

Press Release

Gender Just Climate Solutions Award

During COP22 in Marrakech - Monday November 14



“Highlighting the importance of gender equality, women’s rights and their contribution to climate solutions”. This will be the main aim of the '**Gender Just Climate Solutions Award**', which will be presented at a ceremony during the **upcoming UN climate negotiations (COP22) in Marrakech**, organised by the Women and Gender Constituency (WGC) on Monday November 14.

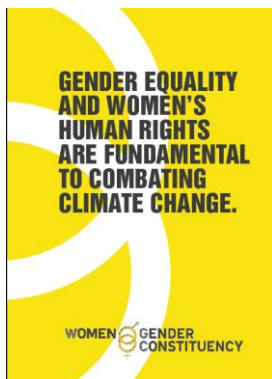
The Women and Gender Constituency of the UNFCCC (founded in 2009), along with other women, gender, and human rights advocates, has been actively pushing world leaders to ensure just and equitable climate policies, that puts respect of people's rights and the integrity of the planet first, while responding to injustice among and within countries in relation to climate impacts and resilience

“We know the solutions to a sustainable future already exist – and it is time to showcase them far and wide – and demand change”, states co-organiser Anne Barre. After the Paris Agreement, and while world leaders will meet at the COP22 this November, it is time to highlight the importance of gender equality, women’s rights and contribution to climate solutions, according to the WGC. The **Gender Just Climate Solutions Award** will make gender responsive and equitable solutions visible at the "COP of action" (COP22 in Marrakech) and make them central to just climate actions all over the world!

Three laureates will be awarded for their women & gender initiatives for climate solutions, in the categories:

- **Technical climate solutions** with a women or gender perspective (e.g. in area of renewables, water-saving adaptation technologies etc.)
- **Non-technical climate solutions** with a women or gender perspective (e.g. in area of efficiency, consumption changes etc.)
- **Transformation climate initiatives** with a women or gender perspective (e.g. addressing governance, institutional change, planning processes etc.)

The winner in each category will be awarded 1.000 Euros and all 3 winners will be showcased at **the Gender Just Climate Solutions Exhibition** at the UNFCCC negotiations in COP 22 in Marrakech, Morocco. Additionally, the winners will benefit from a **1-year-mentoring programme** of the Women and Gender Constituency.



The Gender Just Climate Solutions Award is organised with support from:



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Women and Gender Constituency (<http://womengenderclimate.org/>):

The Women and Gender Constituency (WGC) is a coalition of NGOs established in 2009 and recognized as official observer by the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in 2011. The WGC is composed of 16 women and environmental NGOs that carry the voices of women and defend their rights in all processes of the Climate Convention, ensuring that gender equality is recognized as fundamental in the fight against climate change.

WECF – Women Engage for a Common Future (<http://www.wecf.eu/>):

WECF is an international network of women's and environmental organisations advocating globally for a just, healthy and sustainable future. WECF strengthens the capacities of women through the implementation of projects at the local level, and brings forward their priorities in political processes, nationally and internationally. WECF has been active at the COP negotiations, and co-hosted the Gender Day events at the COP in Warsaw in 2013 that raised integrating gender equality in future sustainable development goals. WECF is a founding member of the Women and Gender Constituency.

AFD – Agence Française de Développement: (www.afd.fr) :

The French Development Agency, a public financial institution at the heart of French cooperation, has been for more than seventy years fighting poverty and promoting sustainable development in developing countries and overseas territories. Present on four continents through a network of 75 offices and through grants, loans, guarantee funds and development contracts, AFD finances and supports projects that improve the living conditions of populations, support economic growth and protect the planet. In 2015, AFD committed € 8.3 billion to finance projects in developing countries and in favour of the overseas territories. 53% of its financing abroad also contributed to the fight against climate change.

Fondation RAJA : (<http://www.fondation-raja-marcovici.com/accueil.html>)

Since its creation in 2006, the RAJA-Danièle Marcovici Foundation, hosted by the Fondation de France, is committed to improving the lives of women around the world through the support of community projects in favour of women around 3 main areas: women's rights and the fight against violence, training and professional development, education and social action. In the last ten years, the RAJA Foundation has improved the lives of over 55 000 women in 40 countries. More than €4 Millions were allocated to support nearly 350 projects.

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