







AWARD Climate Action (ACA) Fellowship

Accelerating African Women's Leadership in Climate Action

Overall Goal:

To build a pool of capable, confident, and influential African women who lead climate action and produce climate solutions that work for women smallholders.

Target beneficiaries:

- 100 Women Climate Fellows Researchers, policymakers, and practitioners.
- 100 Seasoned experts in gender, climate change, and agri-food systems (men and women as mentors)
- 100 Emerging women leaders (mentees) engaged in climate change
- Non-residential blended fellowship in-person workshops, virtual trainings, and practical engagements
- Delivered in 2 Cohorts over 2 years
- Six Focus Countries: Benin, Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, and Senegal

Work package 1: Strengthening women's leaders from 6 African countries equipped leadership, mentoring and organization skills and networks, to effectively lead gender-responsive climate action. Unjust 2: Increased capacity of Climate Fellows to establish collaborarity eprofessional networks and learnine community. Output 2: Increased capacity of Climate Fellows to establish collaborarity eprofessional networks and learnine community. Output 2: Climate fellows, Mentors and Emerging women leaders and other Climate professionals from their institutions equipped with the skills and knowledge to conceptualize and develop gender responsive climate adaptation solutions Output 2:4: Climate Research and Innovation Projects designed and implemented in 6 countries across sub-Saharan Africa. Output 2:4: Climate Research and Innovation Projects designed and implemented in 6 countries across sub-Saharan Africa. Output 3:2: Increased visibility of Climate Fellows to publish and disseminate their work. Output 3:2: Increased visibility of Climate Fellows to publish and disseminate their work. Output 3:2: Increased visibility of Climate Fellows to publish and disseminate their work. Output 3:2: Increased visibility of Climate Fellows to publish and disseminate their work. Output 3:2: Increased visibility of Climate Fellows to publish and disseminate their work. Output 3:2: Increased visibility of Climate Fellows to publish and disseminate their work. Output 3:2: Increased visibility of Climate Fellows to publish and disseminate their work. Output 3:2: Increased visibility of Climate Fellows to publish and disseminate their work.

Project Interventions

Strengthen the leadership, mentoring, and negotiation skills of African women climate change professionals

- Building leadership and negotiation skills
- Fostering mentoring partnerships
- Forging collaborative networks and a learning community

Enhance the capabilities of African women and men climate change professionals to incorporate gender in their climate change research and practice

- Strengthening capacity for developing gender responsive climate adaptation solutions
- Climate research innovation projects (CRIPS)
- Webinar series on emerging global and regional trends

Amplify the voices and increase the visibility of African women climate change professionals in global and regional climate change dialogues

- Role modelling activities
- Storytelling training and practicum
- Knowledge generation and dissemination

Progress to date

- 47 Climate Fellows selected and matched with suitable mentors
- Conducted Training needs assessment to guide content development and delivery
- Leadership and Negotiation course delivered with over 100% participant satisfaction and relevance rating.
- One-year mentoring program kicked off with a successful Mentoring Orientation Workshop
- Preparations for Cohort 2 underway

- Gender in climate change course preparations and content development underway
- Climate Research Innovation Projects (CRIPs) guidelines and template conceptualization underway

 Storytelling and dissemination components are scheduled for later in the program as concrete outcomes emerge