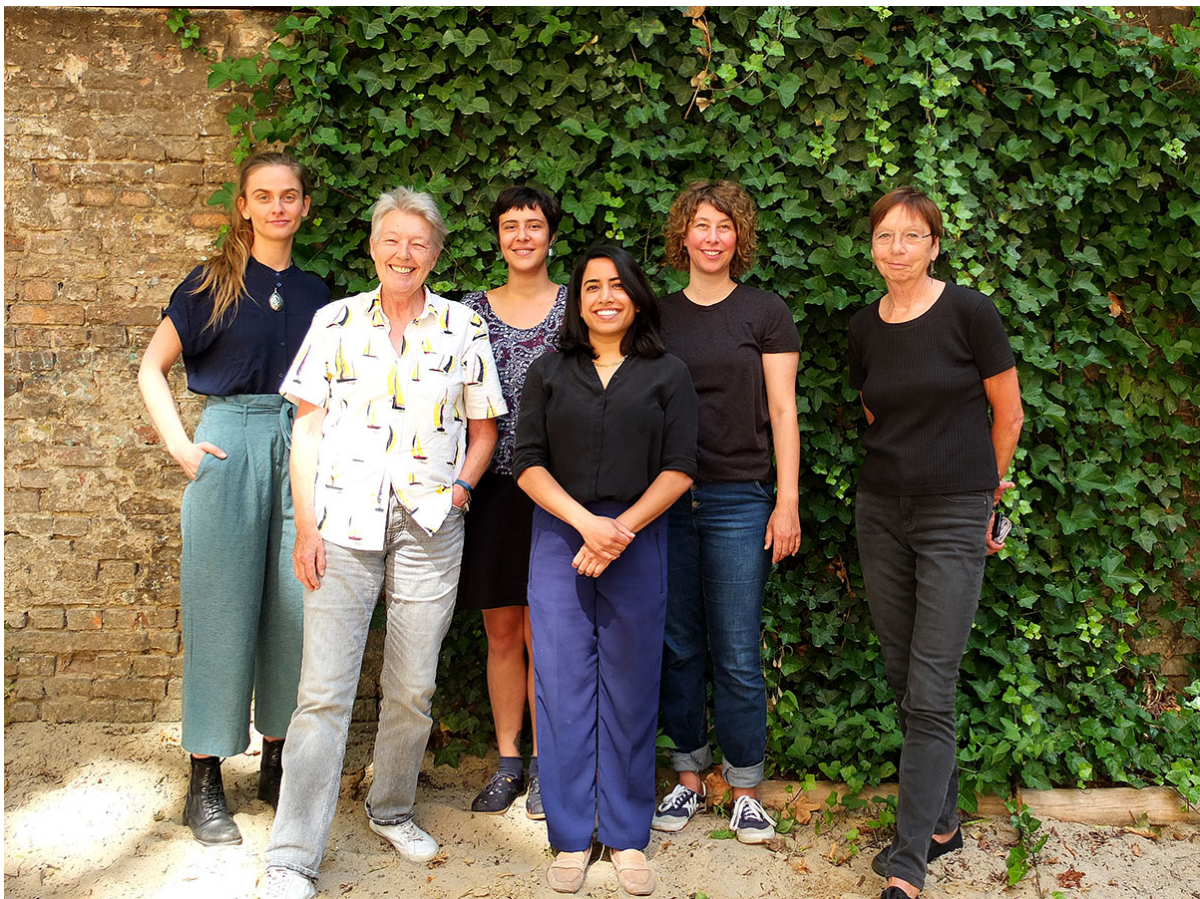
Eunice Warue , Kenya  
Ewa Larsson, Sweden  
Minu Hemmati, Germany  
Nicky Broeckhoven, Belgium  
Olfa Jelassi (Tunisia)  
Sharmind Neelormi, Bangladesh  
Usha Nair, India  
Yvette Abrahams, South Africa.

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 **International Secretariat** is currently set up of (from left to right) Vera Dickhoff (student assistant), Gotelind Alber (Board member), Isadora Cardoso (project coordinator), Aditi Surie von Czechowski (project coordinator), Sarah Louis Montgomery (finance and project coordinator), Ulrike Röhr (researcher). Malu Tello and Kathrin Meyer (student assistants) left the team in 2020.



**GenderCC International Secretariat Team, Summer 2020**

The Secretariat did not host interns in 2020. The internship programme is currently suspended since the Secretariat is aiming to seek funds to support it systematically whilst reviewing the scope of the programme. Moreover, during the last months, much of the work was done in the home office.

## GenderCC's Activities in 2019/2020

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 2020, in 2019 and 2020, GenderCC published in total six newsletters. An additional edition will be published in December 2020. The newsletter does also offer space for GenderCC members to share information with a broader audience and to highlight their activities. Currently, 1299 persons are subscribed to the newsletter. 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 people to follow GenderCC on **social media**. The facebook page is currently updated on a weekly basis and so far has 1.662 followers. The LinkedIn page has grown significantly in the past year, and we have up until now 628 followers. The GenderCC twitter profile, which has been our most active social media, has 2.221 followers. Follow and share us @GenderCC. On Instagram we currently have 214 followers, a reach we hope to improve in the following year with more content on gender & climate.

GenderCC has continued its **international advocacy work in the UNFCCC process**. We were represented at COP25 in Madrid, Spain in 2019 with a large delegation of GenderCC members and allies. GenderCC had a delegation of 27 people per week during COP25, 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.

With the postponement of 2020's climate sessions due to the Covid-19 pandemic, in-person opportunities to meet, organise and advance urgent climate commitments were severely impacted. However, GenderCC continued to work on demanding just responses to the intertwined crises we are facing. Some examples of the activities we engaged throughout 2020 include the participation in the 3-day event "[Momentum, Action & Justice: Cross-Climate Constituencies Virtual Town Hall](#)", co-organised by the Women and Gender Constituency (WGC) with allied civil society constituencies to discuss and propose actions on how to move from analysis to ensuring implementation on climate action that lays the basis for a just recovery.

In furthering our collaboration with the Women and Gender Constituency, GenderCC has also contributed to the virtual event "[Advocacy for Gender Just Climate Action](#)" with some of the [Gender Just Climate Solutions](#) award winners.

GenderCC has continued to engage in **Germany-wide advocacy work** in 2019/2020 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 process of the government (represented by the Ministry for the Environment, Nature Protection and Nuclear Safety) concerning the

'Klimaschutzplan 2030' (long-term national climate programme to implement the 2030 goals), called 'Aktionsbündnis Klimaschutz'. GenderCC is part of the environmental stakeholder group and contributes to their statements.

Independently from those networks, GenderCC's staff member Ulrike Röhr has published two articles addressing gender and climate change under the current pandemic. One article is actually a discussion paper, co-written by GenderCC, genanet and Life and is called 'For a gender-just handling of the Corona and Climate Crisis' - it has been published in May 2020. Another article is called 'The [German] economic stimulus package to overcome the corona crisis from a gender and climate perspective' and was published in September alongside with co-author Regina Frey. Moreover, Gotelind Alber and Ulrike Röhr contributed to a feminist book project on gender in climate policy-making which is still to be published.

To strengthen the **Berlin-wide network of feminists for climate justice** GenderCC invites members and friends to "Stammtisch" events (regular get-together events). However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in 2020, GenderCC did not hold any Stammtisch- only an office-warming-event in January 2020, to celebrate the moving into its new premises within the same building. We hope to resume it in 2021.

Despite the lockdown and safety measures adopted throughout the world to fight the pandemic, 2020 has been an intense year of virtual and in-person social mobilisations against the interconnected crises we are living in. Always prizing for safety and care measures first, the GenderCC Secretariat participated in the #8M march in Berlin on March 8<sup>th</sup>, joined the Fridays for Future global online climate strike on April 24<sup>th</sup> and co-organised a queer and feminist bike protest during the Fridays for Future climate strike in Berlin on September 25<sup>th</sup>. On this last one, 200,000 people took the streets throughout Germany and in more than 2.500 cities worldwide, protesting against the devastating consequences of climate change. Activists of diverse age groups and genders joined our bike protest in Berlin.



**GenderCC team at the climate strike bike protest on 25.09.20 in Berlin, Germany.**  
Photo by Lukas Stratmann (Fridays for Future Technische Universität Berlin)

In order to enhance the exchange between members as requested by the AGM in 2016 the Secretariat is actively posting in its [LinkedIn group](#) and [page](#). The group is focused on gender and climate change researcher, and also non-members are invited 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 almost five years. 2020 was supposed to be its final year of implementation. However, due to the pandemic, many of the project activities, especially the in-person ones, were impacted in all four countries part of the project. Therefore, it will still be implemented until mid-2021.

All pilot cities are concluding the implementation of the Gender Assessment and Monitoring of Mitigations and Adaptation methodology (GAMMA). Currently, the project partners in India, Indonesia, Mexico and South Africa are adapting the final steps of the methodology so that it can be concluded by virtual means. Moreover, the events planned to take place with multiple stakeholders in all pilot cities are being substituted by virtual activities such as production of informative videos and webinars.

GenderCC is currently compiling and analysing the learnings, challenges and success stories of the project throughout the years, especially in the implementation of the methodology. This systematisation is going to be publicly available through a handbook on practical steps to implement GAMMA, the launching of a virtual e-learning platform, and the final project report, including its evaluation.

Before the pandemic started, GenderCC was able to convene the annual international meeting of the project along with the partners during the UN Habitat's World Urban Forum 10 (WUF 10) in Abu Dhabi, from February 8 to 13, 2020. The project team not only held its annual meeting there, but also conducted the training event "Working towards gender-responsive urban climate policy: sharing tools to build inclusive, resilient cities" and the networking event "Working towards a gender-responsive urban climate policy: sharing experiences from GenderCC's international urban pilot project and connecting with new partners". Both events were implemented with Equidad de Género (Mexico), All India Women's Conference (India), GenderCC Southern Africa (South Africa), Aksi! for gender, social & ecological justice and Solidaritas Perempuan (Indonesia). Read our full WUF10 report [here](#).

An new additional element of the project will be to look at responses to the pandemic at urban levels, and to identify interlinkages between gender, health and climate change.



### GUCCI project team at World Urban Forum 10 in Abu Dhabi, February 2020

As part of the project's peer learning process, GenderCC started a series of internal virtual workshops on the topics of the project and our partners' expertise. In 2020, six workshops were conducted by and to the project team.

### GenderCC showcased the project in the following online events 2020:

- Lecture for Fridays for Future 15<sup>th</sup> April
- Policy Kitchen by 'Polis180 - Grassroots-Thinktank for Foreign and European Policy' on April 20th
- UN-Habitat's Expert Group Meeting "Gender-responsive cities", 27-28 May
- Presentation during Genderwoche City of Vienna, July 1st.
- Video [presentation](#) during the UNFCCC 2020 Gender Market Place in July.
- Asia Seminar "Gender and energy in sustainable urban development", Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Vietnam, September 10<sup>th</sup>
- [KVINFO](#) (Danish centre for study and work with gender, equality and diversity) retreat, on September 15<sup>th</sup>
- Workshop "[Gender integration into national climate actions - Europe & Central Asia](#)" organized by the UNFCCC as part of the Gender Action Plan's activities, on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- "Gender, climate and coal event", by Polis 180 Germany, on November 5<sup>th</sup>.
- "Building Bridges for Climate Action" by Klima Delegation e.V. Germany, on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

**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 was developed and applied to the German action 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.

The publication of the final report (in German, with a 20 pages summary in English) is available [here](#).

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

The project was carried out on behalf of the German Federal Environment Agency / German Federal Ministry for the Environment in consortium of GenderCC - Women for Climate Justice, ISIconult 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 behaviours 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.

The project partners presented its results to an expert public. The project ended February 2020. The release of the final report is forthcoming.

### **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 fourth-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 team is currently made of eight feminist climate activists from around the world: Dinda working with Solidaritas Perempuan (Indonesia), Ndivile working with GenderCC Southern Africa (South Africa), Melissa working with Critical Geography Collective (Ecuador), Nanna and Pat working with LIFE e.V. (Germany), Isadora working with GenderCC (Brazil, based in Germany), Shradha working with Mama Cash (India), Taily working with youth and indigenous women's collectives (Brazil).

In 2019, the team participated in important events to showcase their local work and demands at local and international events. Prior to COP25 in Madrid, the project team held a webinar to prepare climate and gender activists on the main issues at stake during the negotiations. Also, our international team of climate and gender activists produced local stories of feminists, women and LGBTQI\* activists fighting the climate chaos. The stories – videos and publications - are available in [GenderCC's webpage](#). The team presented these local stories during the [Cumbre de los Pueblos](#) in Santiago de Chile and COP25 in December 2019, as well as in an in person screening event in Berlin on summer 2020. Among the takeaways from COP25, we wrote an [analysis](#) about the enhanced Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan (GAP) adopted during the conference. In 2020, during the UNFCCC climate dialogues, the team held the special online event “Not without us! Feminist voices in climate justice struggles” on November 27th.

In 2020, the project is keeping its internal capacity building through online learning sessions. The team is working on the compilation and systematisation of its knowledge from 2017 up until now through a [medium platform](#), in cooperation with the Women and Gender Constituency. Moreover, we are producing knowledge in new formats, like audio features, infographics and illustrations, which will all be available on our new medium page.



### **Information platform [genanet.de](http://www.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 [www.genanet.de](http://www.genanet.de). The platform exists since 2003 and is regularly updated. Most information is available in German and English (duration 1.9.2019 – 31.8.2022).

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

## **Perspectives**

Various project proposals have been submitted during 2020, among others to the International Climate Initiative (IKI) and to the European Horizon 2020 programme, most of them still pending. Moreover, proposals for working in the European and German contexts with gender-responsive climate policies are being envisioned for 2021.

The active participation in the UNFCCC is continued despite the pandemic and cancelation of in-person events, through the online events and workshops promoted not only by the UNFCCC but also by the civil society alliances we are a part of. The Not Without Us! project is planned to keep running in 2021.

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 on gender and climate issues. Funding for campaigns, local actions in Germany and trainings on the topics of our work are also being applied for and expected to support GenderCC's work from 2021 on.

## **Financial Report**

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

**Financial Report 2019****1.1.2019 – 31.12.2019**

<b>Incomes</b>	<b>Euro</b>	<b>Euro</b>	<b>Euro</b>
<b>Grants</b>			
Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung	44910,03		
Brot für die Welt	1216,00		
Bundesministerium für Umwelt	<u>331649,45</u>	377775,48	
Contracts 7% VAT			
Wuppertal-Institut/ISIConsult (Ufoplan)		59606,73	
VAT		4172,47	
VAT previous year		82,76	
Donations		<u>2917,75</u>	444555,19
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Staff	183009,83		
Work contracts	3790,27		
Office rent	2310,61		
Events rent	6841,27		
Travel	15125,94		
Other event costs	58,87		
Transfer to partner South Africa	56700,00		
Transfer to partner Indonesia	31415,31		
Transfer to partner India	47004,16		
Transfer to partner Mexico	33981,42		
Transfers to partners "Not without us"	32520,00		
PR and printing	1549,08		
Fees	556,00		
Porto	51,00		
Internet, phone, webspace	1972,42		
Office consumables	616,40		
Literature	46,40		
Counselling, book-keeping	1312,88		
Tax counsellor	1345,77		
Banking fees	1707,14		
Other expenditures	404,97		
Payback grants	11991,50		
VAT advance payments	2177,16		
Deduction of VAT	392,04		436880,44
<b>Balance</b>			<b>7674,75</b>