Women Peacebuilders at the Nexus of Climate, Conflict and Gender

Standing with women peacebuilders as they lead just, peaceful and resilient societies.



Guardianas de la Vida (Guardians of Life), Organización Femenina Popular, Colombia, 2025. Photo credit: OFP

A New Chapter in Global Solidarity

Across Colombia, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), South Sudan, Palestine and Canada, women are confronting the conflating crises of **climate change, conflict and gender inequality.** Farmers, caregivers, activists, entrepreneurs, politicians and community leaders are protecting land, rebuilding communities and defending life itself in the face of escalating violence and ecological destruction.

The **Women Peacebuilders at the Nexus of Climate, Conflict and Gender project** — jointly funded by **Global Affairs Canada and KAIROS** — strengthens women's leadership and collective action for climate-just and sustainable peace.

Why It Matters — Now More Than Ever

As the world faces climate emergencies, authoritarianism and widening inequality, **women peacebuilders are proving what works:** community-driven, inclusive leadership that restores dignity, justice and ecological balance.

Yet these women face daily threats — harassment, violence and lack of protection and resources. **Standing with them is a powerful act of solidarity — a commitment to the world's most effective peacebuilders.**

This project provides women with **economic tools, training and advocacy platforms** to expand their leadership, influence policy and build sustainable, gender-just and climate-resilient peace.

"It is very important to talk about the triple nexus of gender justice, climate change and armed conflict so that peace is a comprehensive and transformative exercise as we, the women of our territory and organization, have always dreamed it to be."—Kelly Campo, National Coordinator, Organización Femenina Popular.



Staff training on climate change and conflict, Heritiers de la Justice, DRC, 2025. Photo credit: HJ

Rooted in a Legacy of Courage

Building on KAIROS' Women of Courage: Women, Peace and Security Program (2018–2024), which supported over 36,000 women with psychosocial care, legal aid and advocacy training, this new phase recognizes that sustainable peace depends on gender equality and climate justice.

Our Approach

When our partners cultivate spaces where women build economic power, advocate for justice and live in safety, women lead transformative peacebuilding that strengthens communities to confront the intersecting challenges of conflict, climate change and gender inequalities

Our Partners

- **Organización Femenina Popular (Colombia):** Human rights defenders advancing ecological peacebuilding.
- **Héritiers de la Justice (DRC):** Advocating for justice and women-led climate resilience.
- **Wi'am Conflict Transformation Centre (Palestine):** Integrating livelihoods, climate action and peacebuilding.
- **South Sudan Council of Churches:** Uniting faith communities to strengthen women's leadership and climate action.

Together, these trusted organizations represent a global network of women's resilience and innovation at the nexus of climate, conflict and gender.



"This project is timely. It will allow women to have access to decision-making positions and knowledge to develop mechanisms and strategies to mitigate the consequences of climate change and to adapt."—Chantal Bilulu, Program Coordinator, Héritiers de la Justice.



Destruction from flooding from Lake Tanganyika, eastern DRC, April 2020. Photo credit: HJ

Program Pillars

Stronger local leadership: Sustained engagement of partners, women peacebuilder networks and allies to tackle the intersecting challenges of climate, conflict and gender inequality - while ensuring women's safety and protection.

More effective advocacy: Enhanced campaigns by partners, community leaders and local governments to address the impacts of climate change, conflict and gender-based violence.

Wider global reach: Expanded impact in Canada and internationally through sharing lessons, results and best practices with global, Indigenous and diaspora partners.

A woman is half of society, and she can work together with men for a bright future, defining her rights and her ability to protect herself from conflicts, problems and violence."—Diala Ghattas, a social worker with Wi'am.



Young participants of Wi'am's victory (community) gardens, Bethlehem, Palestine, 2024. Photo credit: Wi'am



Partners participate in Panel on Women, Peace and Security, Climate, Conflict and Gender Equality, Canadian Pavilion, UNFCCC, COP27, 2022. Photo credit: KAIROS



Women's Assembly meeting, OFP, Colombia, 2025. Photo credit: OFP

"South Sudan is going through all elements of the triple nexus: conflict, climate change and gender issues. This project has come at the right time. Ensuring that women are both beneficiaries and implementers is a very positive part of the project. And it is not just the Women Link (SSCC program) that will benefit from it but people from our member churches, our InterChurch Communities and even the population of South Sudan."—Priscilla Ajak, National Women's Coordinator, South Sudan Council of Churches.

Join Us

Be part of a global movement transforming crisis into collective action.

- **Donate** to strengthen the leadership of women peacebuilders.
- **Engage** through education, advocacy, global exchanges and solidarity campaigns.
- **Follow** KAIROS on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, BlueSky and YouTube and amplify women's voices for peace.

Together, we can stand with women healing communities, defending the Earth and shaping a more just and peaceful world.

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