

# Women in Climate Diplomacy

<b>Name of the initiative:</b>	Women and Climate: Empowering and strengthening female decision-making leaders in the Americas
<b>Duration:</b>	2024-2026
<b>Participating countries:</b>	OAS member states
<b>Objective:</b>	Women play a crucial role in transforming power structures and redefining traditional notions of climate action. They often adopt an intersectional approach, fostering inclusive, trust-centered, robust networks that emphasize the insights and viewpoints of diverse, grassroots, and often marginalized groups. This proposal aims to enhance gender equality in decision-making on climate-related issues, with a particular focus on disaster risk management and transboundary water cooperation across all OAS member states. Elevating the role of women in climate and increasing their participation in decision-making processes is expected to support improved governance in these areas.
<b>Activities:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Convene the official launch of the LAC Women and Climate Diplomacy Network</li><li>• Develop relevant training curriculum</li><li>• Convene a first regional dialogue with female representatives</li><li>• Develop gender action plans for resilience planning, capacity development and cooperation opportunities, policies, laws, and actions to implement towards enhancing women's leadership in management of regional ecosystems and transboundary basins.</li></ul>
<b>Cost and financing:</b>	Full program financing: US\$900,000 (expected)
<b>Request for partners:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Financial support.</li><li>- Technical assistance from national agencies in environmental, water and climate diplomacy.</li></ul>

## Sub-topics

- Participatory Policy Making
- Gender-Inclusive implementation
- Water, Climate and Diplomacy
- Youth empowerment

## Beneficiaries

Female representatives from Government, Civil Society, Academia, and others.

## Expected outcomes

- Increased participation and representation from women in transboundary water issues within the LAC and Caribbean sub-regions.
- New opportunities for cooperation identified among women leaders in water and climate related issues from different OAS member states.
- Increased knowledge and technical capacity among women involved in water sector policies, to further enhance the role they play in water governance and climate related issues diplomacy.

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