Why gender and climate finance?
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THE FUTURE WOMEN WANT
A Vision of Sustainable Development for All
The impacts of climate change and environmental degradation are not gender neutral and, thus, funding cannot be either.
Women are more vulnerable to climate change, at the same time they contribute to create solutions. Is it not possible to include the substantial contributions without the access to resources and finance.

1. There is a need of financing lines that reach out women, and that offer suitable terms for them.

2. Without gender equality and the empowerment of women, the long-awaited impact is difficult to achieve.

3. Only 10% of international agricultural and forestry aid for development reaches women.¹

4. Women do not have much access to these possibilities.

Is climate finance reaching out to women?

GLOBAL CLIMATE FINANCE AVERAGE 2015-2016

How much of climate finance flows to women groups or to women as direct beneficiaries?

ONLY 0.2% PERCENT OF ALL FOUNDATION FUNDING FOCUSES EXPLICITLY ON WOMEN AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The use of the term “funding for women and the environment refers to supporting a broad range of work at that nexus, including funding women-led actions to protect the environment, supporting the inclusion of women’s voices and participation in environmental initiatives, and addressing the differential impacts of environmental interventions on women due to their gender.

1- climatefinancelandscape.org

The Green Climate Fund has adopted a « gender-sensitive approach » in its founding charter.
Latin America

REGIONAL LAC GROUP
- share tools and information referred to GCF with regional women’s groups
- network
- data collection, requirements, problems
- get women’s group closer to climate finance
- Create a climate end gender directory
- Create a list of gender consultante in LAC

AWARENESS
- at local level
- articles
- networking
- introduce the gender issue in the circles of Climate Change: with other organizations, sectors, colleagues, press.

Green Climate Fund
- Follow up of gender policy at GCF Review of GAPs in regional funding proposals: input of local organizations
- Participate in Civil Society Observers Group focused on gender

CLIMATE WEEK LAC
Gender and climate change panel: Strategies to integrate gender in climate action

KEY MESSAGES
- Include the gender perspective in the measures of national contributions
- Take into account the ancestral knowledge of indigenous women into climate solutions
- Include women at all levels of climate action conversations: both decision makers and implementers
WOMEN in action

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HOW we work

CHALLENGE: How to reach out women in the region, how to engage more women to climate finance processes, how to achieve a transformational change with effective gender action plans.
What do we analyze in the GAP?

- relevance and coherence with the problem
- commitments in terms of amounts, and budget allocated
- aim for real change
- organization engaged (if we have information)
- include comments that may be enhancing
• In order of improving gender action plans it is very important to hear the voice of local groups that know the land and the culture

• Climate finance is an opportunity for women's groups

• There are mechanisms and tools available to access financing

• Working in a group multiplies opportunities and reduces effort
• need for disaggregated data
• need for good practice background
• lack of specialists in gender and climate change
• lack of indicators to measure a transformational change
• reducing the gender gap
• existing stereotypes / gender roles
• existing cultural barriers
• Women's groups in the region are not part of climate change discussions
• scarce representativeness of LAC in the GCF
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• the design of cc policies is a great opportunity to reduce the gender gap and for women to be leaders in the change of paradigm
• It is crucial that women get involved in the financing processes, in the design of policies and initiatives
• we need more specialists in the subject
• There is much work to be done!
What can you do now?

- Bring your voice to the review groups of proposed gender action plans for funding.
- Share information on local issues related to climate change and gender.
- If you are in groups of women: include environmental issues in the gender agenda.
- Promote a leadership vision of women in environmental issues.
- Share experiences and good practices.
- Collect data disaggregated by gender in environmental issues, build success stories with metrics.
- Promote women to join spaces on climate finance, negotiations, and the development of proposals.
CLIMATE CHANGE offers the opportunity to include the gender perspective in the policies and initiatives that are being designed to offer solutions to the effects of climate change. That's why the time to act is NOW.
Thank you

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