



## PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT

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## Women raise their voices at Marrakech climate conference

Faced with structural inequalities, women have less resources to put their livelihoods back together again after a draught or flood. Particularly in Africa, women are at the front-line of climate change. Even if their ingenuity and resolve has resulted in many climate solutions across the world, they remain a minority in climate decision-making and in national climate negotiating teams. Only 15% of the Green Climate Fund board members are women, whereas at the last COP only 23 % of the African negotiation teams were women.

**Women2030** – an EU funded coalition of 5 global and regional women and gender networks working towards the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals, including SDG-13 on Climate, will bring together women and gender CSOs from Africa and other parts of the world to Marrakech, to voice their needs and concerns in the discussion of global leaders, and to address the structural barriers to climate protection, and the urgent need of climate action.

Preparing for their participation in the COP 22, Women2030 will be holding an African Regional Training for 30 Women and gender Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in Marrakech, Morocco, November 4-5, 2016. The ToT aims at providing focused trainings to the Expert Women's CSOs who will later share these lessons learnt to other CSOs at the national levels to enhance their capacity to monitor the implementation of the SDGs.

After the training, Women2030 will engage stakeholders in the Climate COP22 and push for gender-responsive climate actions through series of activities ranging from meetings with ministers and negotiators, concerts and exhibitions, to showcasing and rewarding successfully-tested gender-sensitive climate actions of grass roots organisations.

Women2030 is a project funded by the department of Development Cooperation of the European Commission through a Framework Agreement with 5 global and regional women's network: [Women in Europe for a Common Future \(WECF\)](#); [Women Environmental Programme \(WEP\)](#); [Global Forest Coalition \(GFC\)](#); [Gender and Water Alliance \(GWA\)](#); and [Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development \(APWLD\)](#).

The strategic objectives of the Women2030 program are to:

- Build capacity of women's and gender-focused civil society organizations on planning, monitoring and implementation of the SDGs/post 2015 agenda and the climate agreement.

- Create awareness at all levels of gender-equitable best practices and progress of national post-2015 SDG plans
- Ensure more gender-responsive SDGs/post 2015 plans with participation of women and women's organizations.

*The Women2030 project is being implemented in 52 countries across different regions of the world. Women 2030 is a program by an alliance of 5 global women's alliances collaborating to implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in a gender-equitable and climate-just way. They are part of a 5 year framework partnership agreement with the European Commission's International Cooperation arm (DEVCO) called "Women CSOs implementing SDGs Agenda 2030."*

#### **#Women2030**

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