



GENDER INTO URBAN CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVE (GUCCI)

Through capacity building and the development of policy recommendations, the project seeks to strengthen citizens' capacity to intervene in local government planning processes and get involved in implementation, thereby enhancing the sustainability, effectiveness, social and environmental co-benefits, equity, inclusiveness and acceptability of local mitigation and adaptation policies. In a joint working process, the project partners are developing a methodology to assess local policies for their ability to mitigate, and adapt to the impacts of, climate change, and integrate gender aspects. This involves the preparation of training materials, designing and implementing capacity building programmes in each country, and working with local partners to assess the policies of each pilot city.

For each city, the partners will identify key issues and priorities, develop local strategies for communication and advocacy, and a campaign or concrete project will be undertaken. They will then work with citizens and local policy-makers to push for changes in local climate policy, by getting involved in planning processes, offering gender training for climate policy-makers, organising stakeholder workshops on urban climate policy and reaching out to the media.

In each country, emphasis will be placed on the common challenges faced by cities, and on policies that have the potential to address both climate change and gender equality, such as access to clean and affordable energy and transport services for all, and enhancing resilience, in particular in informal settlements. Action on adaptation will need to respond to the different circumstances of the various cities, which will be reflected in differing priorities, such as flooding in the coastal cities in Indonesia and drought in the inland cities in South Africa.

An essential element of the work process is an international collaboration to help develop the skills of the national partners and collaborate on producing generic methodologies, tools and training materials. Assisted by GenderCC, partners will share information through a global learning platform throughout the project and provide peer advice.

The project is thus expected to contribute to the promotion of cross-sectoral, long-term, transitional low-carbon development strategies at a local level. Finally, a thorough analysis of the results of the monitoring, achievements, success factors and obstacles and lessons learned will lead to recommendations and further dissemination.

The pilot cities are intended to serve as models for other cities. To spread the information, the national partners will work with further local groups and ensure the dissemination of methods, training materials, lessons learned and recommendations, to replicate and scale up the programme within their countries or region. Dissemination workshops, videos and an e-learning course will support outreach.