

## Gender Just Climate Solutions

The Gender Just Climate Solutions program encompasses a variety of initiatives to identify, showcase, support, and scale community-led solutions that center gender equality within a just approach to climate action. The Women and Gender Constituency launched the GJCS Awards in 2015, and since then, the program has evolved to respond to the needs of grassroots organizations that have ideas that can transform their communities and advocate for a climate finance architecture that recognizes and supports the breadth and depth of feminist solutions.

The Women and Gender Constituency (WGC) launched the [Gender Just Climate Solutions Awards](#) in 2015, with particular support and leadership from WECF. The GJCS Awards welcome applications from around the world every year. A jury of WGC members, guided by the GJCS criteria, identifies three locally-driven solutions to showcase at the global platform of the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties (COP). Each winning solution is awarded prize money and a trip to COP for one of their individual team members. The three awarded solutions and up to thirty annual honorees are described in a [publication](#) that is distributed (in English, French, and Spanish and/or Arabic) during COP, and all solutions are added to the online public [directory](#) of over 100 solutions.

The GJCS [program of work](#) also includes the GJCS Mentorship and Capacity-Building program for the awardees, the GJCS Scale Fund to provide additional funding to recognized solutions, and the GJCS Support Facility to offer resources to those interested as well as select pools.

## Gender Just Climate Solutions Awards Program

*Led by the Women and Gender Constituency and coordinated by Women Engage for a Common Future*

**What is it?** Since 2015, the Gender Just Climate Solutions Awards welcomes applications from around the world every year to identify three locally-driven solutions to showcase at the global platform of the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties (COP). Each winning solution is awarded prize money and a trip to COP for one of their individual team members. The **three awarded solutions and up to thirty annual honorees** are described in a publication that is distributed (in English, French, Spanish, and Arabic) during COP, and all solutions are added to the online public directory of over 100 solutions.

**Who can participate?** Any individual or organization currently implementing a project or program at the intersection of gender and climate justice is eligible to apply; former honorees may apply again for an award.

**Who else contributes to this work?** The WGC constitutes a jury from its network, representing a variety of experiences and gender-climate expertise, to review applications in their original languages and collaboratively select the solutions to award and highlight.

**Where can I find more information?** The WGC announces the annual call for applications via its [listserv](#) and [social media](#), and [previous publications](#) as well as the full [GJCS directory](#) can be found on the website.

## Gender Just Climate Solutions Award Mentorship and Capacity-Building Program

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**What is it?** The GJCS Award Mentorship and Capacity-Building Programme engages **all previous GJCS Awardees** with ongoing support for their transformative climate initiatives. The program strengthens leadership and organizational capacity through regular dialogue, peer learning, and training opportunities, as well as providing travel and logistical support for selected awardees to attend an in-person, multi-day capacity-building workshop at COP.

**Who can participate?** The GJCS awardees from each year are invited to join this program; as of 2022, there were 21 awardees from the six years of the program.

**Who else contributes to this work?** CTCN is a key partner with WECF in facilitating the two-day workshop at COP, as well as some other trainings. WECF also ensures WGC members are connected to the awardees at COP, engaging some in the workshop as appropriate.

**Where can I find more information?** You can find out more about those awardees through the GJCS directory and new spotlight videos. While only the GJCS awardees are part of the program, the support processes and materials inform the approach of the Scale Fund as well as the activities of the Support Facility.

### Gender Just Climate Solutions Scale Fund

*Led by the Re-Grant Collective of WEDO, WEP, FEMNET, and WECF and coordinated by WEDO*

**What is it?** Launched at the Generation Equality Forum in 2021, the GJCS Scale Fund seeks to respond to the challenges described by the solutions highlighted in the GJCS Awards Program. With pooled resources from women's rights organizations and groups, this re-grant collective builds on decades of feminist mobilizing for climate solutions to provide access to direct funding opportunities for solutions to scale up current programming and offers technical assistance to address institutional capacity, such as proposal writing and developing communications materials.

**Who can participate?:** The first four rounds of funding and/or technical assistance have been via invitation only to selected pools of GJCS awardees and honorees, [WORTH Initiative](#) grant recipients, and GAGGA partners. The fifth round is anticipated to be invitation-only as well, but applying to the GJCS Awards is the best chance of being invited for these select opportunities.

**Who else contributes to this work?** WECF, WEP, and FEMNET support WEDO as part of the GJCS Scale Fund Advisory Committee, which convenes to review the scope of each funding round, confirm awardees, and reflect on each round to inform the evolution of the fund.

**Where can I find more information?** You can read about the launch of the initial rounds of re-granting through the GJCS Scale Fund [here](#).

### Gender Just Climate Solutions Support Facility

*Led by the Women and Gender Constituency and coordinated by WEDO*

**What is it?** The GJCS Support Facility is an evolving programme that aims to provide broader support—opportunities for funding, tools, and/or resources—to *all GJCS solutions*, which includes applicants, honorees, and awardees, as well as the WORTH Initiative grantees. Activities include but are not limited to virtual webinars and communicate related to advocacy, communications, and funding. The support facility aims to build a network of solutions learning from and with each other, based on regional, thematic, and programmatic similarities.

**Who can participate?** The Support Facility works to reach anyone who may be interested in strengthening their work at the intersection of gender and climate justice. All previous GJCS and WORTH Initiative applicants receive periodic email round-ups of funding opportunities, while training and capacity-strengthening opportunities designed by the WGC, such as the [communications](#) and [funding](#) webinar series, are shared to this list as well as the [WGC listserv](#).

**Who else contributes to this work?** The WGC members contribute their expertise, such as APWLD sharing their communications curriculum for part of the communications webinar series, and information on upcoming training or funding opportunities is welcome from anyone.

**Where can I find more information?** Previous training offerings, including the women's entrepreneurship course, [advocacy webinar](#), and the [communications](#) and [funding](#) webinar series, are available on the WGC website under [GJCS Resources](#).

