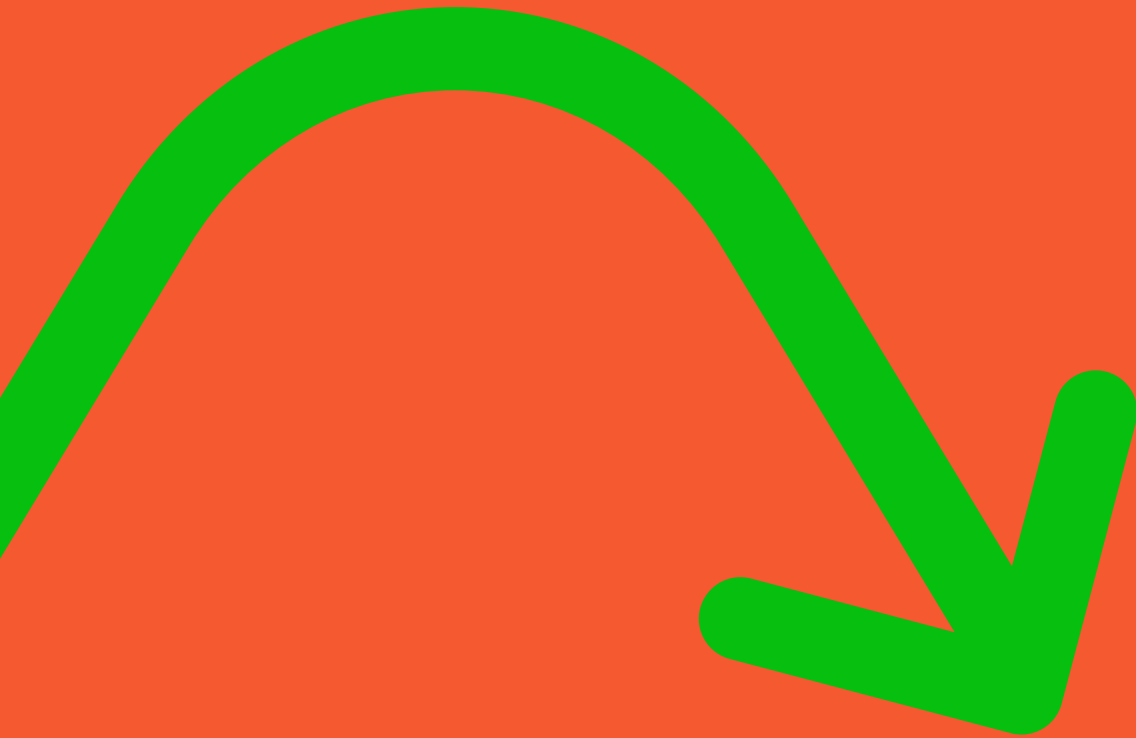




Gender Inclusive
Climate Change Governance

Championing climate justice through gender equality



2025

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The Gender and Climate Governance (GenCGov) initiative made significant strides in 2024–2025, deepening its mission to integrate gender equality into climate discourse, decision-making, and action. Over the past year, the project has focused on bridging the gap between gender responsiveness and climate governance through targeted engagement, research, advocacy, and the design of regulatory instruments.

Key achievements include the rollout of interactive educational sessions in communities and schools. Most notably with the BD3 Community and at Oundle School in Peterborough, where participants participated in ***“The Voices for the Planet: Climate Justice from a Gender Lens.”*** The workshop fostered awareness of climate change as a gendered issue and empowered the participants to reflect on their lived experiences and potential roles in driving equitable climate action.

Additionally, GenCGov advanced its policy and legal analysis work by conducting in-depth gender audits of national policies and legislative frameworks. These audits applied a consistent, evidence-based thematic framework to assess gender sensitivity in climate, land, health, and energy related laws and policies. The findings are already informing advocacy strategies and institutional conversations around inclusive climate change governance.

Through strategic partnerships, research dissemination, and youth-centered programming, GenCGov has contributed to shaping a more inclusive and equitable approach to climate governance, laying a foundation for deeper impact in the years ahead.

This report provides an overview of GenCGov’s key activities, highlights from the field, lessons learned, and priorities for the coming year.

The past year has been a transformative period for us at GenCGov. Driven by a commitment to promoting inclusive climate action, GenCGov has worked at the intersection of gender equality and climate justice, actively engaging communities, young people, strategic partners, institutions, and policymakers in understanding and addressing the differentiated impacts of climate change on the population.

Our work this year has focused on three key areas:

- **Youth and Community Outreach**, with a strong emphasis on accessible, interactive learning on climate and gender issues.
- **Policy and Legal Analysis**, including comprehensive gender audits of national laws and policies using a robust thematic framework.
- **Public Awareness and Institutional Engagement**, aimed at mainstreaming gender considerations in climate action and governance.

One of the year's highlights was our outreach to communities in Bradford and Oundle School in Peterborough, where we delivered a dynamic session titled "The Voices for the Planet: Climate Justice from a Gender Lens." This engagement not only introduced students to the gender dimensions of climate change but also empowered them to reflect on their role in shaping a fairer, more sustainable future.

Through partnerships, fieldwork, workshops, and original analysis, GenCGov has continued to create space for investigating gender perspectives within climate governance processes. This report outlines our activities, achievements, lessons, and priorities — offering a comprehensive view of our contribution to advancing climate justice through a gender lens.

GLOBAL LEAD'S RESEARCH MESSAGE



The climate crisis is not a distant threat, it is a present reality that is magnifying inequalities and testing our systems of justice. In the face of this, GenCGov stands as a bold reminder that meaningful change begins when we center the voices and experiences of those most affected.

Over the past year, we have challenged stereotypes, empowered young people, and transformed policy spaces with one clear message: gender equality is not a footnote in climate action, it is the foundation for inclusion and effectiveness. This work is not just about raising awareness; it is about shifting power, driving accountability, and rewriting the narrative of who leads, who decides, and who thrives in the climate change.

As we reflect on our progress and chart the path ahead, I remain hopeful that our shared efforts will continue to inspire informed action, inclusive policymaking, and a more just and sustainable future for all.

Pedi Obani

Dr. Pedi Obani, FHEA

Future Leaders Fellow

Associate Professor, School of Law and Social Sciences

University of Bradford

MESSAGE FROM PROFESSOR SHIRLEY CONGDON



At the University of Bradford, we are proud to champion research that challenges injustice, transforms lives, and informs global policy. GenCGov is one such initiative, courageous in vision, grounded in evidence, and committed to co-creating inclusive solutions to climate challenges.

The recent award of the UKRI Future Leaders Fellowship to Dr Pedi Obani is a powerful testament to this impact. It reflects national recognition of the critical importance of gender-inclusive climate governance and the potential of her research to shape future policy across Africa and beyond. As I shared in our university's announcement:

"This is a prestigious award both for Dr Obani and the university. It shows that UKRI recognises the potential impact of this research. It is also further evidence that our university continues to be at the forefront of public discourse, while at the same time showing how academic research can affect policy change and make a positive difference to people's lives."¹

We are honoured to support GenCGov's mission and proud of its work to amplify the voices and experiences that too often go unheard in climate governance. As Dr Obani and the GenCGov team move forward with the fellowship, we look forward to the knowledge, tools, and justice-driven outcomes that will emerge.

Professor Shirley Congdon

Vice-Chancellor, University of Bradford

1 - University of Bradford (2024, July 18th). Climate justice project awarded £1.28m by UKRI. University of Bradford. <https://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/news/24466186.bradford-professor-awarded-1m-climate-change-project/>

MESSAGES FROM OUR PARTNERS

“Active public dialogue and capacity development remain very crucial for mainstreaming gender into climate and clean energy transition policies in Africa. By fostering the establishment and operationalisation of a tailored Committee on Women, International Law and Development, the GENCGOV project fills a significant gap in providing a platform for such active engagement with key stakeholders in Nigeria and beyond, giving them a voice at the international level. We commend the GENCGOV project and earnestly look forward to sustaining this important multi-stakeholder initiative.”

Professor Damilola S. Olawuyi, SAN

President, International Law Association, Nigeria
Independent Expert, UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights

“It has been a privilege to collaborate with the GENCGOV research project over the past year, advancing the intersection of gender equality and climate justice: from co-developing capacity-building initiatives to shaping impactful dialogues directed to key actors of the environmental justice cycle, like judges and lawyers. We deeply value the shared commitment to inclusive governance and transformative change and look forward to deepening this partnership in the future.”

Prof. Patricia Kamieri-Mbote

Director, Law Division - UN Environment Programme

“Our collaboration with the GENCGOV team has strengthened the IAWJ’s efforts to integrate environmental rule of law into our gender justice work. As interest in environmental law grows among our members, such partnerships provide vital technical insights and empower women judges to lead and expand their engagement in environmental governance.”

Sarah Turberville

Executive Director
International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ)

“Engaging with the process of implementing the initiative and facilitating some interaction with relevant stakeholders provide the unique opportunity to contribute towards engendering the gender dimension to climate change adaptation design. I look forward to continuing the engagement and ensuring the attainment of the objectives and ultimate goal of the project.”

Mr. Lanre Suraju

Chairman of Human and Environmental Development Agenda

“Working with the research team at GENCGOV has been excellent. Their passion for intersectionality and examining the impact of climate change on different demographics is refreshing, and has been a brilliant addition to our Bradford Science Festival programme. Their input has insured the bespoke climate-related game we have created is meaningful and relevant for the audiences in Bradford we aim to reach.”

Hattie Charnley-Shaw

Public Programme Developer

National Science and Media Museum

“On behalf of the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC), I wish to extend our sincere appreciation for your valuable contributions to the submission made to the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (NANHRI) in support of the amicus curiae brief before the African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights. Your input was instrumental in strengthening the collective African voice on this crucial issue. Importantly, your contribution highlighted the gendered impacts of climate change and the ongoing policy gaps that exacerbate women's vulnerability. Your submission also enriched the SAHRC’s contributions and underscored the intersectionality of human rights and climate justice, ensuring that the rights and dignity of all persons, particularly those most at risk, are safeguarded in the face of the climate crisis.”

Omolara Akintoye-Asuni

Research Advisor- Migration, Human Settlement and Climate Justice
South African Human Rights Commission

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Over the past year, we implemented a range of activities aimed at mainstreaming gender in climate governance. From community engagement to high-level policy analysis, capacity building, and research-driven advocacy to advance our mission.

1

Research and Policy Development

We conducted evidence-based research analysing three decades of national and selected international climate related regulatory instruments to assess how gender is integrated into climate governance.

2

Community and Youth Engagement

We engaged communities and young people through workshops like “The Voices for the Planet,” empowering them to explore climate justice from a gender perspective.

3

Capacity Building and Training

We delivered targeted training to local communities in focus countries in partnership with local partners, strengthening capacity to integrate gender into climate action.

4

Partnerships and Collaborations

We cultivated meaningful partnerships with civil society organisations, researchers, and policy actors towards strengthening GenCGov’s reach.

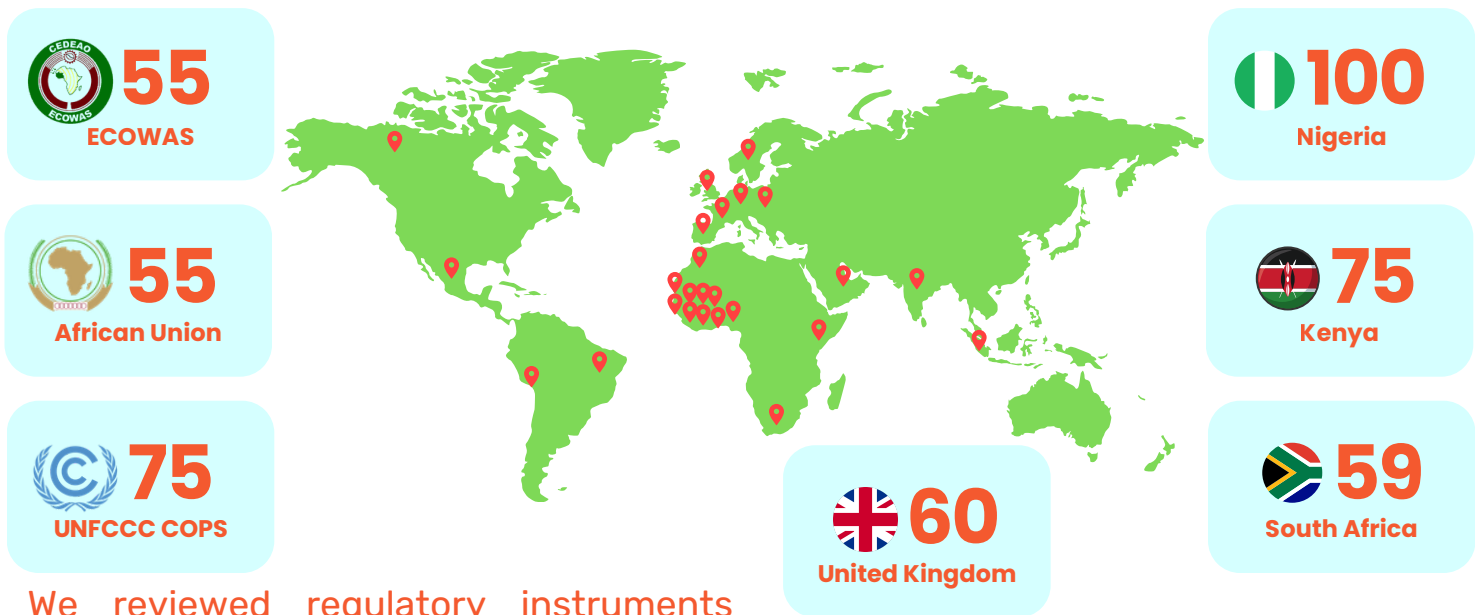
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Public Awareness and Advocacy

Through strategic use of social media platforms like LinkedIn, Twitter(x), and Instagram, we actively raised awareness about the gendered climate change impacts and promoted ongoing dialogue around inclusive climate governance.

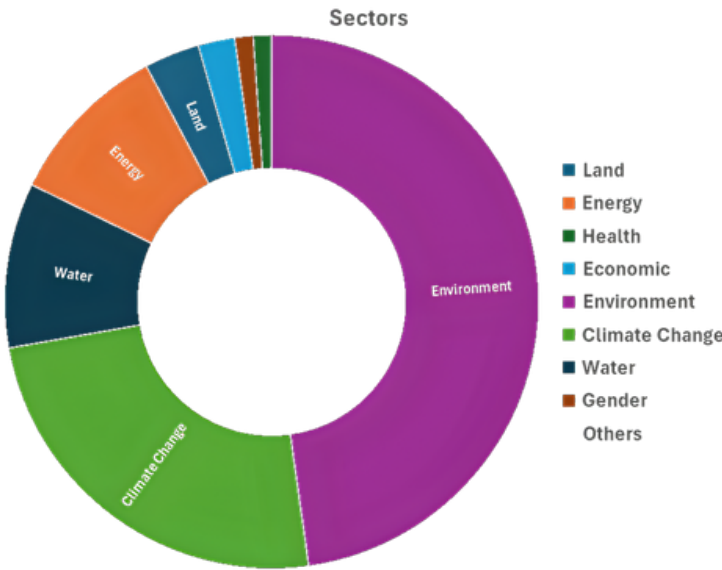
RESEARCH AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT

We undertook a comprehensive, evidence-based review of legal and policy frameworks to assess how gender considerations have been integrated into climate governance over the past three decades (1994 to 2024). Our analysis spanned national, regional, and international regulatory instruments that shape climate action worldwide.

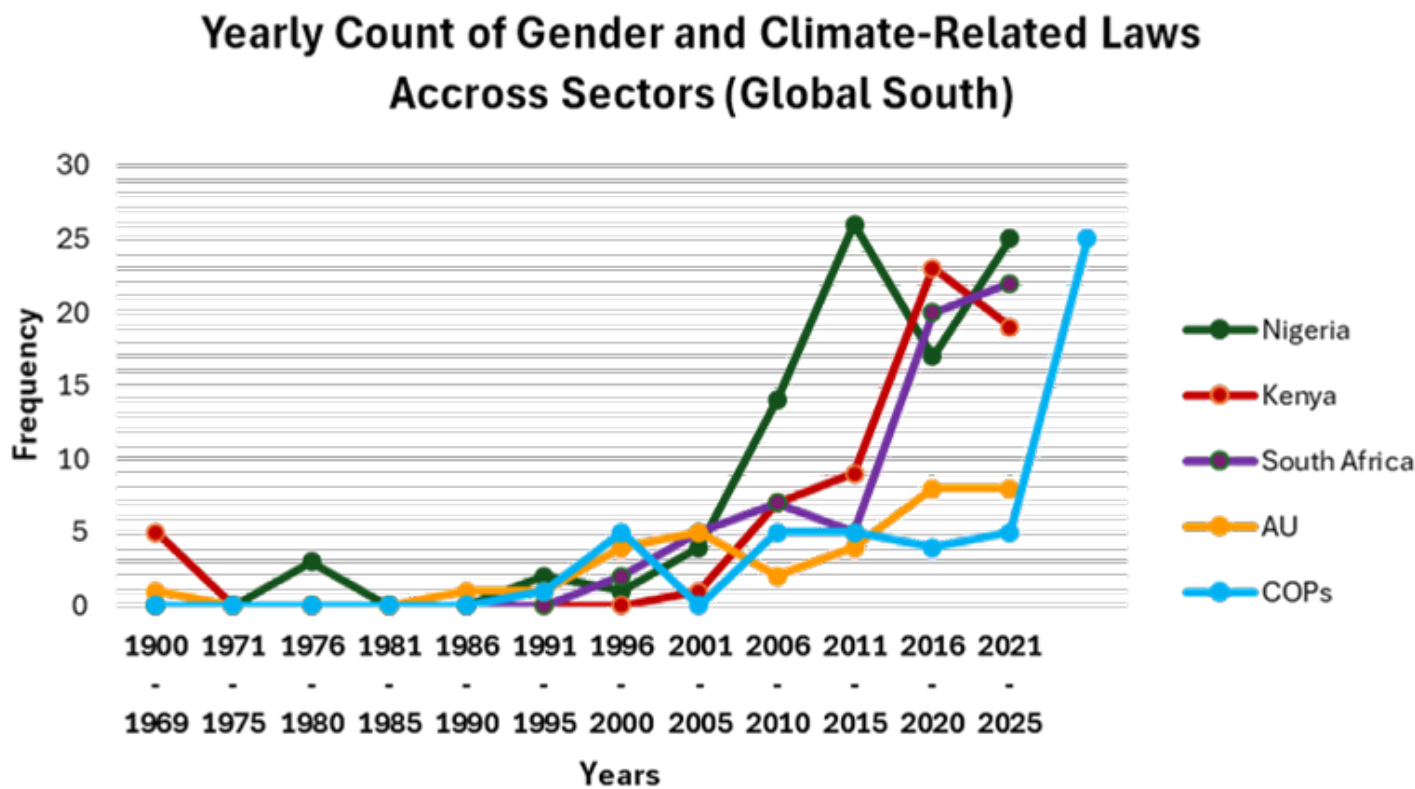


We reviewed regulatory instruments from sectors such as Climate Change, Health, Land, Energy and Environment and Gender. We also assessed international law instruments such as the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Paris Agreement 2015, and Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

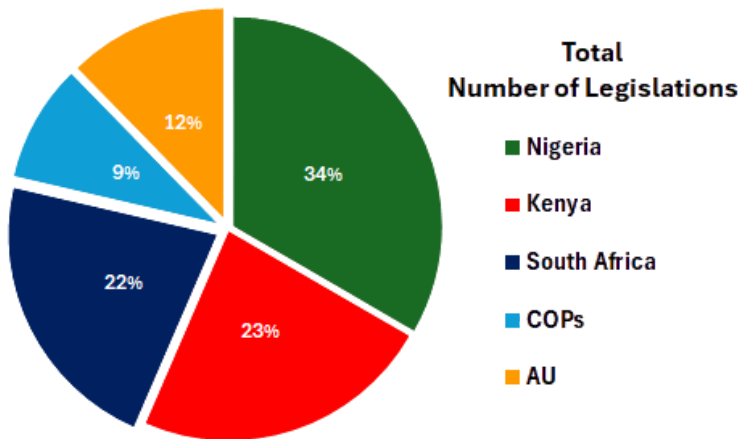
Using a thematic gender audit framework, each document was assessed for the presence, quality, and enforceability of gender-related provisions



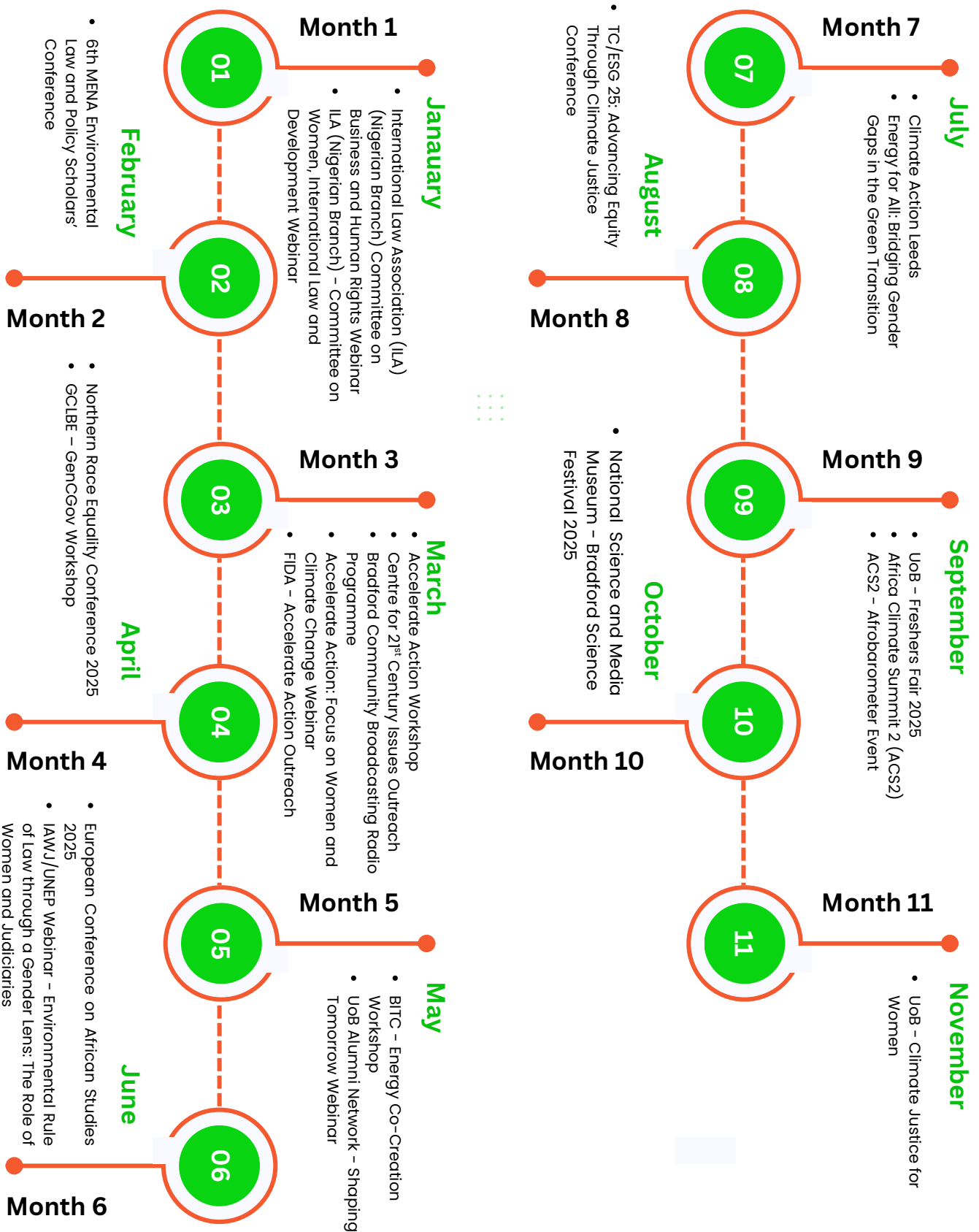
The framework applied detailed indicators across thematic areas, including but not limited to governance and institutional reform, economic empowerment and resource access, climate adaptation and risk response. Each document was then categorised using a five-point scale ranging from Gender Absent to Gender Transformative.



The interim analysis revealed persistent gaps in gender integration. While international instruments increasingly emphasise gender equality, national climate related frameworks remain uneven, with many older (1900 - 1995) and sector-specific laws entirely gender blind. Only a small number newer instruments showing transformative intent by adopting more intersectional and inclusive approach to climate governance.



COMMUNITY AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT



ILA (Nigeria) - Committee on Business & Human Rights Webinar

In pursuit of more inclusive and equitable climate governance, GenCGov partnered with the Nigerian Branch of the International Law Association (ILA) to deepen legal discourse on human rights, development, and sustainability. Through this collaboration, GenCGov supported the ILA Nigeria in hosting a webinar titled “Human and Environmental Rights at Risk Under Land-Based Investment.”

INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION
Committee on Business and Human Rights
Presents
A Webinar in Celebration of the World Environment Day on
HUMAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS AT RISK UNDER LAND-BASED INVESTMENT

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
PROF. HAZER GUELDICH
African Union Legal Counsel, Professor of International Law
University of Carthage

WELCOME REMARKS
PROF. DAMILOLA OLAWUYI-SAN
UNESCO Chair in Environmental Law and Independent Expert, UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights.

PANELIST
PROFESSOR OLANREWAJU A. FAGBOHUN, PH.D., SAN
Professor of Environmental Law and 8th Vice-Chancellor, Lagos State University, Nigeria.

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Indigenous activist and environmentalist.

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ILA (Nigeria) - Committee on Women, International Law & Development Webinar

GenCGov, in collaboration with the International Law Association (ILA) Nigeria Committee on Women, International Law and Development, co-hosted in a landmark webinar titled “Understanding Gender Roles Within the Context of Development.”

Featuring a keynote speech by Mrs Nella Andem-Ewa, Senior Advocate of Nigeria, who stated that: ***“Gender equality is not just a matter of social justice. It is a prerequisite for sustainable development. Societies that empower women and promote gender-inclusive policies tend to experience stronger economic growth, improved health outcomes and greater social stability.”***

INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE ON WOMEN, INTERNATIONAL LAW AND DEVELOPMENT
Webinar
Theme:
Understanding Gender Roles within the Context of Development

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
MRS NELLA ANDEM-EWA
SAN, FCI ARB
Principal Partner of
Lexglobal Partners, LP

WELCOME REMARKS
OLUWAYO OLORUNFEMI
Vice-President, ILA
Nigeria

HOST
DR. PADI OBANI
Chair, Committee on
Women, International
Law and Development

MODERATOR
DR. IREKPITAN OKUKPON
Assistant Professor, School
of Law, University of
Bradford, United Kingdom.

WEDNESDAY
Jan 27, 2025
11:00 AM
(WAT)
ZOOM MEETING

Register Here:
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She also reminded the gathering that ***“As the African Union’s Agenda 2063 underscores, gender equality is not just a goal; it is the key to transforming Africa into a global powerhouse.”***

6th MENA Environmental Law and Policy Scholars' Conference



Association of Environmental Law Lecturers
in Middle East and North African Universities

جمعية محاضري القانون البيئي في جامعات الشرق الأوسط وشمال إفريقيا

In February 2025, GenCGov's Principal Investigator, Dr. Pedi Obani, participated in the 6th MENA Environmental Law and Policy Scholars' Conference, hosted by the Association of Environmental Law Lecturers in Middle Eastern and North African Universities, in Riyadh. The conference, themed "Water Security and Environmental Law in the MENA Region", brought together leading scholars and practitioners to explore legal and policy approaches to one of the region's most urgent environmental challenges.



Dr. Obani contributed to a high-level panel on integrating faith-based values into environmental legal education, and moderated two sessions on the role of law in advancing water security and strengthening environmental research and education. Her engagements reinforced GenCGov's commitment to interdisciplinary, inclusive and globally informed approaches to environmental governance.

Accelerate Action: Focus on Women and Climate Change Webinar

INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION
ILA Nigeria Committee on Women, International Law and Development

Webinar

THEME:
ACCELERATE ACTION: FOCUS ON WOMEN AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Speakers:
DR. PEDI OBANI, ILA Nigeria Committee on Women, International Law and Development
BARR. TITILADE AKOSA, Vice Chair, ILA Nigeria Committee on Women, International Law and Development
DR. BUTH AGRA-GOHIAMBO, Former Chairperson of the Federation of Women Lawyers, Kenya (FIDA-Kenya)

Moderator:
DR. ANWULI OJUAN-SOKOLO, Associate Professor, University of Benin

Speakers:
BARR. ABOLA FUNMILAYO FALEYE, FIDA-Nigeria (Ede Branch)
DR. SHEBRASHE TEMBO, Post-doctoral Researcher, University of East Asia
BARR. TAIWAKALT OSENI, Lawyer and spoken word artist

Time: 4 PM (WAT), 5 PM (SAST), 6 PM (EAT)
Date: 28 MARCH, 2025

Online (MS Teams)

Register Here:
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Supported by:
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GenCGov also collaborated with the ILA Nigeria to deliver a webinar themed "Accelerate Action: Focus on Women and Climate Change." The event brought together legal practitioners and academics, across Africa to interrogate the gendered dimensions of climate change and the urgent need for legal and institutional reforms.

The session highlighted the intersection of climate justice and gender equality, foregrounding women's leadership in driving climate action across law, governance, and activism.

Accelerate Action Workshop

We hosted a campus workshop at the University of Bradford (UoB) to commemorate World Water Day 2025. The event brought together students and staff to explore the gendered dimensions of water governance under the theme “Water and Gender Equity in a Changing Climate.” Through interactive discussions and scenario-based group activities, participants reflected on how water insecurity intersects with gender roles, access, and decision-making.



The workshop also spotlighted the often-overlooked contributions of women in water resource management and climate adaptation. This event reinforced GenCGov’s aim to centre inclusive, community-driven approaches in climate discourse while creating space for the next generation of advocates to shape equitable water and climate policies.



Bradford Community Radio Programme

As part of the World Water Day 2025 commemorations, GenCGov representatives were featured on Bradford Community Radio 106.6FM during a special broadcast. The programme offered a reflective and engaging platform for participants to share personal experiences and perspectives on water access and governance from their home countries.

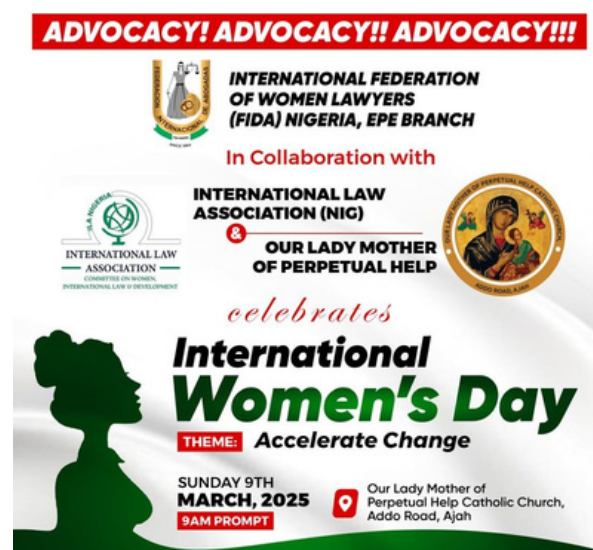


The discussion highlighted the importance of water as a shared resource, touching on issues such as scarcity, infrastructure deficits, and community resilience. From compelling water facts to personal stories, the dialogue offered a global-local lens on water governance, reinforcing the urgent need for inclusive and equitable approaches to water justice in a changing climate.

Accelerate Action Outreach

In commemoration of International Women's Day 2025, GenCGov collaborated with the International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA), Epe Branch, and the International Law Association (ILA), Nigeria Branch to deliver an advocacy event in Lagos, Nigeria. The event was held under the theme "For All Women and Girls: Rights. Equality Empowerment"

and focused on the urgent need to address systemic gender inequality through legal reform, access to justice, and inclusive policymaking in a changing climate.



Centre for 21st Century Issues Outreach

On March 14, 2025, GenCGov co-hosted a landmark event to mark International Women's Day (IWD 2025) in collaboration with Centre for 21st Century Issues. The event brought together researchers and community leaders to explore the unique and often underrepresented experiences of women in the context of climate change. The event also spotlighted the barriers and opportunities within national and subnational climate governance systems.



Through structured group discussions, participants identified key challenges such as flooding, food insecurity, domestic violence, emotional stress, and lack of access to public services, all exacerbated by climate pressures.



The event created a powerful space for open dialogue on the lived realities of women facing adverse climate impacts. Participants shared stories of disrupted livelihoods, family strain, and health challenges, while highlighting poor of government support and limited awareness of climate policies. The discussions underscored the urgent need for targeted education, socio-economic empowerment, and gender-responsive reforms. Beyond the conversation, the event reaffirmed GenCGov's mission to amplify women's voices, strengthen their agency, and ensure meaningful participation in climate decision-making.



Northern Race Equality Conference 2025 (NREC25)

Dr. Pedi Obani, participated as a facilitator at the Northern Race Equality Conference 2025, held on 9 April at the University of Bradford. She contributed to the session titled “Local to the International”, which explored how global events shape local experiences and activism.

The workshop engaged participants in discussions on climate justice, migration, and building solidarity networks across borders. Dr. Obani’s role in the session underscored GenCGov’s commitment to deepening the conversation on how international narratives around justice and equity must translate into meaningful local action.

Northern Race Equality Conference

Tickets & info



Wed 9th
April 2025

9/10am
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Source: Northern Race Equality Website

Her facilitation encouraged participants to draw on personal experiences and community realities, highlighting the vital role of grassroots perspectives in shaping just and sustainable futures.

GCLBE – University of Bradford / GenCGov Workshop

In April 2025, GenCGov co-hosted a thought-provoking workshop titled **“Multilateralism and Global Climate Finance: Emerging Issues”**, together with the Global Centre for Law, Business and Economy (GCLBE). The workshop convened a distinguished group of scholars and practitioners to interrogate the legitimacy, performance, and risks embedded in global climate finance mechanisms.

The poster features logos for the University of Bradford, GCLBE, and UK Research and Innovation. It states: 'The Global Centre for Law, Business and Economy (GCLBE) in collaboration with The University of Bradford Presents a one-day virtual workshop titled: MULTILATERALISM AND GLOBAL CLIMATE FINANCE: EMERGING ISSUES'. A Zoom logo is shown with the text 'Venue zoom'. Below, a 'SPEAKERS' section lists four individuals with their photos and titles: Professor George Nwangwu (Director-General, GCLBE), Dr. Pedi Obani (Assoc. Prof. of Law/UKRI Future Leaders Fellow), Otito Nwaigwe-Chukwu (Senior Consultant, Earnmore Consultants), and Dr. Benjamin Hukoro (Centre Co-ordinator, GCLBE).

Source: GCLBE Webinar

The discussion highlighted how gender remains peripheral in climate finance design and delivery. The various presentations exposed critical gaps, such as the persistent underfunding of adaptation, the complexity of finance access, and the lack of participation from marginalised groups, which disproportionately affect women, particularly in the Global South.

MULTILATERALISM AND GLOBAL CLIMATE FINANCE: EMERGING ISSUES

DR. PEDI OBANI
ASSOC. PROF. OF LAW/
UKRI FUTURE LEADERS FELLOW

MEET OUR SPEAKER

The Global Centre for Law, Business and Economy (GCLBE), in collaboration with the University of Bradford, is pleased to invite you to a virtual workshop exploring the evolving landscape of multilateralism and global climate finance.

SCAN TO REGISTER

Venue
zoom

16 April, 2025, at 11AM (GMT+1)

For enquiries:

Speakers such as Otito Nwaigwe-Chukwu and Prof. George Nwangwu emphasised the need to rethink climate finance beyond numeric targets. They argued for a system that accounts for social legitimacy and non-financial costs, including displacement, loss of informal livelihoods, and governance fatigue. Dr Obani explored the climate justice dimension of Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanisms and the implication for women and other groups whose voices remain absent from major climate finance decision-making spaces.

BITC - Energy Co-Creation Workshop



Source: BITC Community Events

In May, GenCGov participated in the Energy Co-Creation Workshop hosted by Business in the Community (BITC) at the University of Bradford. The session brought together council officials, business leaders, academics, and community organisations to design inclusive and sustainable energy solutions for Bradford.

University of Bradford Alumni Network - Shaping Tomorrow Webinar

In May 2025, Dr Pedi Obani delivered a University of Bradford alumni webinar introducing the UKRI-funded GenCGov project, which reimagines climate justice through a feminist and intersectional lens across Nigeria, Kenya, South Africa, and the UK. Engaging participants with interactive polls and grounded insights, she illustrated how climate change disproportionately affects women, through health risks, increased care burdens, disrupted livelihoods, and heightened exposure to violence. The session highlighted GenCGov's multi-method approach, combining legal analysis, community engagement, and storytelling to build inclusive climate governance.

European Conference on African Studies 2025

At the European Conference on African Studies (ECAS) 2025, Dr. Pedi Obani presented a paper titled "African Belongings of Women in Climate Change Governance." The presentation adopted an interdisciplinary lens to examine how climate change is reshaping the lived experiences of African women. Her paper explored how legal and governance frameworks can promote climate justice. The paper also examined how shifting environmental realities are redefining womanhood, analysed the potential of regional legal instruments to advance women's rights, and proposed pathways for strengthening women's agency and resilience within national and regional climate governance structures.

Climate Action Leeds

At this Climate Action Leeds event held in July 2025, Dr. Pedi Obani joined other speakers to share community-grounded perspectives on climate change from across the globe. The discussion explored how lived experiences in different countries reveal the uneven impacts of climate disruption and emphasised the need for more inclusive and globally connected climate narratives, especially within multicultural UK communities like Leeds.



TC/ESG 25: Advancing Equity Through Climate Justice



Drawing from GenCGov's multi-country research across South Africa, Nigeria, and Kenya, Dr. Obani's presentation, "Building Blocks for Making Climate Governance Inclusive for Women," examined the inadequacies of current policy frameworks that fail to address the intersecting challenges faced by women in climate governance.



Source: Transformations Conference 2025 Website

By exploring legislative tools, democratic processes, and examples of good practices, the session reinforced GenCGov's call for inclusive, gender-responsive governance that reflects the lived realities of women in the Global South.

At the 2025 Transformations Community/Environmental Sustainability and Governance (TC/ESG) Conference, Dr. Pedi Obani represented GenCGov on a panel "Advancing Equity Through Climate Justice."



She highlighted the need to move beyond gender-neutral and technocratic responses toward transformative, context-sensitive approaches rooted in participatory action research and storytelling.



Source: Transformations Conference 2025 Website

University of Bradford - Fresher's Fair 2025

As part of its youth engagement strategy, GenCGov participated in the University of Bradford's Freshers' Fayre, where we connected with new and returning students to raise awareness about the gendered impacts of climate change. The outreach provided an opportunity to introduce our initiative, share our tools and research, and highlight ways students can contribute through volunteering, advocacy, and campus-based activities. The event reinforced the importance of engaging young voices in advancing climate justice.



As a direct output, students expressed interest in joining GenCGov activities and upcoming training sessions. The outreach also led to meaningful conversations with student-led sustainability society leaders, laying the groundwork for future collaboration within the university community. This engagement reaffirmed the importance of youth leadership in advancing climate justice from a gender-responsive perspective, and underscored the appetite among students for action-oriented learning and civic participation.



Africa Climate Summit 2 (ACS2)



In September 2025, the GenCGov team actively participated in the Second Africa Climate Summit (ACS2) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, a high-level convening that brought together over 25,000 stakeholders, including heads of state, climate advocates, researchers, youth groups, and civil society actors.

As part of GenCGov's broader engagement with ACS2, Dr. Pedi Obani authored a widely read article in *The Conversation Africa* available in English and French, offering in-depth analysis of the summit's outcomes through a gender and justice lens. Her piece highlighted Africa's bold steps toward climate innovation, financing, and legal reform, while drawing attention to the persistent inequalities embedded in global climate architecture. The article reinforces GenCGov's call for intersectional and inclusive approaches to climate governance.

Africa Climate Summit (ACS2) - Afrobarometer

At the ACS2, Afrobarometer hosted a vibrant side event exploring how Africans perceive, experience, and expect action on climate change.

Drawing on Afrobarometer's latest data, the session brought together a panel of experts and climate advocates, explored issues of climate finance, human rights, waste sanitation and hygiene (WASH), faith, and resilience.



Source: Afrobarometer (Twitter: @afrobarometer) September 9, 2025



Source: Afrobarometer (Twitter: @afrobarometer) September 9, 2025

Speakers called for justice-driven climate finance, protection for civic actors, and full inclusion of marginalised voices, particularly youth, women, indigenous communities, faith-based organizations, and persons with disabilities, in shaping a just transition.

National Science and Media - Science Festival 2025

As part of the Bradford Science Festival 2025, GenCGov collaborated with the National Science and Media Museum, Impact Gamers and Anchor Project to launch an exciting new climate educational tool named Climate Stack, a digital and board game co-designed with the BD3 Community to deepen understanding of climate justice through play. The event offered a unique platform to connect science, advocacy, and community engagement, translating complex climate change concepts into accessible formats.



Source: Media Science Website

The launch represents a major milestone in our commitment to inclusive climate education, using innovative tools to make learning participatory and fun. Additionally, the launch exemplifies our transdisciplinary approach bridging science, storytelling, and social justice to engage the present and future generations in climate advocacy.

CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING

Innovative Climate Justice Learning through Game Design

As part of our commitment to inclusive climate education, GenCGov in partnership with Impact Gamers C.I.C., and National Science and Media Museum co-hosted climate justice game co-design sessions with the BD3 community in Bradford. This creative workshop hosted by the Anchor Project invited the community to explore how climate change affects individuals differently, and how justice can be promoted, through storytelling and interactive games. The session sparked meaningful dialogue on equity, creativity, sustainability and resilience.

The collaboration showcases a transdisciplinary approach to climate justice education, which is both innovative and accessible. Together, we will jointly empower young people and local communities to engage critically and creatively with the pressing challenges of our time.



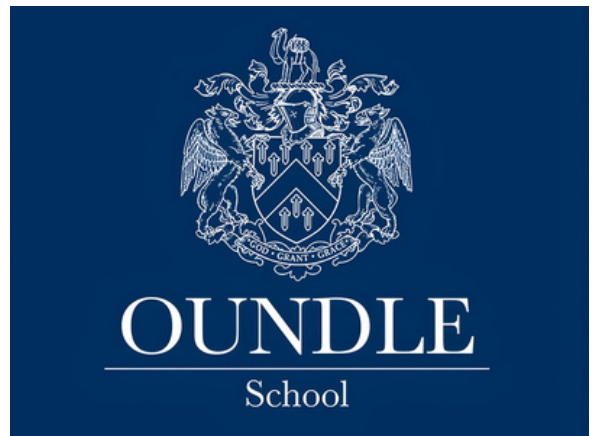
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The
Anchor Project

Oundle School, Peterborough

At Oundle School, Peterborough, GenCGov hosted an interactive workshop titled *“Voices for the Planet: Climate Justice from a Gender Lens.”* The event brought together students and educators to explore the intersections between gender equality and climate change.



Through a series of dynamic activities, including a word trivia game, a participatory “Equality Tree” exercise, and a student-led discussion, young participants were encouraged to reflect on how climate change affects them personally and what actions they can take to promote environmental and social justice.

One student remarked,

“I had never really thought about how climate change affects people differently. This helped me see things from a different perspective.”

The session highlighted the importance of inclusive governance and youth participation in global climate conversations. By sparking curiosity and critical thinking, this event contribute to GenCGov’s mission of amplifying underrepresented voices and building the next generation of climate-conscious leaders.



PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS

Environmental Law Research Institute (ELRI)

Our collaboration focuses on advancing gender-responsive climate governance in Nigeria through joint research, policy analysis, and stakeholder engagement. Together, we work to identify legal gaps, support inclusive climate related reforms, and strengthen institutional frameworks for equitable climate action.



Human and Environmental Development Agenda (HEDA)

Our partnership with HEDA Resources Centre is rooted in a shared commitment to environmental justice, accountability, and inclusive governance. Through collaborative programming, we support awareness-raising, research, and advocacy initiatives that amplify community voices, especially those of women, youth, and marginalised groups, in climate policy processes.



Network of University Legal Aid Institutions (NULAI)

Our partnership aims to integrate climate justice into legal education and community-based advocacy. Through this partnership, we engage law clinics in research, policy analysis, and outreach that promote gender-responsive climate governance, while strengthening the capacity of law students and educators to serve as champions for environmental and social justice.



South African Human Rights Commission

GenCGov's partnership with the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) centres on advancing gender-responsive climate governance through a human rights lens. By collaborating on research, dialogue, and capacity-building efforts, this partnership strengthens efforts to monitor climate-related human rights impacts, amplify vulnerable voices—especially women and marginalised groups—and promote inclusive policy reform across South Africa's climate and environmental frameworks.



Environmental Defenders Network (EDEN)

Our partnership with the Environmental Defenders Network (EDEN) aims to strengthen local advocacy, foster civic participation, and support education initiatives that prioritise women and youth. Together, we connect grassroots struggles to broader legal and policy frameworks, amplifying voices often excluded from environmental governance, and promoting lasting resilience in vulnerable communities.



British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL)

Our partnership leverages BIICL's expertise in international and comparative law to deepen legal scholarship on gender-inclusive climate governance. Through shared research and dialogue, we aim to influence policy, enhance legal frameworks, and build resilient, rights-based approaches to climate action across jurisdictions.



International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ)

Our partnership with IAWJ aligns with a shared commitment to advancing gender equality and strengthening judicial leadership on human rights and climate justice. Through this collaboration, we aim to engage women judges as powerful advocates and decision-makers in supporting legal reforms and capacity-building efforts that embed intersectional gender perspectives into climate governance frameworks.



University of Pretoria - Center for Human Rights

Our collaboration with the Centre for Human Rights at the University of Pretoria reflects our shared commitment to advancing human rights education and gender-responsive climate governance across Africa. Drawing on the Centre's long-standing expertise in legal scholarship and advocacy, our partnership strengthens regional networks and deepens efforts to embed intersectional justice in law, policy, and practice.



Kenya Climate Change Working Group (KCCWG)

Our partnership with KCCWG reinforces our shared commitment to climate justice through civil society leadership and policy advocacy. Working alongside one of Kenya's foremost climate networks, GenCGov aims to contribute to efforts aimed at empowering vulnerable communities, shaping inclusive policy frameworks, and amplifying gender-responsive climate action at national and regional levels.



Five Cowries - Art Education Initiative

Our collaboration with Five Cowries harnesses the power of creativity to make climate justice education accessible for young people and global communities. Through interactive workshops and storytelling, we engage children, women and educators explore complex environmental issues through culturally grounded and artistic expressions. This partnership reflects our shared belief that art can be a transformative vehicle for empowerment, advocacy, and inclusive learning.



Global Centre for Law, Business and Economy (GCLBE)

Our partnership with GCLBE is founded on a shared commitment to advancing interdisciplinary, solutions-driven responses to climate and gender challenges. Through joint research and strategic dialogues this collaboration strengthens our policy engagement and capacity-building efforts across sectors and geographies, ensuring African voices shape pathways to inclusive, climate-resilient development.



Afrobarometer

Our collaboration with Afrobarometer aims to advance a shared goal of centring citizen voices in climate governance and gender equity discourse. We aim to leverage Afrobarometer's extensive public opinion data to highlight African perspectives on climate impacts, justice, and accountability. This partnership strengthens our evidence-based advocacy and enriches policy dialogues with insights from across the continent.



United Nations Environment Programme - Law Division

Our partnership with the UNEP Law Division focuses on advancing capacity building for gender-responsive environmental governance. By collaborating on knowledge-sharing and training initiatives, we support the development of legal and institutional frameworks that strengthen accountability, foster inclusive decision-making, and equip legal actors to respond effectively to the climate crisis.



Africa Climate Forum

GenCGov proudly partners with the Africa Climate Forum (ACF), an annual flagship event convened by the GCLBE. ACF has become a vital platform for driving Africa-led dialogue on climate finance, justice, energy transition, and inclusion. At ACF 2025, themed "Bolder, Greener and Better Steps: Closing Transition Gaps in Africa," we contributed to knowledge exchange and planning. Our engagement reinforces our commitment to shaping climate governance rooted in African priorities and intersectional equity.



PUBLIC AWARENESS AND ADVOCACY

In 2025, we amplified our public engagement through a deliberate and consistent social media presence, primarily on LinkedIn, Instagram, and Twitter(x) reaching a combined audience of over 2,500 monthly viewers across multiple platforms. These platforms served as critical channels for sharing insights from our research, spotlighting events and partnerships, and engaging broader audiences on the intersections of gender, climate justice, and inclusive governance. Through curated visuals, reels, event recaps, and behind-the-scenes moments, we made complex academic and policy themes more accessible and relatable. The growth in engagement, particularly among youth, researchers, and climate advocates, reflects the project's success in using digital tools to democratise knowledge and inspire inclusive action on climate change.

Additionally, our public advocacy efforts were deeply rooted in collaboration with civil society organisations across Africa and the UK. Through joint campaigns, public-facing events, and shared platforms, we worked alongside legal networks, grassroots movements, and academic institutions to amplify community voices in the climate conversation. These partnerships enabled us to drive awareness on gender and climate justice issues, dismantle structural barriers, and push for more inclusive governance frameworks from the ground up. Rather than advocating from a distance, we prioritised solidarity and co-creation, ensuring that advocacy is informed by lived experience, locally grounded, and collectively owned.

PROGRESS SNAPSHOT

FY 2024 - 2025

Research and Policy Development

We reviewed over 500 legal and policy instruments across four countries, driving evidence-based research to shape gender-responsive climate policy and legal reform. These efforts positioned GenCGov as a key contributor to international dialogues, including the Africa Climate Summit (ACS2), and amplified the visibility of African-led research through platforms such as The Conversation Africa.

Community and Youth Engagement

We engaged young people and communities through participatory events such as the Oundle School workshop, Bradford Freshers' Fair, and World Water Day radio panel, resulting in increased awareness, community connections, and youth interest in climate action.

Capacity Building and Training

GenCGov, in partnership with Northern Energy and other community stakeholders, is co-developing a comprehensive training package aimed at strengthening institutional and community capacity for inclusive and gender-responsive energy transitions.

Partnerships and Collaborations

We have established strategic partnerships with institutions across our focus countries, including collaborations with the Environmental Law Research Institute (ELRI), University of Pretoria - Centre for Human Rights (CHR), Network of University Legal Aid Institutions (NULAI), and the Institute for African Women in Law (IAWL). Through these alliances, we have expanded our reach, co-developed resources, and enhanced our presence in national and regional policy spaces.

Public Awareness and Advocacy

We leveraged social media and events to raise awareness on gender and climate justice. Through participation in key events like ACS2, TC/ESG 2025 Conference, and IWD2025 we have increased public consciousness and strengthened our visibility across national and international platforms

LOOKING AHEAD

As we move into the next phase of our work, our commitment to advancing gender-inclusive climate governance remains unwavering. The coming year will focus on consolidating the lessons from our multi-country research, scaling community-led interventions, and strengthening our influence within global climate and development arenas.

We will deepen our engagement in policy advocacy, working alongside civil society partners, national and international institutions, and regulators to ensure that gender considerations are central to climate legislation and finance frameworks. Our data collection and storytelling tools will be further refined to reflect local realities while also informing regional and international debates.

With an expanded focus on digital tools, transdisciplinary learning, and youth co-creation, we will continue to innovate in how knowledge is produced and shared. By anchoring our work in both grassroots realities and global policy dialogues, we aim to shape a future where climate justice is truly inclusive, not only in principle, but in practice.

1

Scale Local Voices for Global Influence

We will amplify the voices of women and marginalised persons through deeper engagement with regional and international platforms, connecting grassroots insights to global policy spaces.

2

Expand Data and Evidence-Based Research for Policy Action

We will strengthen our effort through new rounds of gender-disaggregated data collection, participatory research, and policy analysis.

3

Increase Capacity Building and Public Engagement

We will launch training modules and creative co-learning initiatives, from climate justice games with youth to workshops for legal and community actors.



Gender Inclusive
Climate Change Governance

Championing climate justice through gender equality

Let's work together to embed gender-transformative provisions into every climate law, policy, and funding decision, so women are not just participating, but leading and shaping the climate agenda



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