

## OUR APPROACH

The Global Alliance for Green and Gender Action (GAGGA) is the first-ever multi-actor network that is harnessing the collective power of women's funds, environmental justice funds, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), and women-led community-based organisations (CBOs) that join forces from local to international levels to secure women's rights to water, food security, and to a clean, healthy, and safe environment. The GAGGA Members are led by Fondo Centroamericano de Mujeres (FCAM), a women's fund based in Central America, with partners Both ENDS, a global environmental and climate justice NGO, and Mama Cash, a women's fund working internationally.

GAGGA works to strengthen the nexus of women's rights, environmental and climate justice at local, national, and regional levels and collaborates with and provides funding support to national, regional and global women's rights and environmental justice funds and organisations in more than 30 countries across Africa, Asia, Europe (Georgia), Latin America and the Pacific and prioritises support to groups who are working at the local level and have limited access to funding.

To do so, we rely on three key strategies:

- **Strengthening** Lobbying and advocacy capacities of CBOs and movements and documenting and promoting gender-just climate solutions,
- **Linking** climate, environmental and women's rights movements, and
- **Influencing** governments, investors and donors.

We believe that women-led community-based organizations (CBOs) are in the best position to propose solutions and alternatives to the problems they face because they know the local landscape, language, culture and challenges of their constituencies. However, they often face limited access to funding and advocacy spaces. That's where GAGGA comes in.

GAGGA's network consists of the following actors based in the Global South. Currently, GAGGA partners include

- 26 national, regional and global women's and environmental justice funds;
- 42 NGOs; and
- 460 community-based women's rights and environmental justice organizations across the Global South.

As with CBOs or grassroots groups, environmental justice and women's funds emerge from the movements they seek to support. This means they are well-connected to and have an expert understanding of the needs and opportunities of the communities they serve, and are accountable to them. They also provide grassroots groups with the kind of flexible support and

multi-year funding they need to be successful. This is why we believe it's critical to channel resources through these funds.

In the GAGGA model, funds and NGOs provide women-led CBOs with technical and legal support, thematic expertise and funding, while further enhancing their connections with gender-just environmental movements. All GAGGA actors work together in a multi-level, cross-movement collaboration to strengthen movements, link and learn from each other, and lobby and advocate, with an emphasis on participatory processes and shared leadership.

GAGGA's value-add is centered on our diversity as a network, our rootedness and focus on local realities, and the linkages across local-regional and international level. Together we bring extensive thematic expertise and a transformative and political approach to the climate crisis, focusing on a structural perspective to address the root causes behind climate change and inequalities and the key role of both women's rights and environmental justice movements.

Alliance members and partners work together to enhance knowledge, awareness and action on transformative approaches to environmental and gender justice, building on technical expertise, lived experience to highlight locally-led solutions in international spaces. We also demonstrate transformative approaches through our own ways of working, including decentralized funding and decision-making processes; bottom-up agenda-setting; participatory monitoring, evaluation, and learning; and through collaborative ways of working and direct engagement with partners at all levels of the alliance (individual, organizational and network level) for effective lobbying and advocacy, including donor influencing.