

MISSION INCLUSION AT COP29: ADVOCACY POSITIONS

Why participate in COP 29?

Mission inclusion will participate in COP29 on climate, which will take place from November 11 to 22, 2024, in Baku, Azerbaijan. One of the main issues will be the negotiation of the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG), the new climate finance target to replace the \$100 billion USD per year goal.

Why is Mission inclusion participating in this space?

→ To amplify the voices of people and groups experiencing vulnerability or marginalization, particularly women, youth, and Indigenous Peoples, in the context of the climate crisis

→ To promote an inclusive, feminist, ecological, anti-racist, and decolonial approach in the fight against climate change

→ To advocate for fair, accessible, and transformative climate financing that meets the needs of the most affected communities, particularly coastal communities



POLICY POSITIONS

1. Ensure Inclusive And Transformative Climate Governance

Women, youth, and Indigenous Peoples are essential to adaptation to marine ecosystem conservation and climate change.

Our *ReSea* projects, implemented in partnership with the **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)** and supported by **Global Affairs Canada's Partnering for Climate**, as well as *Intergenerational Climate Resilience in Mandoul (RCIM)* and *Adaptation of Burkinabe Communities to Climate Change (ABC)*, developed with our local partners and supported by the **Programme de coopération climatique internationale (PCCI) of the Gouvernement du Québec**, demonstrate that integrating these groups into governance and natural resource management leads to more sustainable and equitable outcomes.

For COP29 on climate, we call on participating governments and organizations to:

→ Advocate for transformative gender approaches that are genuinely cross-cutting in all climate initiatives

→ Establish representation quotas in national delegations to guarantee the active participation of local people, particularly those most directly affected by climate change

→ Ensure that deployed initiatives contribute to gender equality to address the urgency of integrating women and marginalized people in marine climate governance: their active participation and leadership are essential to the success of climate actions, as indicated in AQOCI's Advocacy for COP16 on Biodiversity and COP29 on Climate and CAN-RAC's "Toward an Equitable Future: Recommendations for Canada's Next NDC."

2. Guarantee Accessible And Equitable Climate Financing

Through our experience with ReSea, which helps 71,000 people in coastal communities adapt to climate impacts, we have found that climate financing needs to be more accessible to local initiatives, particularly those led by women and youth who are often on the front lines of climate change.

These initiatives, which combine marine ecosystem protection and inclusive community development, demonstrate the effectiveness of nature-based solutions while strengthening women's leadership and active youth participation in their communities.

For COP29 on climate, we call on participating governments and organizations to:

- Commit to providing at least 60% of bilateral climate funding in the form of grants
- Prioritize funding for adaptation initiatives led by and for vulnerable coastal communities

→ Establish simplified funding mechanisms for grassroots and local organizations, including women's organizations, working on nature-based solutions and promoting innovative and promising partnerships

3. Promote Inclusive And Locally Rooted Climate Solutions

The ReSea project demonstrates the effectiveness of a holistic approach that combines marine conservation, climate adaptation, and sustainable development. Our transformative model, based on three pillars - Blue Planet, Blue Nature, and Blue People - places local communities at the heart of climate action.

For COP29 on climate, we call on participating governments and organizations to:

→ Recognize and support marine conservation initiatives that genuinely integrate local knowledge and expertise of coastal communities, particularly women, marginalized people, and Indigenous Peoples

→ Support the development of a regenerative and inclusive blue economy that directly benefits local populations, ensuring women are included in decision-making, local resource management, and protection

→ Ensure coastal communities are the direct managers and beneficiaries of marine adaptation projects with socially transformative projects



4. Strengthen Inclusive Data Collection And Use

Our experience with ReSea and ABC projects shows the crucial importance of disaggregated data in assessing the differentiated impact of climate change on communities, particularly women and marginalized groups. This data enables the development of more effective and equitable solutions.

For COP29 on climate, we call on participating governments and organizations to:

- Require systematic collection of disaggregated data in all marine conservation projects to measure gender-differentiated impacts with an intersectional perspective and develop inclusive climate strategies
- Integrate social transformation and gender indicators in coastal adaptation project evaluation
- Support participatory and inclusive processes in project monitoring and evaluation to integrate local perspectives and support local actors in the appropriation and mastery of scientific and social data

About Mission inclusion

Driven by a deep commitment to social justice, Mission inclusion supports initiatives that empower individuals and groups in vulnerable or marginalized situations, while promoting concrete actions to strengthen inclusion within their communities and society as a whole.

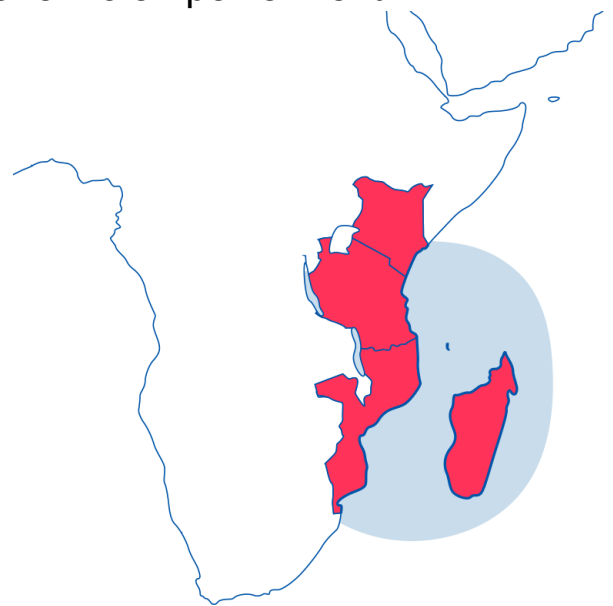
Alongside our partners in Quebec and internationally, we work to foster greater openness, inclusion, and equity, ensuring that the diversity of communities is fully respected and that everyone can exercise their rights and access collective resources.

About ReSea, our flagship project

Mission inclusion, in partnership with IUCN and with support from **Global Affairs Canada's Partnering for Climate**, implements the ReSea project in five Western Indian Ocean countries (Comoros, Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, and Tanzania), alongside local partners: Groots Kenya, Women Trust Fund Tanzania, Muleide Mozambique, CforC Madagascar, PFDDSA, Ocean Hub, and TechnoServe.

Based on three pillars—**Blue Planet, Blue Nature, and Blue People**—the project aims to strengthen coastal communities' climate resilience while promoting gender equality through marine conservation, sustainable protected area management, and women's economic empowerment.

Find out more
about the
ReSea project:



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