

# **CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS CONVERSATION REPORT**

**ON**

## **GREEN CLIMATE FINANCE AND GENDER INCLUSION**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Women Action Towards Economic Empowerment – WATED, hosted Civil Society Organizations conversation on Green Climate Finance. The one-day conversation in five regions of Tanzania aimed at creating awareness among the participants on the Green Climate Fund-GCF and the measure that can be taken by the participants to monitor the projects under the GCF. The conversations also brought together CSOs that has a focus on gender and environmental justice, the discussion focused on how they can advocate for gender inclusive Climate Financing through the Green Climate Fund. The conversations were hosted by CSOs located in a particular region with one lead organization which took care of all logistics regarding the meeting.

Identification of NGO partners to lead in regions:

WATED shared a survey monkey which was responded by fifteen organizations, of which five which were based in zones were selected as partners to engage CBOs Women Rights and environmental Justice Organizations based in their respective zones to attend the introduction session and to strategies how collective the organization could work in collaboration. Below is the list of organizations which was engaged at the regional level:

1. Sauti ya Wanawake Ukerewe – Working in Lake Zone, was conducted on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 in Mwanza, ten organization and National coordinator from Kilimanjaro and WATED team member was in attendant to share the experiences
2. Sauti Ya Haki Tanzania – Working in Tukuyu, Mbeya Rural – Training was conducted on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019, fifteen organizations and two representatives from WATED attended the session.
3. Foundation for Environmental Management and Campaign Against Poverty - working in Northern and Central regions will be coordinated meeting in Kilimanjaro region on 06<sup>th</sup> March 2019. A total of 15 CSOs and CBOs organization working on women rights and environmental attended the session including two WATED representatives.
4. Tree of Hope – Working in Tanga region, invited 13 including a coordinator from Mbeya and WATED representative to share the experiences with the CSOs and CBOs.
5. TIBA an Organization based in Dar es Salaam brought together Organizations based in Dar es Salaam on a session which was conducted on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019 in Dar es Salaam, coordinated from Kilimanjaro and Mwanza was invited to share experiences.

### **2. LESSONS LEARNT**

#### **2.1 MBEYA REGION**



Figure 1: Group Photo for Mbeya GCF Meeting

WATED organized a meeting of CSOs located in Mbeya region and other regions closer to Mbeya Region. The Meeting brought together 22 participants from different CSOs from Mbeya, Iringa, Njombe, Rukwa and Songwe. The aim of the meeting is to create awareness the organizations working on women rights and environmental justice about Green Climate Fund and how they can engage as monitors and advocates for women inclusiveness in the financing of climate change activities in Tanzania. This meeting gears towards raising awareness on Green Climate Fund and the necessity to ensure all climate finance projects pursue a gender sensitive and country driven approach while ensuring inclusive decision-making processes via the participation of affected communities, including women at all levels.

## WAY FORWARD

After the open discussion, participants had the following as the **way forward** after the all-day meeting.

- ✓ To heighten Climate change financing and women participation on climate financing, particularly through the Green Climate Fund (GCF)
- ✓ To foster a good working relationship among CSOs working on Women rights and Environmental Justice in the southern Highlands of Tanzania.

- ✓ Create a platform where CSOs can meaningful engage with the government and monitor climate justice financing in Tanzania
- ✓ Create awareness on International Financial Institutions and the role they play in the communities.

## 2.2 TANGA REGION

In Tanga region WATED collaborated with Tree of hope, is a Civil Society Organization based in Tanga City where on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019 we conducted an introductory meeting with other stakeholders mostly being Non-governmental Organizations working in Tanga city and other districts of Tanga region specifically on the areas of Environmental justice and Gender inclusion in climate change financing. A total number of 11 participants attended the session being representatives from several organizations. The session was facilitated by Fridah Peter Chuwa from WATED and Daniel Sande from **Sauti ya Mwanamke from Mbeya**. It was clear from the onset that most of CSOs in Tanga as it was in Mbeya they were not aware of GCF it was the first time for them to hear about GCF or the topic of climate financing through Green Climate Fund (GCF). Therefore through the webinars we shared to them and the meeting that we had they were able to get an awareness of how the GCF fund works and what is the role of CSOs in this regard. The Meeting intended to empower the local CSOs in Tanga to be aware of Climate Financing through GCF and how as CSOs they can advocate and monitor for gender inclusivity.



Figure 2Tanga Participants during the GCF session in Tanga region

## WAY FORWARD

After a long day discussion the participants came out with the following resolutions as they are way forward:-

- i. To have joint activities regarding advocacy on environmental justice and climate change financing that gives a chance for gender inclusion climate financing.
- ii. Formulate a network of CSOs working on monitoring roles of the Green Climate Fund financing in Tanzania and particularly for projects implemented in their regions
- iii. Mobilize resources for the network activities through writing joint proposal to finance activities related to climate change and gender inclusion.
- iv. Forge a good working relations with the government of Tanzania from the local governments, district, regional and national level for sharing information on Green Climate Fund.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- i. Strong cooperation between CSOs and other stakeholders like the gender desk, and religious institutions to advocate for better climate financing for women climate resilience activities
- ii. Advocate for community engagement in all projects funded by GCF
- iii. Create awareness to CSOs, Local governments on Green Climate fund and how communities can be involved.

### **2.3 ARUSHA REGION**

The Civil Society Organizations conversation was hosted by two organizations that is Foundation For Environmental management and Campaign against Poverty-FEMAPO and Civic and Legal Aid Organization-CILAO under the sponsorship of Women Action Towards Economic Development-WATED. The one day conversation aimed at creating awareness among the participants on the Green Climate Fund-GCF and the measure that can be taken by the participants to monitor the projects under GCF in Tanzania and particularly in their region. The conversations also brought together CSOs that has a focus on gender inclusion and how they can advocate for gender inclusive Climate Financing through the Green Climate Fund.





Figure 3 PARTICIPANTS OF ARUSHA CSOs CONVERSATION MEETING

## WAY FORWARD

### FORMULATION OF A NETWORK

The participants agreed to form a regional level coordination network of all NGOs interested in working on GCF climate financing and Gender Inclusivity on climate financing. Therefore this network of NGOs working on GCF will start with Arusha region, and later we will involve other regions in the northern part of Tanzania which are Kilimanjaro, and Manyara.

The participants agreed to implement the program through Monitoring of the GCF Projects from Global, National and to the Grassroots level and the focus should be on the Gender Inclusion and CSOs Engagement.

## **STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES**

The Participants agreed to implement the following strategic activities:-

### **1) CAPACITY BUILDING TO THE CSOs ON GCF CLIMATE FINANCING AND OTHER IFIs PROJECTS**

During the Conversation FEMAPO and WATED noticed CSOs in Arusha have a very limited understanding of Green Climate Fund and generally the role of International Financial Institutions in violating human and environmental rights. Therefore we made deliberation that FEMAPO and WATED will conduct capacity building workshops to CSOs in Arusha to create awareness on IFIs and the role CSOs.

### **2) CSOs ENGAGEMENT**

The Arusha CSOs Network on GCF will develop a CSOs engagement strategy to ensure there is meaningful consultations and monitoring of GCF projects in Tanzania. FEMAPO and WATED will also equip CSOs on how to engage with other International Financial Institutions such as the World Bank, Africa Development Bank and other IFIs which are active in Tanzania. FEMAPO and WATED also will build the capacity of CSOs to engage with other stakeholders of GCF such as the Government of Tanzania and other private and public entities involved with GCF climate financing.

### **3) RESOURCE MOBILIZATION FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGY**

The CSOs agreed to mobilize resources for implementation of the activities that they have agreed upon. WATED encouraged the participants that once they have organized themselves and they have a strategy that they want to implement particularly of Gender inclusion on GCF climate financing WATED will introduce them to other potential partners such GAGGA and WEDO who can be interested to work with them in this thematic area. The CSOs also agreed to look for other potential funders who can be willing to support capacity building of CSOs on GCF and monitoring of IFIs funded projects in Tanzania.

## **2.4 MWANZA REGION**

The Green Climate Financing was not familiar by many participants, but for those who have already heard about GCF tried to ask about the Tanzanian accredited entities that are benefited from GCF we tried to give explanation that in Tanzania there is none entity that are benefited from GCF. Also participants wanted to know more about the relationship that GCF have with Tanzanian Government and they agreed on finding the accurate information about Government and GCF so that on the upcoming meeting they can participate fully and to the next step they can challenge the assembly



Figure 4 Participants of GCF Meeting in Mwanza region

#### WAY FORWARD FOR MWANZA GROUP

- ✓ Sauti ya Wanawake Ukerewe agreed to form a network to coordinated and monitor GCF operations in Lake Zone areas
- ✓ Engage with the government to information on how CSOs can engage with Tanzania Government on issues related to GCF in the region of Mwanza
- ✓ Creating a proper platform where the Mwanza region CSOs can share the information, for example Google group or Whatsapp group for information sharing
- ✓ To draft a memorandum of understanding among the CSOs willing to engage and work on GCF operations in Mwanza region for having coordinated strategic activities
- ✓ Participants will find a place and time to discuss and come up with way of mobilizing resources that will propel joint activities of the group around GCF monitoring in Mwanza region.

#### 2.5 DAR ES SALAAM REGION

TIBA in partnership with WATED conducted 1-day roundtable meeting with stakeholders meeting on climate Financing particular on Green Climate Fund (GCF) were representatives from

CSO dealing with human right, women right, Climate change, community based Groups, Media and strategic stakeholders participated during the meeting. The goal of the meeting was to introduce Climate Financing and Green Climate Fund (GCF ) to stakeholders, to form Dar es salaam GCF movement for GCF and Gender Inclusion climate financing and to develop a common strategic and action plan on monitoring and tracking GCF at country level. Dar es salaam CSOs are positioned at a better position to influence the public understanding of GCF climate financing and how gender inclusivity can be mainstreamed. Dar es salaam CSOs have access to different channels of influence and key stakeholders public and private that they can use to advocate for gender inclusive climate financing.

**PHOTO:**



Figure 5. Participants at GCF meeting in Dar es Salaam

**WAY FORWARD FOR DAR ES SALAAM GROUP**

The Dar es salaam meeting after a half a day meeting they came up with the following way forward:-

1. Put together a strategic plan for advocacy of gender inclusion climate financing Tanzania through GCF initiative
2. Advocate for GCF in Tanzania so that more reputable institutions of Tanzania can be accredited and be able to channel GCF resources to women groups with climate resilience activities in Tanzania.



3. Since the Dar es salaam Meeting was also attended by CSOs from Mwanza and Arusha, they agreed to start a follow up and resource mobilization to host a national stakeholders meeting which will bring all key stakeholders of GCF initiative including the Government and other accredited institutions public and private.
4. To form a coordinated movement of Dar es salaam CSOs on GCF initiative and formulate a whatsapp group for sharing information.

**Templates used by organization in regions:**

**TIME TABLE FOR GCF COUNTRY MONITORS TO BE HELD IN TANGA – TREE OF HOPE**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PERSON INCAHRGE</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
<b>1000 – 1015AM</b>	<b>ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION</b>	<b>TREE OF HOPE</b>	
<b>1020 – 1045AM</b>	<b>INTRODUCTIONS</b>	<b>TREE OF HOPE/WATED/ALL</b>	
<b>1045 – 1100AM</b>	<b>TEA BREAK</b>	<b>TREE OF HOPE</b>	
<b>1110 – 1130AM</b>	<b>SHARING EXPEREINCES</b>	<b>SAUTI YA MWANAMKE – MBEYA COORDINATOR</b>	
<b>1130 - 1200PM</b>	<b>QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION</b>	<b>ALL</b>	
<b>1200PM – 1215PM</b>	<b>UNDERSTANDING OF CLIMATE FINANCING BY PARTICIPANTS</b>	<b>WATED/SAUTI YA MWANAMKE</b>	
<b>1215 – 1230PM</b>	<b>PARTICIPANTS EXPERIENCES ON Environmental JUSTICE and Women Rights</b>	<b>LEAD BY TREE OF HOPE</b>	
<b>1230 – 1250 PM</b>	<b>WEBINAR SERIES SHARING</b>	<b>TREE OF HOPE</b>	
<b>1250 – 0120 PM</b>	<b>QUESTION AND ANSWERS</b>	<b>ALL</b>	
<b>0120 – 0140 PM</b>	<b>CHATTING THE WAY FORWARD</b>	<b>WATED/TREE OF HOPE/ ALL</b>	
<b>0140 – 0200 PM</b>	<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b>	<b>TREE OF HOPE</b>	
<b>0200 – 0300PM</b>	<b>LUNCH /LOGISTICS</b>	<b>TREE OF HOPE/ALL</b>	

**REGISTRATION FOR GCF INTRODUCTION – TREE OF HOPE  
TANGA**

<b>SN</b>	<b>Full Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Signature</b>
<b>1</b>				
<b>2</b>				

**TRANSPORT REIMBURSEMENT FOR GCF INTRODUCTION – TREE  
OF HOPE TANGA**

<b>SN</b>	<b>Full Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Signature</b>
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**3. CONCLUSION**

WATED and partner organization wish to extend sincere appreciation for the support we have received. Both technical and financial Sessions have been really interesting and eye opening. We have built alliances, identifying partners which will be more useful in future collaboration and also devising mechanism.

Together with National Coordinators we are positive the conversation has steered positive interest to participants and we are hopeful going forward we will be able to have a more detailed and structured conversations from regional to National level.

**4. WATED RECOMMENDATIONS**

After conducting these meetings in five regions of Tanzania WATED had the following learning that will pave a way forward for GCF monitoring activities in Tanzania: -

1. Most of CSOs in Tanzania are not aware of Green Climate Fund and their role in monitoring the accountability of GCF financing in Tanzania. Hence there is a need for WATED in collaboration with other stakeholders to continue reaching out to more CSOs in Tanzania to create awareness on GCF and climate change financing in Tanzania.
2. WATED also noticed that some CSOs such as FEMAPO from Arusha region is more aware of the GCF financing and was able to well organize and coordinate the Arusha region CSOs well than in other regions we went, hence its in WATED’s interest to continue working with FEMAPO in reaching out to more CSOs in Tanzania.
3. There was a consensus among CSOs that we met in the five regions that WATED should organize a national GCF stakeholders meeting which will bring together Government

representatives, National Accredited institutions such as the National Environmental Council (NEMC) and the Ministry of Environment under the Vice President's Office. Also Other International Institutions who are present in Tanzania and they have GCF accreditation to fund GCF projects in Tanzania.

4. WATED in collaboration with partners such as Both Ends, GAGGA and WEDO to mobilize resources to support CSOs that are ready to engage in the advocacy for Gender inclusion climate change financing and monitoring of GCF funded activities in Tanzania.
5. **Activity 4 in the proposal was partly implemented due to timing and then proposed alternative** engagement by the during introduction sessions which was conducted in regions - Activity focused on networking with Ministry of Finance – Dodoma; Parliament budget session – Dodoma; Parliamentary committees on environment – Dar es Salaam/Dodoma. Introduction have been made to UNEP, NIDA, and National Environmental Council which is accredited institution under GCF in Tanzania.

We submit – WATED Team

Asante sana – Thank you very much!