

GENDER MAINSTREAMING IN CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGIES IN TANZANIA

GENDER CLIMATE CHANGE COALITION TANZANIA (GCCCT)

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Background

Gender Climate Change Coalition Tanzania (GCCCT) initially operated as an informal network for three years, and registered as an official entity in 2020. The founder, Maria Matui, convened seven women's rights organisations to form the coalition. GCCCT now has a reach that spans seven regions across Tanzania and continues to advance climate change advocacy.

The Gender Responsive Resilience & Intersectionality in Policy & Practice (GRRIPP) project implementor for GCCCT is Maria Matui, a human rights lawyer and policy analyst. Maria holds an LLM in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa from the University of Pretoria. She has fifteen years of experience in access to justice and development programs, and five years in climate justice.

Objectives

GCCTC seeks to raise awareness about the impact of gender and climate change, with a focus on resolving threats to the livelihoods of women and children residing in marginalised communities.

The coalition examines traditional practices and improves legislative frameworks to ensure that no one is left behind. Lastly, we spotlight challenges associated with gender inequality, environmental degradation, misappropriation of funds and knowledge inadequacies about the benefits of resource mobilization between communities.



GCCTC showcasing their work at the Tanzania Human Rights Defenders (THRDC) 10-year anniversary. From left Sara Pima (HUDEFO), Sophia Donald (SAWAU), Frida Chuwa (WATED), Neema Lugangira (MP), Maria Matui (GCCTC).

Lines of action

- Translation of the popular version of the National Strategy on Gender and Climate Change and National Strategy on Climate, from English to Swahili.
- Practitioner's Presentation delivered at Southern Africa Society for Disaster and Risk (SASDiR) in October 2022. The presentation highlighted the insights on the intersection of policy development and climate change resilience of indigenous communities in Tanzania.
- Awareness-Raising Seminars to Civil Society Organisations and women-led groups on the National Strategy on Gender and Climate Change and the New National Strategy on Climate Change in Four regions (Morogoro, Dodoma, Arusha and Mwanza).
- Enhancement sessions on mainstreaming gender in National Strategies on Climate Change to Environmental Officers Districts in Morogoro, Dodoma, Arusha and Mwanza.
- Developing a policy brief in English and Swahili to help guide a more gender inclusive pathway for advancing the achievement of national Climate Change goals.

Impact

GCCTC is making important strides to institutionalise gender and climate change adaptation in collaboration with strategic partners. Currently, the project is working closely with the Tanzania Prime Minister's Office to enhance and implement gender capacity building on climate change adaptation and mitigation.

GCCTC is the country's first organisation to lead advocacy of this nature. Our progress and impact would not have been possible without the support of GRRIPP.



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