

# Annual Report 2020 / 2021 and Financial Report 2020

## Membership, Governance and International Secretariat

Compared to last year, GenderCC's member base has continued to grow and currently encompasses 160 members. This includes 60 individuals from the global south and 63 from the global north, 28 organisations from the global south and 9 organisations from the global north.

The GenderCC **Board of Directors** is currently (as of November 2021) 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.

The **Steering Committee members** were selected in 2017 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 2021) 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 expansion 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 Gotelind Alber (Board member and project manager), Farina Hoffmann (project coordinator), Zhyldyz Imanalieva (student assistant), Sarah Louis Montgomery (finance and project coordinator) and Ulrike Röhr (researcher). Isadora Cardoso (project coordinator), Vera Dickhoff (student assistant) and Aditi von Surie Czechowski (project coordinator) left the team in 2021. The Secretariat did not host interns in 2020 or 2021. During the last almost two years, much of the work was done in the home office because of the pandemic.

## GenderCC's Activities in 2020/2021

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 2021, GenderCC published in total five **newsletters** in 2020 & 2021. An additional edition will be published in December 2021. Currently, 1,244 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.

The Secretariat is actively posting in its [LinkedIn group](#) and [page](#) which has 888 followers. The group is focused on gender and climate change researchers, and also non-members are invited to join who are active in this field to join. Comments are welcome!

The facebook page has 1,721 followers, and on Instagram we have 527 followers. The GenderCC twitter profile, which has been our most active social media, has 2,755 followers. Follow and share us @GenderCC!

GenderCC has continued its **international advocacy work in the UNFCCC process**. We were represented at COP26 in Glasgow, UK, in November 2021 with a delegation of five people per week during COP26, encompassing staff members of the International Secretariat, GenderCC members and partners from our broader network. As we have done in the past years, GenderCC was actively involved within the Women and Gender Constituency and followed the daily caucus meetings.

During the first week of COP26, GenderCC co-organised a well-attended Side Event at the Blue Zone on "Engaging citizens in urban climate action for inclusive just transition programs" together with the Climate Alliance and Heschel Sustainability Center. We presented major outputs of the project 'Gender into Urban Climate Change Initiative', such as the methodology 'GAMMA' and the new publication offering guidance on how to assess and develop gender-responsive urban climate policies.

Recently, GenderCC has joined the ‘**Gender and Environment Data Alliance**’ (GEDA), initiated by WEDO and others, as part of the Feminist Action for Climate Justice Action Coalition during the [Generation Equality Forum](#). Its objective is to foster gender-just climate action through improved accessibility, understanding and application of gender-environment data. Currently, members have gathered virtually to brainstorm on the scope and outreach goals for GEDA and will continue these discussions during a workshop in January 2022. Should you be interested to be involved, please contact the GenderCC Secretariat.

At European level, GenderCC contributed to the publication ‘[Why the European Green Deal needs ecofeminism](#)’ edited by the European Environmental Bureau EEB and WECF.

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. In March 2021 a virtual meeting of the Berlin-wide network of feminists for climate justice was held.

2020 and 2021 have been intense years of virtual and in-person social mobilisations against the interconnected crises we are living in. The interest in our topics has been massively increasing and



we received numerous requests for lectures and presentations, cooperation and partnerships. The GenderCC Secretariat joined the Fridays for Future global online climate strike in March 2021. For that occasion one of Berlin’s bridges was used for a massive painting featuring global climate justice. Part of the GenderCC team was present and helped painting. Sarah Louis Montgomery gave a brief statement on the importance of Gender just climate policies in the livestream broadcasted by Fridays for Future.

## Projects

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

The project **Gender into Urban Climate Change Initiative (GUCCI)** has been running for almost six years. 2020 was supposed to be its final year of implementation. However, due to the pandemic, many of the project activities have been further delayed. Therefore, the project was prolonged until March 2022.

GenderCC has compiled and analysed 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 the 'GAMMA-Booklet', a handbook on practical steps to implement GAMMA, the launching of a virtual e-learning platform, and the final project report, including its evaluation. A provisional version of the GAMMA booklet is available on [our web site](#).

As a new additional element of the project it is looking at responses to the pandemic at urban levels, and to identify interlinkages between gender, health and climate change.

In 2020 and 2021, webinars amongst all partners were held in order to enhance peer exchange and learning possibilities in the times of the pandemics. All partner meetings were held virtually.

All partners were very creative in their outreach and PR work to overcome the constraints due to the pandemic. As part of the [Gender Just Climate Solutions](#) award scheme, Shikha Mitra from AIWC East Calcutta received a mention of honour for their indigenous women-led mangrove restoration project that was started as a pilot under the GUCCI project.

The final conference of the project is going to take place virtually on February 15-17<sup>th</sup> 2022.



### Not without us! Climate justice and gender justice in international climate politics (NwU!)

Together with our long-standing partner organisation in Germany, LIFE e.V., GenderCC continued the implementation of the fifth-year of the project which is supported by the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation with funds of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development.

The project team has undergone some changes this year. It 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), Greta and Pat working with LIFE e.V. (Germany), Farina working with GenderCC (Germany), Babitha working with Menstruation Collective (India), Taily working with youth and indigenous women's collectives (Brazil).

In 2020, the project kept its internal capacity building through online learning sessions. The team was 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, knowledge was produced in new formats, like audio features, infographics and illustrations.

In 2021, the focus has been on using previous as well as newly generated content on the road to COP26 to have a consistent outreach on social media as well as the medium platform and make demands of the project heard. This year four podcasts were recorded and were published on [Spotify](#), [Deezer](#) und [Podcast.de](#). One long episode addresses the inequality of attending COP26 and the hurdles for people from civil society organisations from the Global South to attend. The three shorter podcast episodes focus on false solutions from Melissa's perspective from Ecuador, gender and education by Babitha from India and indigenous adaptation and resilience building by Taily from the Terena Nation in Brazil. The project team attended COP26 in Glasgow and organized one side event at the Green Zone on "Not without us! – *Pathways to a gender just transition*" on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Another side event with participation of the project members was on November 5<sup>th</sup> at the Blue Zone on "Uncovering justice gaps in Just Transitions – *why technological solutions won't solve the crises*".

At the People's Summit a Side Event on "Towards a Feminist climate justice" was also organized by GenderCC and its partners from the "Not without us!" project. It critically questioned false solutions to climate change and proposed solutions from the work of caring, sustaining and reproducing life.

### **Education and awareness raising events to promote a global gender just climate policy'**

GenderCC has started an educational project within Germany in April 2021. The project is a nine-months activity of development education and awareness raising. The project has been sensitizing the target groups 'youth/young adults', 'political decision-makers' as well as 'NGOs, activists and one world actors' for the topic of global climate justice and gender-responsive climate protection and adaptation measures in open information events- some of those events are happening in physical meetings, most of them are currently happening online. One of the meetings has been used to establish a gender and climate justice working group within the Germany-wide umbrella organisation 'Klima-Allianz'. Materials such as a briefing paper and an explanatory video on gender and climate have been produced to support those measures.

### **Information platform [genanet.de](#)**

Based on a small grant of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, GenderCC is maintaining and continuously updating the content of the information platform [www.genanet.de](#) on gender and sustainability. The platform exists since 2003 and includes a regular newsletter (in German). Most information on the web is available in German and English.

### **'Dialogues' research project**

DIALOGUES is a three-year project funded under the Horizon 2020 programme. Eight partners from EU countries, as well as research institutions from Canada, Norway, Switzerland and Turkey are

working together to explore the concept of ‘energy citizenship’ that enables citizens to take a central role in the energy transition. The project involves extensive theoretical work on the social and political processes around energy citizenship, literature reviews, assembling, curating and enhancing existing data and establish a knowledge platform, as well as pilot actions in the form of Citizen Action Labs in the participating countries.

GenderCC is in charge of ensuring that gender aspects are properly taken into consideration throughout the project. Moreover, GenderCC will work together with the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) to implement a Citizen Action Lab with BürgerEnergie Berlin, a cooperative working on energy democracy and practical steps to transform the Berlin energy system.

For GenderCC, the project offers vast opportunities to access and review the latest literature and data on gender and energy, further develop our gender concepts and approaches and gain more experience with participatory approaches to enhance the involvement of women in sustainable energy initiatives.

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

## Perspectives

A new project funded by the **Feminist Innovation Fund**, part of the Urgent Action Fund for Women’s Human Rights will start in 2022. The small grant will support us to convene, connect and train actors across Europe who are working on the topic of intersectional feminism and climate change, particularly the LGBTIQ+ community.

Various project proposals have been submitted during 2020 and 2021, among others to the German National Climate Initiative (NKI), the European Erasmus+ programme and the ‘umbrella organisations grant’ of the UBA (Federal Institute for environmental affairs) - most of them still pending.

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 2022.

Even though it looks as if the GenderCC Secretariat’s work will be financially secured for the next two years, we are still looking for further funds, in particular for a roll-out of the GUCCI project to further cities and countries.

## Financial Report

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

Please be aware that this is a simple revenue-surplus account. The balance of 2020 is negative because at the end of 2020, we were waiting for a project payment while the respective expenditures had already been made. Nevertheless, we managed to increase our reserves to some 20,000 EUR.

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**1.1.2020 – 31.12.2020**

<b>Incomes</b>	<b>Euro</b>	<b>Euro</b>	<b>Euro</b>
<b>Grants</b>			
Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung	23135.00		
Umweltbundesamt	9556.00		
Bundesministerium für Umwelt	331649.45		
Reduced hours compensation	8082.09		
Corona Aid	7500.00	320798.69	
Remuneration research 7% VAT		10033.23	
Remuneration research 5% VAT		5015.73	
Interest		0.07	
VAT 7%		702.33	
VAT 5%		250.79	
Donations		589.71	<b>337390.55</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Staff		158628.37	
Artists' Social Welfare Fund		262.21	
Work contracts		1633.50	
Office rent		8380.25	
Maintenance		666.40	
Travel		9538.87	
Catering		815.09	
Transfer to partner South Africa		50839.51	
Transfer to partner Indonesia		31784.18	
Transfer to partner India		27019.90	
Transfer to partner Mexico		39313.68	
Transfers to partners "Not without us"		15409.60	
PR and printing		499.80	
Fees		685.45	
Porto, Internet, phone, webspace, zoom		946.22	
Office consumables		587.04	
Literature		235.77	
Counselling, book-keeping		1915.57	
Tax counsellor		1139.58	
Services		7639.88	
Training		1190.00	
Banking fees		1589.05	
Other expenditures		987.46	
Capital returns tax		0.02	
VAT advance payments		3427.30	
Deduction of VAT		53.03	
VAT not effective for the current year		-1204.17	<b>363983.56</b>
<b>Balance</b>			<b>-26593.01</b>