
Strengthening Women's Leadership in the Gender-Climate-Peace Nexus – Learnings from the African continent and the Global South.

Peace

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BACKGROUND

Women and marginalised communities play a crucial role in climate change adaptation and disaster response, yet they often face barriers to accessing the

technical knowledge and skills necessary to advance their careers in these fields. Climate-induced disasters such as floods, droughts, and extreme weather events disproportionately impact women and marginalised communities, reinforcing the need for gender-responsive strategies in **Disaster Risk Management (DRM)** and **Climate Change Action (CCA)**. Equipping women and gender advocates with the right skills and expertise is key to ensuring their active participation in shaping policies and programs that build climate resilience.

Recognizing this, the **African Risk Capacity (ARC)** and the **United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)** have partnered to provide a targeted **capacity-building initiative**. This initiative leverages UNITAR's expertise in capacity building and training and ARC's commitment to gender-responsive disaster risk reduction to ensure women across Africa gain the knowledge needed to lead meaningfully to DRM and CCA.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

This joint initiative aims to **equip women and gender advocates** with the knowledge and skills to drive gender-responsive climate action, navigate climate-related conflicts, and lead in climate governance and decision-making across Africa. Through an **interactive and engaging learning journey**, participants will gain expertise in key areas relevant to their professional growth, preparing them to advance their careers in these critical fields.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

The course series is designed as a blended learning journey, combining several **online self-paced courses with live webinars** to create an engaging and flexible learning experience. The self-paced courses allow participants to build foundational knowledge at their own rhythm, while the interactive webinars offer opportunities to deepen understanding, discuss real-world applications, and connect with fellow participants across contexts. The learning journey unfolds across three thematic modules, each with a specific focus and learning objective, ensuring a progressive development of skills and knowledge. Upon successful completion of all courses and webinars, participants will receive a **certificate recognizing their achievement**.

Module 1:

Gender & Climate lays the groundwork for inclusive climate action by introducing participants to essential gender concepts and exploring the intersection of gender and environmental issues. Through foundational courses, learners examine how gender roles and norms influence climate vulnerability and resilience, and why a gender-responsive approach is crucial for sustainable development and disaster risk management. A live webinar will bring participants together to reflect on their learnings and share insights from their own experiences applying gender perspectives in climate-related fields.

Module 2:

Conflict & Climate turns to the growing body of knowledge linking climate change with peace and security. This module equips participants with analytical tools to understand the root causes and dynamics of conflict, and how climate-related stressors can exacerbate insecurity. Learners will explore integrated approaches for addressing climate-related security risks in a conflict-sensitive manner. A dedicated webinar will provide a space for dialogue around strategies to strengthen resilience and peacebuilding through inclusive climate adaptation.

Module 3:

Climate Leadership focuses on cultivating leadership skills for influencing policy and driving change. Participants will explore the structure and processes of international climate negotiations, develop key competencies for inclusive and impactful leadership, and learn stress management tools to sustain long-term engagement. The module culminates in a webinar on career strategies and leadership for climate impact, followed by a final peer-learning session where participants will reflect on their journey, share takeaways, and articulate their next steps for professional and community-based action.

METHODOLOGY

The programme uses a blended approach, combining self-paced online courses with interactive webinars. This format allows participants to build foundational knowledge independently, then deepen learning through live discussions and peer exchange. Each module integrates **theory and practice**, with a final session to reflect on key insights and plan for real-world application.

TARGETED AUDIENCE

Open to **women and gender advocates from the Global South**, working at the intersection of gender, climate, and peace – particularly those advocating for gender-responsive approaches in Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change initiatives.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Timeline

- **11 Jan 2026:** Closing of Registration/Application
- **12 Jan - 20 Jan 2026:** Recruitment and Enrolment
- **21 Jan 2026:** Webinar 1 Welcome & Context Setting
- **February 2026:** Module 1 Gender & Climate
- **End of February 2026:** Webinar 2 Women Driving Climate Action and Disaster Resilience
- **March 2026:** Module 2 Conflict & Climate
- **End of March 2026:** Webinar 3 Addressing Climate-Related Security Risks
- **April 2026:** Module 3 Climate Leadership
- **End of April 2026:** Final Peer-Learning Session & Closing Ceremony with Certificate Presentation