



Governing Climate in an Age of Retreat, Risk and Geopolitical Realignment

The GenCGov International Conference 2026 brings together academics, policymakers, civil society actors, and practitioners to reflect on the future of climate governance in a rapidly changing global context.

DATES

23-24 June 2026

LOCATION

Abuja, Nigeria

FORMAT

In-person / Hybrid

[Full conference details](#)

17 Law clinics engaged in moot competition

4 Research publications featured

2 International webinars co-hosted with the ILA Nigeria Committee for Women, International Law & Development

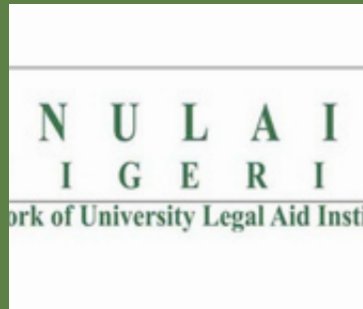
1 National climate survey co-led with the NBS (gender-responsive)

Across the Programme



Shaping climate litigation education in Nigeria

The Moot Competition engaged 17 law clinics across Nigeria, with Imo State University Law Clinic emerging as champions. ([Learn more](#))



Training the next generation of climate justice leaders

The Climate Justice Fellowship with NULAI builds skills in climate governance and litigation. ([Learn more](#))



Driving conversations on gender and the energy transition

Two international webinars with the ILA Committee for Women, International Law and Development, advanced dialogue on gender and energy transitions. ([Learn more](#))



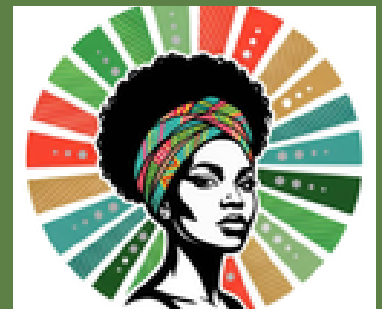
Building Nigeria's climate evidence base

GenCGov and the National Bureau of Statistics completed the first national climate survey with a gender dimension. ([Learn more](#))



Equipping civil society for climate action

Gender-inclusive Climate Justice Advocacy Toolkit Adoption Workshops in June 2026 to strengthen CSOs' capacity. ([Learn more](#))



Looking Ahead - GenCGov International Conference 2026 23-24 June 2026 | Abuja

Global convening on climate governance and policy action. ([Learn more](#))



Editorial Note

A Note from the Global Research Lead - Dr. Pedi Obani, SFHEA FLF

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the GenCGov Dispatch.

At a time where climate governance entering a new era, one shaped by growing inequalities, shifting geopolitical priorities, and increasing pressure on institutions to respond to complex and interconnected challenges, there is an urgent need to connect research with action.



At GenCGov, we believe research must do more than generate knowledge. It must amplify community voices, inform policy, strengthen institutions, and support practical action. This conviction sits at the heart of our work and of this publication.

The GenCGov Dispatch is more than a record of activities. It is a space to share ideas, connect communities of practice, and reflect on how gender-inclusive approaches can reshape climate governance.

In this first issue, we spotlight the people, partnerships, and evidence helping to build more just and resilient climate futures.

Cover Story

Building an Ecosystem for Climate Justice

What does it take to build lasting climate justice?

For GenCGov, the answer is not a single intervention, but an ecosystem. Since its inception, the programme has invested in legal training, civil society engagement, and evidence generation that reinforce one another and create pathways for long-term impact.

At the centre of this ecosystem are the Climate Justice Fellowship and the Climate Impact Litigation (EJCIL) Moot Competition, both delivered in partnership with the Network of University Legal Aid Institutions (NULAI-Nigeria).

Now in its third phase, the Fellowship combines expertise in gender-inclusive climate governance and legal clinical education to equip emerging practitioners for climate litigation, advocacy, and governance reform.

The EJCIL Moot Competition, launched in November 2025, engaged 17 law clinics through months of rigorous participation, culminating in the Imo State University Law Clinic emerging as overall champions. More importantly, it is helping to nurture a new generation of legal thinkers prepared to tackle environmental impact and climate justice challenges.

This work extends beyond the classroom. International webinars with the ILA Committee on Women, International Law and Development have expanded dialogue on gender, climate governance, and energy transitions among professionals from law and other disciplines, while Gender-Inclusive Climate Justice Advocacy Toolkit Adoption workshops have equipped civil society organisations with practical tools for action.

Taken together, these initiatives reveal a broader shift: from isolated interventions to a connected ecosystem where evidence, institutions, and people reinforce one another.



In Focus

A First for Nigeria: Measuring Climate Change Through a Gender Lens

For the first time, Nigeria has a national household survey on climate change especially designed to capture the gender dimensions of climate impact and related adaptation and mitigation measures.

Led by GenCGov in collaboration with the National Bureau of Statistics, the survey will help generate evidence on how climate impacts are experienced across households and communities.

Preliminary findings will be presented at the GenCGov International Conference in Abuja and are expected to inform more inclusive climate policy interventions.



Why it matters

Better climate policy starts with better data – and better data must reflect lived experiences.

Research Spotlight

Selected publications from the GenCGov research ecosystem



Flagship Publication

GenCGov Annual Progress Report 2025

A synthesis of programme activities across research, capacity building, and policy engagement.

[Read the report](#)


Local Content Laws and Gender Equality in Africa's Oil and Gas Sector

Examines how local content policies intersect with gender equality outcomes in Africa's extractive industries.

[Learn more →](#)


Climate Litigation in South Africa and Nigeria: Legal Opportunities and Gender Perspectives

This chapter examines climate litigation in South Africa and Nigeria through a gender-sensitive legal opportunity structures lens.

[Learn more →](#)


African Countries Gear Up for Major Push on Climate Innovation, Climate Financing and Climate Change Laws

Examines 2025 Africa Climate Summit climate finance plans and their feasibility for a highly climate-vulnerable Africa.

[Learn more →](#)


Making a Case for (En)Gendering Energy Transition: Legal Basis and Levers for Change

Examines how gender equality can be integrated into climate and energy transition efforts to ensure a just and inclusive transition.

[Learn more →](#)


Gender Justice and Decentralised Energy Resources: Perspectives from the United Kingdom and Nigeria

This chapter analyzes the legal and gender justice challenges of decentralised energy systems in Nigeria and the UK, focusing on equity, access, and sustainability.

[Learn more →](#)


From Evidence to Action

Clear signals for climate governance reform

1

Climate change is experienced differently within and across communities, making gender-responsive approaches essential.



2

Legal education and capacity building remain critical to strengthening climate governance systems.

3

Better data creates stronger foundations for evidence-based policy.

4

Momentum is growing around environmental justice in legal aid reform, including a proposed amendment to the **Legal Aid Act 2011** ([Learn more](#))

Key takeaway:

More inclusive evidence leads to stronger and more legitimate climate governance systems.

Looking Ahead

GenCGov International Conference 2026

From **23–24 June 2026**, Abuja will host conversations on one of the defining questions of our time: how do we govern climate in an era of geopolitical uncertainty, constrained climate finance, and shifting global priorities?

Under the theme, “Governing Climate in an Age of Retreat, Risk and Geopolitical Realignment,” the conference will bring together academics, policymakers, civil society actors, and practitioners to explore pathways towards more inclusive and resilient climate governance. ([More info here](#))

Engagement Gallery

A snapshot of GenCGov activities



Africa International Conference, 2026



Climate Justice for Women 2025



Water Day Event 2025

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