



Gender Into Urban Climate Change Initiative

Bringing climate and gender justice together
where it makes a difference!



Why Gender into Urban Climate Policy?

Cities have a crucial role to play in climate action

More and more cities around the world are in the process of developing and implementing climate responses – both adaptation and mitigation.

Urban populations are impacted by climate change, but also by the policies designed to respond to it

Climate policies have the potential to bring benefits for all – from improved air quality and health, to better liveability of cities, enhanced resilience of communities and job creation. Gender-blind policies, however, have been shown to exacerbate inequalities.

Local climate action should respond to the needs and capacities of all citizens

Cities have a crucial opportunity to make their climate responses more effective and equitable by integrating social issues such as poverty alleviation and gender equality.

Action at the local level makes a difference!

Local governments can work closely with citizens and involve them in their efforts to address climate change. Both men and women have the right to be involved in decision-making and participate in shaping a climate-friendly and resilient future for their city.

GenderCC's "Gender Into Urban Climate Change Initiative" is conducted in collaboration with ● All India Women's Conference ● GenderCC Southern Africa ● Aksi! for gender, social and ecological justice and Solidaritas Perempuan in Indonesia, and ● Equidad de Género: Ciudadanía, Trabajo y Familia in Mexico. The "Gender Into Urban Climate Change Initiative" explores options for integrating gender and social aspects into climate policies in several pilot cities.

It seeks to build capacity at local level and develop gender-responsive policy recommendations with the aim of strengthening citizens' ability to become involved in urban planning processes and implementation. It enhances the effectiveness, inclusiveness and acceptance of local mitigation and adaptation policies.

The project was launched in 2015 and will run until 2020. It is part of the International Climate Initiative (IKI), supported by the

German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety.

The project partnership has developed and is currently applying the "Gender Assessment and Monitoring of Mitigation and Adaptation" (GAMMA) methodology in order to examine local adaptation and mitigation policies for their gender responsiveness, seeking to identify gender entry-points and develop recommendations for interventions needed to address gender gaps in planning procedures, priorities, policies and measures.

In the second phase of the project (2018-2020), the GAMMA methodology will be applied at the national level. In addition, two new pilot cities per country have joined the project. Finally, recommendations will be prepared targeting higher-level decision-makers in regional and national governments, national city associations and international city networks.



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Pilot cities

South Africa

Ekurhuleni, eThekweni (Durban), Johannesburg & Tshwane, and Mogale as an associate Municipality GenderCC Southern Africa (GenderCCSA) has been implementing GAMMA assessments in Johannesburg and Tshwane since 2015, and from 2018 on they will extend the activities to eThekweni (Durban) and Ekurhuleni. Mogale City will come in as an associate partner city.

India

Chennai, Mumbai, Kolkata & New Delhi

The All India Women's Conference (AIWC) has been implementing the project in the mega cities New Delhi and Mumbai, and will now expand their work to Chennai, one of the hottest coastal cities in the world, and Kolkata, the capital of West Bengal. These cities have growing populations and face challenges related to pollution, transport, water supply and other basic services. AIWC has more than 90 years of expertise implementing programmes for the empowerment of women in India.

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is a global network of organisations,
experts and activists working for
gender equality, women's rights and
climate justice.



Indonesia

Jakarta, Jember, Makassar & Yogyakarta

Solidaritas Perempuan (Women's Solidarity for Human Rights) and Aksi! for gender, social and ecological justice have been conducting activities in Jakarta, the capital of Indonesia and Makassar, the capital of South Sulawesi province. The new pilot cities are Jember and Yogyakarta, where sea level rise, floods, crop loss, drinking water shortage and tsunamis are threatening livelihoods and infrastructure.

Mexico

Mexico City & Tlaxcala

Equidad de Género, ciudadanía, trabajo y familia is the newest project partner organisation, based in Mexico. Equidad has been working to strengthen women's civic participation for over 20 years. They will be implementing the project activities in two new pilot cities: Mexico City and Tlaxcala. Mexico City is one of the most populous and also air-polluted cities in the world.

Working towards gender-just, sustainable and resilient cities

In order to address existing knowledge gaps, the “Gender into Urban Climate Change Initiative” has developed a methodology for Gender Assessment and Monitoring of Mitigation and Adaptation (GAMMA) in the context of local urban climate policies.

A gender assessment can be conducted for any city or country policy, with the aim of establishing effective and equitable policies by fully integrating gender and social dimensions into their planning and implementation processes. With the guidance of gender experts, a gender assessment can be conducted by policy-makers, NGOs and community-based organisations.

The process involves several steps, covering institutional settings and procedures, as well as the city’s portfolio of policies to face climate change. The aim is to identify possible gender entry-points and develop recommendations for interventions needed to address gender gaps in plans, policies, actions and budgets. Throughout the project, the partner organisations develop and implement a campaign or project in each pilot city. The project reviews lessons learned from the local experiences, and finally scales up its activities to the national level, where climate stakeholders and policies are aimed to effectively integrate gender considerations.

A peer-learning exercise is also a key component of the project. Through our annual international meetings and online tools, the partner organisations physically and virtually exchange local experiences in implementing the project. These provide GenderCC’s International Secretariat with on-the-ground knowledge that feeds into the online learning courses that will be prepared as part of the project and offered through our global learning platform.

For more information on gender and urban climate policy, see UN Habitat/GIZ/GenderCC (2015) “Gender and Urban Climate Policy: Gender-Sensitive Policies Make a Difference”

How to integrate gender into national climate policy?

GUCCI offers a unique approach

- **to assess if national institutions and processes are fit for gender,**
- **to reveal gaps in national action programmes from a gender perspective, and**
- **to improve policies and design gender-responsive actions**

The adjustment of the GAMMA methodology to the national level is a new key tool developed by GenderCC on how to integrate gender considerations into a country's climate policies. With this new tool, the project will support national stakeholders in implementing sustainable development and climate agendas in their countries through a gender-responsive approach. We collaborate with women's groups as well as community-based organisations working on environment and gender equality. They receive training on climate change, the gender aspects of climate change, and gender-responsive policies as well as the gender assessment tools developed in the project. Thereby, they will be empowered to influence climate politics in their countries.

For the project activities at the national level, such as the conduction of gender assessments, policy recommendations, round tables, advocacy and communications, the partner organisations will, similarly to the city-level actions, reach out to national stakeholders, as a means to raise awareness, influence policy design and implementation to achieve gender-equal and resilient outcomes.

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We offer training on gender-responsive urban and national climate policies, covering a range of topics, including why gender should be integrated into urban or national climate policy, gender analysis using our GAMMA methodology, and practical recommendations for implementation.

For further information and resources, please contact the GenderCC team at secretariat@gendercc.net

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