Briefing document

Climate and Gender – Grants Open Call

Overview

Under the Non-formal Education programme, the British Council is launching an open call for Grants for national/non-governmental/private sector organisations in Egypt to collaborate with UK counterparts to advance the knowledge of young leaders (male and females) on gender and climate, as well as means for positive interventions to promote Women’s leadership and gender equality in combating climate change challenges.

About the British Council

The British Council builds connections, understanding and trust between people in the UK and other countries through arts and culture, education and the English language. We work in two ways – directly with individuals to transform their lives, and with governments and partners to make a bigger difference for the longer term, creating benefit for millions of people all over the world. We help young people to gain the skills, confidence and connections they are looking for to realise their potential and to participate in strong and inclusive communities. We support them to learn English, to get a high-quality education and to gain internationally recognised qualifications. Our work in arts and culture stimulates creative expression and exchange and nurtures creative enterprise.

* We connect the best of the UK with the world and the best of the world with the UK. These connections lead to an understanding of each other's strengths and of the challenges and values that we share. This builds trust between people in the UK and other nations which endures even when official relations may be strained.
* We work on the ground in more than 100 countries. In 2019-20 we connected with 80 million people directly and with 791 million overall, including online and through our broadcasts and publications. Founded in 1934, we are a UK charity governed by Royal Charter and a UK public body. Further information can be viewed at [www.britishcouncil.org](http://www.britishcouncil.org)

Project Brief

Under the climate connection programme, the British Council is launching the Gender and Climate grants to strengthen young leaders' (male and females) access to information, role models, and networks to promote women's leadership/gender equality in combating climate change challenges.

To achieve this, the project focuses on four specific objectives:

1. Improved understanding of the significance of women's leadership in addressing climate change challenges.
2. Increased access/opportunities for women in the context of environmental transition to the green economy and green consumer habits, as well as in the context of attaining sustainable development.
3. The implications of environmental challenges on women in Egypt/UK are tackled.
4. Promote Youth (male and female) skills, leadership, and participation in tackling Gender and climate challenges (Women’s leadership in combating climate change/ impact of Climate Change on Women and girls).

The British Council Climate Connection Programme is founded and developed by the British Council. The Climate Connection brings people around the world together to meet the challenges of climate change. Through arts and culture, education and the English language, it is about ideas, innovation and real change.

This is one of many activities carried out by the British Council in Egypt as part of the Climate Connection programme in the run-up to COP27 (the 27th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties) in Sharm El Sheikh in November 2022.

The grantee organisations are committed to improving institutional capacity and processes that foster collaboration with UK organisations (NGOs, universities, or private entities) in order to deliver joint project activities that emphasise cultural exchange and collaboration between Egypt and the UK. The joint activities may include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following while keeping the work focused on the agreed-upon scope and benefits (Gender and Climate).

1. Increase Young leaders’ (male/female) skills needed to identify community challenges related to Gender and Climate challenges, engage with peers in UK and enable them to present their ideas to policy makers through Policy dialogue forum.
2. Implement Collaborative Social Action Projects addressing Gender and Climate challenges (Women’s leadership in combating climate change/ impact of Climate Change on Women and girls).
3. Increase the capacity of young Leaders (Male and Female), by devoting expertise to promote effective gender and climate response and mitigation. Through Conducting workshops/trainings.

Organisations/entities are invited to bid to be selected for one grant under the framework of British Council Climate Connection Programme - (The Gender and Climate project) in Egypt. The British Council expects to sign agreements up to 4 organizations/entities.

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| Country | Minimum number of beneficiaries/participants to be reached up per organisation | Maximum amount of a grant |
| Egypt | 100 (50% Female participation) | 12000 GBP – amount will be paid in EGP with October Bookkeeping rate of 1GBP=20.80 EGP |

Requirements:

The winning grant organisations will be required to undertake the following activities:

1. All implementation activities and events should be delivered between **1 November 2022** to **28 February 2023**. All activities are to be conducted according to proposed plan virtually, blended or Face to face**.**
2. To take part in the British Council's planned Policy Dialogue Forum in December 2022 in collaboration with their UK partners.
3. Reach out to potential young Leaders (Male and Female) between 18-35 years old within the organisation remit by holding information sessions (Online or Offline) in coordination with the British Council country offices; at universities, youth centres and organisations or others, to brief them about the project and encourage them to be part of it.
4. The grantee organisation will manage and run all activities (face to face, online or blended) according to their proposed plan in coordination with the British Council management team.
5. Reaching up beneficiaries should be following a transparent and fair process agreed in advance with the British Council. a list of beneficiaries, speakers, facilitators are to be approved by the British Council and the British Council maintains the right to reject proposed nominations if there is reason to believe that the agreed selection process has not been followed as such.
6. Each grantee organisation should reach a minimum of 100 youth participants with at least 50% Female participation from 18 to 35 years old.
7. Organising joint events with a UK partner organisation via webinars/virtual events to emphasize cultural exchange and collaboration between Egypt and UK. Allowing capacity building opportunities to both parties while maintaining the focus of work on the agreed scope, outcomes and benefits (Gender and Climate).
8. To attend the project’s launch meeting to agree a delivery plan and calendar of events with the British Council. This is in addition to attending all meetings and network groups arranged by the British Council under the framework of Gender and Climate project.
9. Grantee organisations will be responsible for all logistics arrangements for implementing activities, including venue hire, catering, printings and communication of materials. Also are responsible for paying facilitators/speakers fees and allowances (includes transportation, accommodation *(if required)*, meal allowance and other incidents).
10. Grantee organisations will be required to adhere to guidance issued by the British Council with regard to safety and security.
11. To adhere to Climate Connection Non-Formal Education programme Communication, Visibility and branding requirements as requested.
12. To share the list of the participants with British Council including Name, email address, contact number, regions, age, Gender, name of the organisation/institution he/she came from and to ensure that Data Protection statements are signed and shared with the British Council. Templates for this will be provided.
13. To actively promote information from the British Council and the wider Non-formal Education Programme to participants.
14. To provide all the documents needed to the British Council to be created as vendors as well as for the British Council to conduct necessary screening processes.
15. Monitoring and evaluation of activities/events using tools developed by the British Council.
16. To manage and report on the budget as required, including providing proof of expenditures.

**Reporting:**

The grantee organisations will be required to submit the following data and reports:

* Monthly narrative update to the British Council on events and activities undertaken that month, any issues faced or changes to plans.
* Final narrative report including data on participants at all events. To be submitted 15 days before the end of the contract.
* Final financial report, supported by proofs of expenditure (quotation, invoice, receipts, payment vouchers, proof of payments etc). To be submitted 15 days before the end of the contract.
* Other monitoring tools as requested by the British Council.

Monitoring and reporting will include quantitative and qualitative data:

* On Egyptian participants, workshops/training and UK collaboration activities (to include, but not limited to: Name of the trainees and their Gender, place of the training venue, name of the facilitator(s)/speaker(s), number of days each participant attended the training.
* On type of events and trainings
* On learning outcomes of participants (through possible interviews and/or the evaluation forms filled by the participants/ Policy papers).

The performance of organisations will be monitored by the British Council’s programme manager. This will include monitoring the quality of training/events, the number of activities that take place as well as the number of UK collaboration events/activities delivered. This will include observation of workshops/events, feedback on narrative reports, feedback from participants/beneficiaries

Eligibility for Gender and Climate, Grants Open call:

We present here summary information, please refer to the briefing document in the downloads section for full requirements. We encourage applications to form partnerships that build upon and take advantage of organisational strengths and meet the following requirements:

* Registered organisations or companies working on fostering gender equality in combating climate change challenges in Egypt and the UK. Registered organisations and companies will have to submit the requested documents according to the system in Egypt.
* Applicant organisations must include at least one partner organisation in the UK.
* Registered organisations or entities working in Climate change, Gender Equality, and/or Social Development sectors.
* A physical presence and operations (registered office) in Egypt. The organisation/association/institution should be registered with the relevant Ministry or Office as per local legal requirements.
* Registered organisations or entities must have a registered business bank account.
* Organisations that applied as grantees for similar projects in 2021 are invited apply again for 2022 provided they can demonstrate that they will engage new participants in the programme.
* Extensive experience of working with groups from different social, economic, geographic or religious backgrounds – the submission needs to show commitment to equality, diversity, inclusion and child protection principles.
* Experience of managing similar projects. (Management and organizing of big events, financial management, monitoring and evaluation tools from their previous events.
* Experience of financial and budget management, including financial reporting.
* Applicants should demonstrate that they have taken into consideration the local context in both countries, including climate change and Gender priorities.
* Successful applicants may be invited to take part in additional showcase opportunities and British Council alumni programmes in the future.
* Successful applicants will be required to maintain regular communication with the British Council, offering project updates and support the project monitoring and evaluation.

Please note that due to local legislation restrictions any potential suppliers have to be able to enter into a contract for services with the British Council and have a national bank account in the name of the organisation/institution they are applying. Individuals as either lead or collaborator are not eligible to apply.

Selection criteria

Applications will be reviewed by a diverse panel of representatives from the British Council, along with guest panellists, representing a range of sectors.

Our assessment of successful applicants will be based on the following criteria:

* Big ideas – The project should address key climate and Gender themes in line with COP26 outcomes and COP27 priorities, the Paris Agreement and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (25%).
* Collaboration – the UK partners involved and the nature of the collaboration, with a particular emphasis on the level of mutuality within the partnership. This includes demonstrating mutual benefit throughout the project cycle (25%).
* Impact – the potential impact this grant will have on the partners and participants involved, including estimated audience participation and engagement, as well as potential for additional showcasing, scaling up or further development beyond the scope of this commission. An understanding of the local context and climate change and Gender priorities is an asset (20%)
* Quality and Methodology – the experience of the applicants in delivering high quality work in their respective field(s) and the integrity of any scientific contributions or analysis and the methodology used for achieving the required outcomes (15%).
* Budget – the extent to which costings are appropriately calculated, reflect good value for money, are relevant to the proposed approach and are distributed amongst partners (15%)

Applicants may be approached with clarification questions or to attend an interview with the panel. Applicants must be available to respond and/or attend an interview (conducted digitally) in line with the schedule below.

Key dates

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| Milestone | Date |
| Announcement of call/application window opens | 13 October 2022 |
| Deadline for Clarification Questions | 17 October 2022 |
| British Council to respond to clarification questions | 19 October 2022 |
| Deadline for application submission | 22 October 2022 |
| Successful applicants informed and grant agreements issued | 24 October 2022 |

How to apply

Applications are to be completed in English and submitted to the below email address by 22 October 2022 23.59 (GMT+2).

[menaprocurement@britishcouncil.org](mailto:menaprocurement@britishcouncil.org)

Applications submitted after this date and time will not be considered by the reviewing panel.

If you have any questions about these commissions, please email [nfe@britishcouncil.org](mailto:nfe@britishcouncil.org) and allow at least three working days for a response.

We look forward to receiving your application.