

Gender just climate and water solutions are in urgent need of your support

The Global Alliance for Green and Gender Action calls for a commitment from governments, international development banks and funds to uphold the human right to water and invest in women's leadership in gender just climate and water solutions!

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Women and girls from local and indigenous communities are at the forefront of protecting water resources and ensuring water security for all. In return, they face water privatization, pollution from extractive industries, human rights violations and false climate solutions. The UN 2023 Water Conference is a critical opportunity for decision-makers to commit to funding and political support for gender just climate and water solutions in the Water Action Agenda.



We Women are Water

The annual We Women are Water Campaign highlights women-led initiatives exemplifying how to protect and restore one of our most vital resources: water.

These transformative initiatives need massive support and resources, while false climate solutions, privatization of water resources, pollution from extractive industries and human rights violations **must stop immediately**.

Witness the transformative power of women and indigenous communities as they fight to protect and restore water resources. Watch the videos:

Narrated by women from the affected communities themselves, the 2023 We Women are Water Campaign presents a series of videos to raise awareness on the action of women around the globe to protect their ecosystems against large-scale dams, monocultures or fossil fuel projects while working on gender just climate and water solutions.



NEPAL

The **Magar Indigenous community in Nepal** are facing threats to their land and resources due to a hydropower project financed by the Asian Development Bank, the European Investment Bank and the Japan International Cooperation Agency. For centuries the community has maintained a symbiotic relationship with nature, passing down traditional ecological knowledge for generations such as planting broom grass to prevent soil erosion and landslides.

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PARAGUAY

The **Qom Indigenous community of Santa Rosa in Paraguay** are facing environmental destruction from an eucalyptus plantation, destroying the ecosystem and without their consent. The community is taking action by filing complaints, staging demonstrations and raising awareness of their situation, despite facing physical violence and threats. The gender just climate solution of securing Indigenous territorial sovereignty is one of the most cost effective, sustainable and equitable strategies to protect and restore water and vital ecosystem functions.

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NIGERIA

The Yaataah community in Nigeria's Niger Delta have been impacted by fossil fuel extraction by companies like Shell and the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation. The community's women, with the help of an organization, trained 250 women and girls in mangrove restoration and biodiversity management. They aim to restore 500,000 mangroves a year and 5 million mangroves within the next decade.

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GUATEMALA

The women from the Mayan Chor'ti community in Guatemala are facing displacement and loss of access to water due to the expansion of jatropha monocultures for biodiesel production. They are using their ancestral knowledge to conserve and protect water resources, taking legal actions to secure land rights and holding companies accountable for environmental damage. They have built reservoirs, diversified crops, and planted native species to adapt to the droughts caused by climate change.

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We need you to take action

The time is now to resource the transformative climate and water solutions led by women and girls and stop investment in false climate solutions. Commit your support to uphold the human right to water and invest in women's leadership in gender just climate and water solutions!

Did you know that only 0.01% of funding worldwide supports projects that address both climate and women's rights? More and better resourcing of gender just climate and water solutions needs to start today. [Find out more here.](#)

Make a commitment in the Water Action Agenda in the framework of the UN Water Conference 2023


What is a gender just climate and water solution

Gender just climate and water solutions* encompass a range of activities that aim to address the water crisis and climate change mitigation and adaptation, while also supporting the systemic redistribution of power, recognizing water as a human right and providing opportunities and access for women, girls and trans, intersex and non binary people. In particular, ensuring that activities do not reinforce harmful gendered norms. Gender just climate and water solutions are being implemented by communities across the globe, and deserve to be fully recognized, funded, replicated and scaled!

*Since 2015, the Women and Gender Constituency's (WGC) Gender Just Climate Solutions Awards Program has identified many examples of gender just climate solutions [see the directory here](#). GAGGA, via national and regional environmental justice and women's rights funds and NGOs, supports various gender just climate and water solutions across the world.

Launched in 2017, the Global Alliance for Green and Gender Action (GAGGA) rallies the collective power of women's rights, environmental and climate justice movements around the world. GAGGA's vision is a world where women's rights to water, food security, and a clean, healthy and safe environment are recognised and respected.

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