

An illustration of five women in a community setting. One woman in the foreground is wearing a pink patterned shirt and a red headwrap. To her right, another woman is operating a sewing machine. In the background, a woman holds up a clipboard, and another woman is tending to plants. The scene is set against a bright blue sky and green foliage.

Gender-Just and Community Rights Perspectives on Pathways to 1.5



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The colonial foundations for growth



The historical and ongoing exploitation of territories and the outsourcing of labour based on gendered and geographic divisions have laid the foundation for a notion of development that has shaped the means and modes of production.

The goal? Infinite growth.

This growth relies on patterns of colonialism, extractivism, to pave a free way for appropriation and exploitation.

This pathway for development has catalysed intersecting forms of oppression and discrimination, thereby hindering the goal of achieving a life of dignity for all.

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The persistence of gender-based discrimination, inequality, stereotypes, and patriarchal institutions inherited from colonialism continue to hinder women's access to, control over, and use of resources and information to address climate change effects in a timely manner.



The colonial foundations for growth



"Public and private finance flows for fossil fuels are still greater than those for climate adaptation and mitigation (high confidence)."
(IPCC, 2023)

"Fossil fuel financing from the world's 60 largest banks has reached USD \$4.6 trillion in the six years since the adoption of the Paris Agreement, with \$742 billion in fossil fuel financing in 2021 alone."
(BOCC, 2022)

Continuing current climate policies with only a gradual improvement will mean an increase in temperature higher than the 1.5°C goal

Framing our collective fight!



In recent years, some technologies have become popular, marketed as positive offsetting mechanisms for achieving net zero climate emissions, despite – in reality – being unproven techno-fixes and risky technologies



Dangerous distractions

This approaches challenges neither present power structures nor old ways of thinking.

This “greening” of technological capitalism and colonialism can thus hide deep inequity and injustice, once again disproportionately affecting people and communities that have done little to contribute to climate crisis

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"There is a rapidly closing window of opportunity to secure a liveable and sustainable future for all"
(very high confidence)

"The choices and actions implemented in this decade will have impacts now and for thousands of years"
(high confidence)

"Ambitious mitigation pathways imply large and sometimes disruptive changes in existing economic structures, with significant distributional consequences within and between countries"
(high confidence)

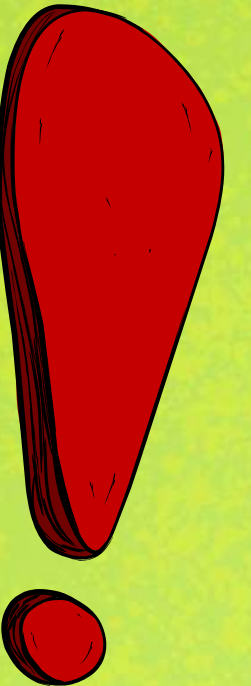
(IPCC, 2023)



Framing out collective fight!



Shift development pathways fueled by colonialism that promote destructive and extractive use of energy and material under a capitalist thirst for infinite growth



Framing out collective fight!



The discussions around climate change action should centre on a comprehensive and long-overdue transformation of our exploitative and destructive economic systems.

Although the goal of 1.5°C global temperature increase is challenging and involves high stakes, countries must integrate community-based and gender-just strategies and actions



Ecofeminism provides an intersectional framework

for understanding how various forms of inequality often operate together and exacerbate each other,

as well as how social characteristics intersect, leading to unique experiences of discrimination and

a better understanding of the structural, historical, and institutional root causes of such discrimination.



Concrete alternatives to the dominant development model already exist on the ground where real solutions come to life.

These community and context-based initiatives stand in contrast with individualistic or commercial climate solutions (e.g. electric cars), which tend to maintain structural inequalities for the benefit of a few.





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OUR Framework

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A just and gender-responsive climate framework (minimum demands):

- respect and promote human rights and gender equality;
- ensure sustainable development and environmental integrity;
- require fair, equitable, ambitious and binding mitigation commitments in line with the principles of Common but Differentiated Responsibilities (CBDR);
- call for urgent and prioritized adaptation action and resources that respond to the most vulnerable countries, communities and populations;
- demand a sustainable energy paradigm that prioritizes safe, decentralized renewable energy systems that benefit people and communities;
- ensure adequate, new, additional and predictable climate finance for developing countries;
- provide resources to reconcile loss and damage already incurred from climate inaction;
- and, ensure full, inclusive and gender-equitable public participation in decision-making.

You can find our more about our collective positions here:

<https://womengenderclimate.org/resources/>

How we work

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Serve as the main conduit to the COP Presidency and UNFCCC Secretariat alongside the 9 other Constituencies of the UNFCCC

- **Collective advocacy:**
 - issue briefs, submissions, key demands, cross-constituency/movement building
- **Capacity strengthening:**
 - webinars, trainings, thematic calls, strategy meetings
- **Working groups** to coordinate our work in key thematic areas
- **Gender Just Climate Solutions**



<https://womengenderclimate.org/gender-just-climate-solutions-2/>

Gender Just Climate Solutions

Objectives:

- Showcase & upscale gender-responsive, transformative climate initiatives
- Turn the system upside-down
- Inspire world leaders with community-based and just climate projects
- Advocate for a full commitment to human rights in the Paris Agreement

Criteria:

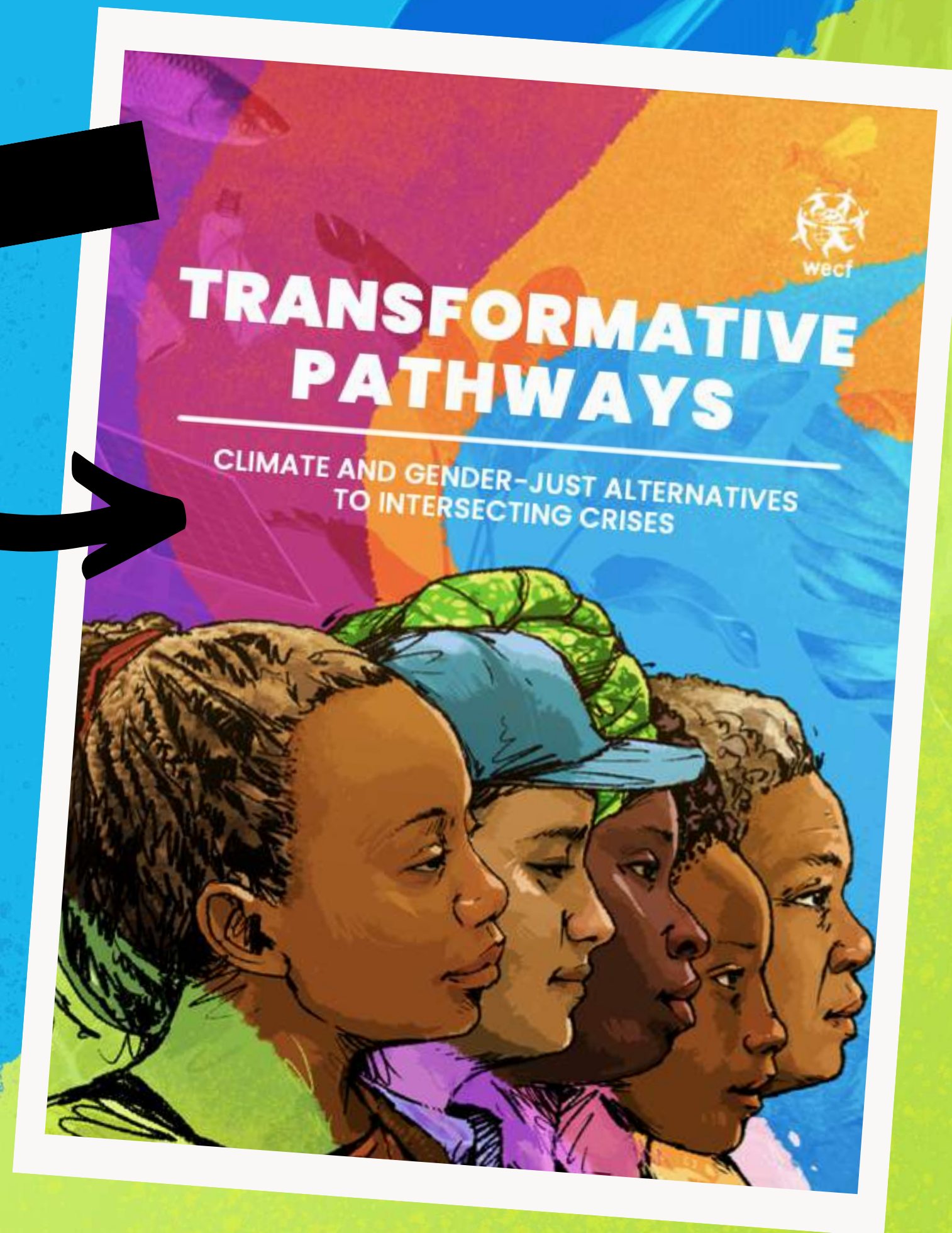
- Equal access to benefits
- Does not add additional care burden
- Promotes women's rights, equal decision-making
- Locally-led and driven & decentralized
- Ensures self-sufficiency
- Contributes to mitigation or adaptation
- Results can be shared and up-scaled
- Inter-linkages to peace-building, resource constraints, health

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