

WOMEN FOR GREEN ECONOMY MOVEMENT UGANDA

**ADVANCING AGROECOLOGY AND A JUST ENERGY TRANSITION:
CENTERING WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP, COLLECTIVE WELLBEING, AND
GRASSROOTS SOLUTIONS TO END ENERGY POVERTY"**



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Dear partners, allies, and community

As we reflect on this quarter, I am filled with gratitude and renewed commitment to our shared vision of **climate justice, gender equality, and a just transition**. At Women for Green Economy Movement Uganda (WoGEM Uganda), our work continues to be grounded in the resilience, courage, and leadership of the communities we serve.

This quarter, we strengthened our **self-care and wellbeing initiatives**, recognizing that activists and community members must be supported holistically as they navigate the impacts of climate change and shrinking civic space. Through safe spaces and healing sessions, we continue to nurture resilience and collective care.

Our work on the **just energy transition** has focused on promoting decentralized, community-led renewable energy solutions that reduce energy poverty while creating sustainable livelihoods for women and youth. We have also expanded our **agroecology programs**, equipping women farmers with climate-resilient practices and building capacity of marginalized women to engage in decision making processes to enhance food security and protect our environment from climate crisis.

In advancing **climate and gender justice**, we have amplified grassroots voices through advocacy, storytelling, and policy engagement ensuring that the lived experiences of women inform decision-making processes. Our commitment to **movement building and feminist leadership** remains strong, as we continue to mentor young feminists, strengthen networks, and foster solidarity across movements.

These milestones are a reminder that real change begins at the community level. Together, we are not only responding to the climate crisis we are reimagining a just and inclusive future.



Stakeholder Engagement on Just Energy Transition and Agroecology

On 13th March 2026, WoGEM Uganda conducted a stakeholder engagement under the Cultivating Change Project, marking a significant step in strengthening inclusive climate action through producing a policy brief.

Highlights

The key highlight was the successful hosting of a national-level workshop on **“Strengthening Marginalized Women to Advocate for Agroecology and Just Energy Transition.”** The workshop brought together over 20 diverse stakeholders, including grassroots women leaders, policymakers, feminists and development partners.

The engagement created a platform for meaningful dialogue, knowledge exchange, and collaboration, with a strong focus on enhancing women’s participation in climate and energy decision-making processes at the national level. Participants shared experiences, identified key challenges, and explored opportunities to promote gender-responsive and community-led solutions.

This initiative reinforces our commitment to ensuring that **women’s voices are central in shaping sustainable food systems and a just energy transition in Uganda.**



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Agroecology & Just Energy Transition Follow-Up Engagement.

On 2nd April 2026, WoGEM Uganda organized an online engagement as a follow-up to the stakeholder dialogue on agroecology and just energy transition. The session aimed to increase public awareness on the critical role women play in protecting and conserving indigenous seeds and promoting the use of organic fertilizers to strengthen food sovereignty.

Participants highlighted the importance of locally led, sustainable farming practices in building climate resilience and ensuring food security. The engagement reinforced women’s leadership in agroecology and the need to support community-driven solutions for a just and sustainable future.

Thought Leadership & Advocacy



This quarter, WoGEM Uganda strengthened its advocacy efforts through the publication of opinion articles, press release, communiques and petitions addressing key intersectional issues. These included **climate justice, environmental protection, human rights, agroecology, and wellbeing and self-care**. Through these platforms, we amplified grassroots perspectives, influenced public discourse, and highlighted the urgent need for inclusive, gender-responsive solutions. Our publications continue to serve as a powerful tool for raising awareness, shaping narratives, and advancing policy conversations that center the lived experiences of women and marginalized communities.

Our Executive Director, **Ireen Twongirwe**, was featured in the **Daily Monitor** for a powerful advocacy letter addressed to the President of Uganda, calling for urgent and decisive action to halt the ongoing destruction of Bugoma Forest.

The letter highlighted the environmental, social, and human rights implications of forest degradation, emphasizing the need to protect vital ecosystems and community livelihoods. This feature amplified WoGEM Uganda’s commitment to environmental protection and strengthened calls for accountability and sustainable resource management and the target audience.

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Staff Training on Self-Care & Wellbeing

On 13th February 2026, WoGEM Uganda conducted a **Training of Trainers (ToT)** session on self-care and wellbeing for staff. The training aimed to strengthen internal capacity on how to prioritize personal wellbeing while navigating the ongoing struggle for power and justice.

The session created space to reflect on stress, burnout, and power imbalances, equipping staff with practical tools to support their mental and emotional health. It reinforced the understanding that sustaining climate justice work requires care for ourselves and each other.

As feminists, we recognize that this work is continuous before and beyond us and that **wellbeing is essential to resilience, leadership, and long-term impact.**

Partnerships & Collaborations



On 7th April 2026, WoGEM Uganda participated in a strategic meeting organized by Fridays for Future Uganda ahead of the Santa Marta Conference. The engagement brought together climate actors to co-create a collective position on a just energy transition. We contributed grassroots perspectives, emphasizing the need for decentralized renewable energy solutions owned and led by communities. We also joined calls for a complete phase-out of fossil fuels to protect people and the environment. These spaces deepen solidarity, amplify our voices, and strengthen a shared vision for a just and sustainable future.

Engagement with Oxfam Team



On 13th February 2026, WoGEM Uganda hosted the Oxfam Uganda team at our offices for a strategic engagement to explore areas of collaboration. The meeting focused on advancing shared priorities, including climate and gender justice, addressing energy poverty, promoting self-care and wellbeing, agro ecology, and a just energy transition.

This engagement provided an opportunity to align our visions, exchange ideas, and identify pathways for joint action that center grassroots voices and locally led solutions. We look forward to strengthening this partnership to drive impactful and sustainable change in our communities.

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Grassroots Women's Voices on CSW70 Priorities



On 26, February 2026, WoGEM Uganda organized online engagements and participated in a consultative meeting organized by Girls for Climate Action in partnership with UNDP, bringing together marginalized women from diverse communities to shape priorities ahead of CSW70. The meeting provided a platform for women to share lived experiences and highlight key issues, including self-care, wellbeing, SRHR, just energy transition, agroecology, and climate and gender justice.

Our ED emphasizes the need for inclusive policies, increased investment in grassroots initiatives, and recognition of women's leadership. The engagement reaffirmed the importance of centering grassroots voices to ensure global commitments reflect the realities of those most affected.

CSW70 Outcomes & Africa's Development Agenda



Live Webinar
Tuesday, 31 March 2026
10:00 AM CAT
Zoom

Justice in Action: What CSW70 Means for Climate & Gender Equality

Equipping African organisers with the tools to turn Commission on the Status of Women (CSW70) commitments into action.

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Online Consultation
Calling all young women and girls to contribute to CSW70 communique

Panelist:
Chereche Lubiano, Phiona Karamukama, ESWAR FUMUKARABITE

Time: 3pm
Date: 18th Feb, 2026
Platform: X space



350 Africa

"Real justice should translate in our communities. By leading the move to 100% renewables, we are turning CSW70 promises into an affordable reality for all Africans."

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On 31st March 2026, WoGEM Uganda participated in an online engagement alongside other panelists, focusing on the outcomes of CSW70. During the discussion, we highlighted key commitments made and explored how they can be effectively integrated into Africa's development agenda, particularly as we prepare for the Santa Marta Conference.

The conversation emphasized the importance of advancing gender equality and justice through inclusive policies and coordinated action. It also reinforced the need to ensure that global commitments translate into tangible, community-driven impact across the continent.

Post COP 30 Consultations with partners .



On 31st March 2026, WoGEM Uganda participated in the Post-COP30 National Reflection & Accountability Dialogue in Uganda, organized by Girls for Climate Action in partnership with UNDP Uganda. The dialogue provided a space for stakeholders to reflect on key outcomes from COP30 and discuss how global commitments can be translated into national action.

We contributed grassroots perspectives on climate justice, emphasizing the need for inclusive implementation, especially for women and marginalized communities who are most affected by climate impacts. The engagement reinforced the importance of accountability, continued collaboration, and ensuring that COP decisions lead to tangible change at the community level.

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Stand for Her Land Campaign Reflection Meeting

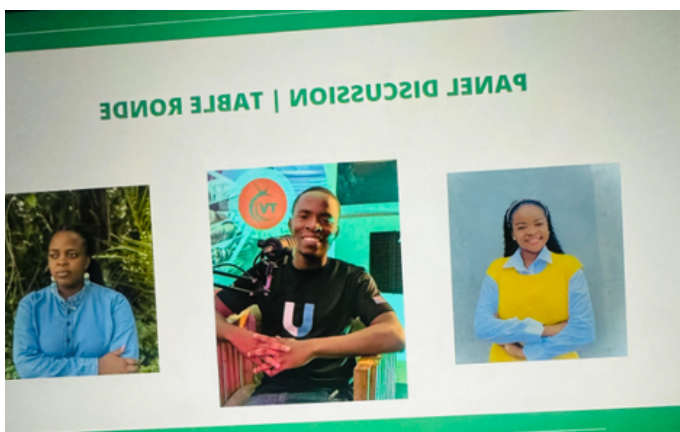


On 15th April 2025, WoGEM Uganda, in partnership with UCOBAC Uganda, organized and participated in a Stand for Her Land campaign reflection meeting focused on grounding grassroots women's movement on land rights advocacy.

Building on the earlier Grassroots Academy, the meeting strengthened collaboration among participants and created space for shared learning, coordination, and collective action. Grassroots women leaders exchanged experiences and strategies to advance land rights advocacy within their communities.

The engagement also emphasized the importance of women owning land and securing land titles, recognizing land ownership as a critical pathway to empowerment, economic security, and dignity.

Our Power, Our Planet



On 20th April 2026, WoGEM Uganda participated in a panel discussion under the theme "**Our Power, Our Planet: A Recommitment to the Fight for Climate Justice and Community Rights.**"

During the session, we shared grassroots perspectives on the local impacts of fossil fuel projects, highlighting how communities especially marginalized women are affected by environmental degradation and human rights violations. We also showcased resilience and visible actions implemented through the **Stop EACOP campaign**, including community mobilization, storytelling, and advocacy.

The discussion reinforced the urgency of collective action and the need to center community voices in advancing a just, inclusive, and sustainable future.

REPOWER Uganda Campaign Launch



From 20th to 25th April 2026, WoGEM Uganda, in partnership with 350.org, launched the **REPOWER Uganda Campaign** at the national level. The campaign created a platform to discuss clean and sustainable energy alternatives that communities can adopt to power homes, schools, and livelihoods.

Through dialogues and engagements, we listened to community energy needs and amplified their voices in shaping a just energy transition. The campaign emphasized shifting away from fossil fuels toward **clean, affordable, and accessible energy solutions**, while promoting community-led approaches that ensure no one is left behind in the transition.

Opinion articles:

The Power of Grassroots Women: The Foundation of Sustainable Change

BY COLUMNIST — April 21, 2026



Rural Women in Uganda.

<https://parrotsug.com/the-power-of-grassroots-women-the-foundation-of-sustainable-change/>

Healing is not a Luxury For Women, It is a Necessity

BY COLUMNIST — February 11, 2026



Ahirirwe Leticia, WoGEM Uganda

<https://parrotsug.com/healing-is-not-a-luxury-for-women-it-is-a-necessity/>

Women Driving Change for a Sustainable Tomorrow

BY COLUMNIST — March 6, 2026



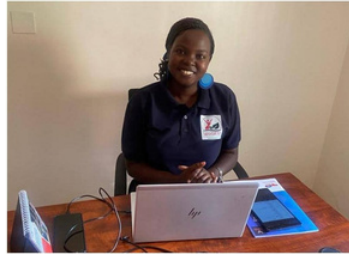
100 SHARES

By Shallon Ainembabazi,

<https://parrotsug.com/women-driving-change-for-a-sustainable-tomorrow/>

No Climate Justice Without African Women

BY LEONARD KAMUGISHA AKIDA — April 16, 2026



Shallon Ainembabazi, Programs Officer WoGEM Uganda.

<https://parrotsug.com/no-climate-justice-without-african-women/>

How deforestation of Bugoma Forest will drive environmental degradation

BY COLUMNIST — March 20, 2026



Part of Bugoma Forest being encroached

14 SHARES

By Ainembabazi Shallon,

OPINION

<https://parrotsug.com/how-deforestation-of-bugoma-forest-will-drive-environmental-degradation/>

CSW70 Vs Day: Climate Justice Must Mean Justice for Women and Girls

As We Head for CSW70 During Women's Month: Climate Justice Must Mean Justice for Women and Girls

BY COLUMNIST — March 5, 2026



<https://parrotsug.com/csw70-vs-day-climate-justice-must-mean-justice-for-women-and-girls/>

Why Uganda Must Accelerate Its Just Energy Transition Ahead of the Santa Marta Conference

BY GILBERT AKAMPA KAKURUGU — April 10, 2026



<https://parrotsug.com/why-uganda-must-accelerate-its-just-energy-transition-ahead-of-the-santa-marta-conference/>

The Critical Role of Women in Energy Transition and Agroecology

BY COLUMNIST — March 10, 2026



17 SHARES

By Leticia Ahirirwe,
<https://parrotsug.com/the-critical-role-of-women-in-energy-transition-and-agroecology/>

From Displacement To Justice: Why the case against Totalenergies gives hope to women in Uganda

BY COLUMNIST — February 23, 2026



<https://parrotsug.com/from-displacement-to-justice-why-the-case-against-totalenergies-gives-hope-to-women-in-uganda/>

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Opinion articles:

Displaced and Undervalued: Women, Fossil Fuels, and the Struggle for Peace

BY COLUMNIST — February 2, 2026



<https://parrotsug.com/displaced-and-undervalued-women-fossil-fuels-and-the-struggle-for-peace/>

Africa Climate Summit 2: Time to Deliver on Africa's Climate Promises

BY COLUMNIST — September 3, 2025



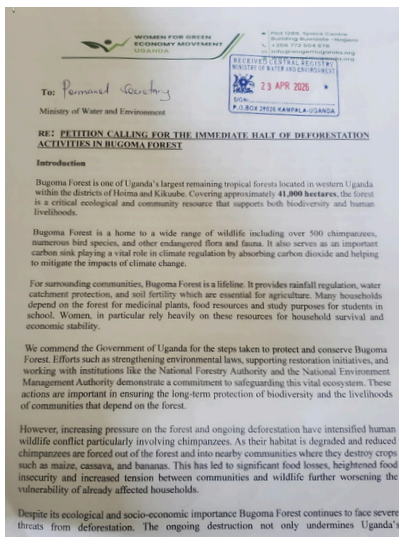
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Government Must Invest in Local Youth Climate Led solutions

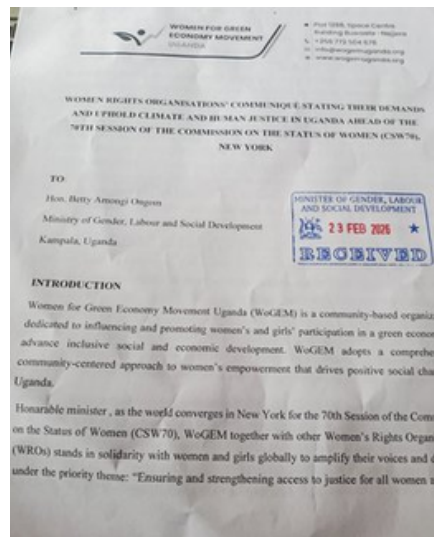
BY COLUMNIST — July 23, 2025



<https://parrotsug.com/government-must-invest-in-local-youth-climate-led-solutions/>



On 22nd April 2026, WoGEM Uganda submitted a petition to the Ministry of Water and Environment calling for the Immediate halt of deforestation activities in Bugoma Forest.



On 23rd February 2026, WoGEM Uganda submitted a communiqué to the Ministry of Gender, Labor and Social Development, presenting grassroots women's demands ahead of the 70th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW70) in New York. Titled "Voices from the Community: Grassroots Women's Demands for CSW70," the communiqué highlighted key priorities around climate justice, gender equality, and human rights in Uganda. It called for stronger government commitment to inclusive policies, protection of women's rights, and recognition of grassroots leadership in climate action. This effort amplified community voices, ensuring their perspectives are reflected in national and global policy spaces.



On 2nd February 2026, WoGEM Uganda hosted an online engagement exploring the critical role women play in advancing peace and reconciliation within the fight for climate and gender justice. The discussion highlighted women as key agents of change, leading community efforts to resolve conflicts, build resilience, and promote inclusive solutions. Participants shared experiences and strategies on integrating peacebuilding into climate action, emphasizing that sustainable development cannot be achieved without centering women's leadership, voices, and contributions in addressing intersectional challenges.

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

World Menstrual Hygiene	May 2026
Waste management and recycling training	June 2026
International youth day	November 2026
Global week Action KICK TOTAL OUT and AFRIVUKA DAY	May 2026
Commemorating the International day of the girl child	October 2026

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all our partners, members, and communities for your continued support and commitment. Your solidarity and collaboration make our work possible and meaningful. As an organization, we believe in the power of collaboration and partnerships with other allies to champion gender responsive climate action. Together, we are building a just, feminist, inclusive, and sustainable green economy one where women and youth are empowered to lead, thrive, and shape their futures. We look forward to continuing this journey with you as we advance climate justice, gender equality, and community-led solutions.



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