Society of
Gender Professionals

Centering Indigi-Feminist Voices on Climate Justice

SGP Gender Café & CSW66 parallel event
23 March 2022

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AGENDA

- Overview of SGP - 5 minutes
- Introduce the topic & panel - 10 minutes
- Moderated discussion - 40 minutes
- Breakout rooms - 20-30 minutes each
  - Facilitated conversation
  - Shared learning
- Wrap-up - 5 minutes

SGP Mission

- **Promote** development of intersectional gender expertise for professional practice
- **Strengthen** connections between gender theory, policy & practice
- **Support** member collaboration, network- building, mentoring & co-leadership
- **Foster** production & dissemination of applied gender research
- **Provide** platforms for exchange of gender information & resources
- **Advance** gender equality in member communities through coordinated feminist action

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SGP Membership & Reach

410
registered Members!

132
Member profiles completed

2,190
monthly newsletter subscribers

12,684
followers

2,063
followers +
1,741 members in a closed group: SGP Community Forum

2,180
followers

***30,000+ registered members, subscribers & followers in 150+ countries across all continents**

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SGP Gender Cafés

- Virtual conversation series **connecting gender practitioners, academics & activists** to explore pressing gender issues and questions
- Non-hierarchical sharing, questioning, & **learning beyond the classroom**
- Professional development opportunity for members interested in **raising the profile of gender expertise**

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Allie Constantine, Netherlands - SGP

Allie Constantine is SGP's climate justice intern, and started her internship with us in late 2021. For her most recent project, Allie has led the coordination for today's event, and will be our moderator for the session.

Allie is a researcher and activist who has been studying climate justice in Canada, her home country, and elsewhere. She recently graduated with a Masters in gender studies from Utrecht University, where she focused on the intersections of culture and society as they relate to climate change, colonialism and capitalism.

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Today's Session:

Centering Indigi-Feminist Voices on Climate Justice

What are Indigi-feminisms?

What is this panel about, why are we doing it?

Losang Rabgey, Tibet - Co-Founder, Machik

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Born in India and raised in Canada, Losang first returned to Tibet with her family in 1987. She is Executive Director of Machik, co-founded with her sister Dr Tashi Rabgey. Losang holds a PhD in gender and anthropology from the School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London, where she was a Commonwealth Scholar.

In 2006, Losang was recognized as an Emerging Explorer by National Geographic for her innovative work bridging cultural divides. Her current research interests include gender relations and social entrepreneurship in Tibet. In 2017, Losang became a National Geographic Society Mentor.

www.machik.org

Anita Soina, Kenya - Parliamentary candidate

Anita Soina is a 22 year old environmental advocate and eco-digital influencer from the Maasai tribe in Kenya. At 18, her passion for nature led her to found SpiceWarriors, with the goal of advocating for a safe environment.

She is a 2021 TedX speaker, author of "The Green War", and aspiring Member of Parliament in Kenya's 2022 general election. Anita works with different organizations and eco-friendly companies as an influencer and has been selected to attend high-level conferences such as COP26, UNEP @ 50, and UNEA 5.

Passionate about politics and environmental conservation, she intends to push the climate agenda in the corridors of power.

Foluke Ademokun, Nigeria - Gender Practitioner

Foluke Ademokun (she/her) is a Gender Practitioner and Entrepreneurship development trainer with a bias for supporting women owned and women-managed businesses.

Foluke is the Executive Coordinator of Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation, the Lagos State Coordinator of Women in Mining-Nigeria and the National President of the Association of Nigerian Women in Business (ANWIB).

Foluke's work involves promoting livelihoods improvement for vulnerable women and leading dialogue on equal opportunities and the empowerment of women.

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CLIMATE CHANGE, DECLINING SUPPLY OF IRU (LOCUST BEANS), AND AAAF TO RESCUE

Implication for Women's Resources

- Food Insecurity – break-down of local food system
- Depletion of cultural knowledge on medicinal and food purposed
- Rural livelihoods deprivation / loss of income particularly for women crushing, fermenting and trading seeds
- Gender Based Violence – Sexual, Physical and economic deprivation due to clashes.
- Deforestation

Studies have shown that firewood is commonly used by women in the villages across Nigeria. This means that more trees are cut regularly; reducing the forestry which is key for managing the effects of climate change.

A beneficiary of AAAF Women Farmers' Programme at work

IMPACT ON INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

Suggested Benefits of Iru:

- Medicinal treatment for common ailments like malaria, fever, wound healing, diarrhea, hypertension etc.
- It helps to improve eyesight
- Useful as an insect repellant.
- Similarly, Ogiri has same medicinal element that helps the sight. It is also proven to lower cholesterol level and aids digestion.

- With recent concerns and debate about the cancerous effect of seasoning cubes and monosodium glutamate containing cancer-inducing agents, local seasoning are regarded as safe and healthy because of their natural elements.

WHAT CAN BE DONE

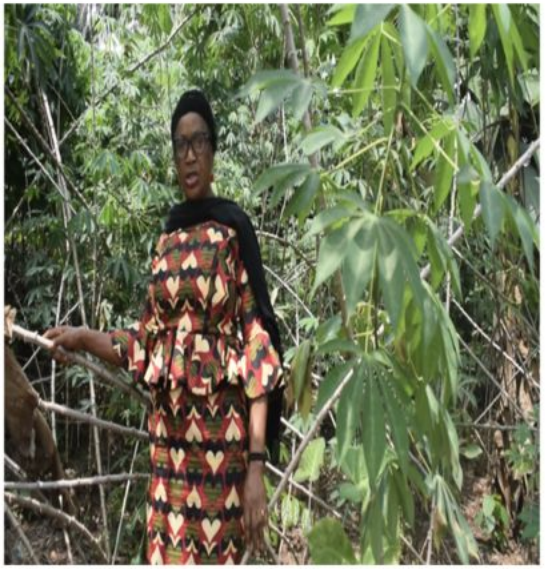
Government to deploy gender responsive strategies in addressing violence targeted at women farmers

Commence efforts to identify , document and preserve local food knowledge for the benefit of younger generation

Support women farmers to engage in food tree croppimng as replacement for those cut down as wood fuel

FINDING SOLUTIONS

- Creating a viable partnership between the Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation and relevant stakeholders to:
- Raise awareness on the impact of climate change on indigenous food system and women's livelihoods opportunities
- Set agenda promoting gender responsive agricultural, environmental and security reforms for the empowerment of women in the sector
- Establishing a system for managing the body of knowled on indigenous livelihoods practices and rehabilitative efforts of women (for instance, using alternative sources like soya bean as replacement for Iru).



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Leisa Perch, Barbados - SAEDI Consulting

Leisa Perch is founder and CEO of SAEDI Consulting Barbados, which she established due to her commitment to bridging and ultimately eliminating the persistent policy, programming and financing gaps between social and environmental policy.

An expert in international development, Leisa has 20+ years' experience in climate change, poverty reduction, sustainable livelihoods, gender policy, inclusive green growth/green economy, research and gender mainstreaming in diverse regions, including post-disaster and emergency contexts. She is keen to expand the space for Indigenous feminist voices in the Caribbean and globally.

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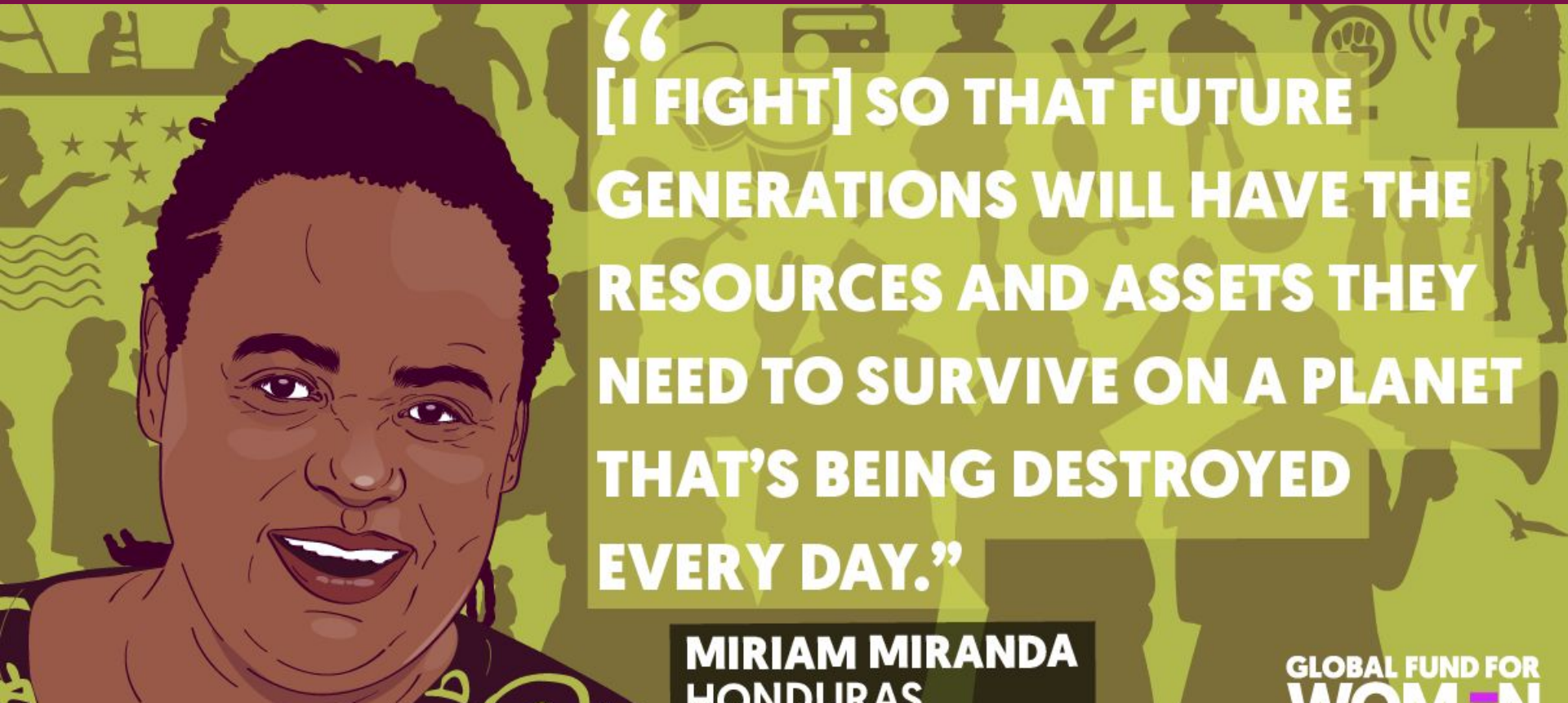
Seeking Justice



Why this focus?

The land we are on belongs to Indigenous peoples.

Women are most impacted by climate issues and are at the forefront of this justice movement.

Gendered Challenges in Climate Issues

A look at Colombia:

- War & violence in bio-diverse hotspots
- Those who protect & defend environment perceived as radicals, immersed in dogma, irrational
- Women's involvement often voluntary - not improving livelihoods; adds to women's unpaid labour, poverty cycle
- Barriers to attending environmental events: transport costs, childcare, loss of income, lack of support from partners, etc.

Lessons from COP26

‘A continuation of colonialism’: indigenous activists say their voices are missing at Cop26

Activists in Glasgow reject ‘big business’ approach to climate crisis as they commemorate murdered land defenders

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MORE THAN A MAGAZINE, A MOVEMENT

The Voices Excluded From the U.N. Climate Change Conference: “Women Are Vital to Solutions”

10/3/2021 by JULIET SCHULMAN

NEWS WATCH NOW

CLIMATE IN CRISIS

At U.N.'s COP26 climate summit, Indigenous voices are calling for more than lip service

"There are opportunities for Indigenous peoples to be recognized ... if only states and stakeholders are willing to listen and take action accordingly."

GLOBAL CITIZEN LIFE DEFEND THE PLANET

COP26: 5 Indigenous Activists & Movements You Should Know About

This year's COP26 was hailed as the "most inclusive COP ever" — Indigenous activists say otherwise.

Exclusion from Decision-Making

While Indigenous women demonstrate outside COP26, they're not invited, welcomed, or given a seat at powerful tables like this.

Costs of Discrimination & Exclusion

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This is what exclusion looks like:

- UK, USA, Germany, Norway & Netherlands pledged $1.7 billion for Indigenous peoples to protect lands & forests…

  BUT the funding goes first to states before going to Indigenous peoples

- World leaders promised to end & reverse deforestation by 2030 in “30 by 30” Forest Conservation Plan

  BUT 30 by 30 fails to take into account realities of Indigenous subsistence lifeways, raising fears that traditional hunting, fishing & other practices will be prohibited in places that are ‘protected’

2022 Focus

SAEDI Consulting is focusing on vulnerable & marginalized groups, including Indigenous feminist advocates for climate action

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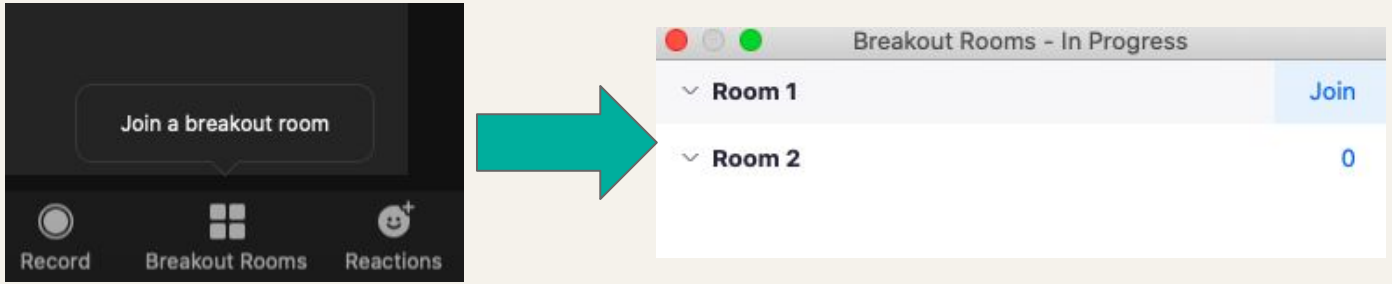
Breakout Room Discussions

How to Use Zoom

- After presentations, we'll have two rounds of breakout rooms for about 20 minutes each.
- You will see a window like this on your screen:



- Click on the 'breakout room' icon, and then select the room to join
- After breakouts, we'll return to the main room for a brief wrap-up

Breakout Room Questions

Room 1 - Losang

How has grassroots education of girls supported environmental change in your different parts of the world?

How do you link conservation values to feminist values? What practices or thinking can promote (or revive) those values?

Room 2 - Foluke

How can we respond to land insecurity, clashes over land rights, and food insecurity?

How can traditional ecological knowledge lead by Indigenous people be incorporated into decision making processes?

Room 3 - Leisa

How can the law and/or courts be used as a tool or space for constructing, producing, and defending rights?

How do we (and should we) construct “land” as a right?

Breakout Room Summary Reports

We hope you'll stay connected!

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