



Application Guidelines: Accelerating African Women's leadership in Climate Action

The Initiative

The Accelerating African Women's Leadership in Climate Action Fellowship seeks to build a vibrant, highly connected and intergenerational network of African women equipped to lead climate solutions tailored to the needs of diverse categories of women and men smallholders. Fellows will be equipped to integrate gender and inclusion in their work; and implement gender transformative solutions that challenge discriminatory gender norms which are the root causes of gender inequality in African agri-food systems.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for this Fellowship, applicants must meet the eligibility criteria outlined below:

- Be a female citizen of the following countries: **Benin, Cameroon, Senegal, Kenya, Ghana and Malawi** at different stages of their professional careers and actively engaged in finding solutions to the effects of climate change.
- Have at least a master's degree in a relevant discipline in gender, climate change and agrifood systems.
- Have at least two years practical fieldwork or research experience.
- Working in national and international organizations including government agencies and non-governmental organizations, and the private sector.
- Resident in an African country throughout the Fellowship period
- Is not a selected Fellow for any other Fellowships offered by AWARD.

Pre-conditions for Participation

Notification on the Fellowship offer to the successful applicant does not guarantee participation in the Fellowship. Participation will be guaranteed upon the applicant's:

- provision of details of the institution's head or responsible supervisor that shall endorse their participation in the Fellowship activities
- submission of the required documentation (copies of passport and academic certificates) to support information provided in the application form
- acceptance of the AWARD's code of conduct
- timely, official communication to AWARD on their participation in any other capacity building programs



Application Procedure

The call for the Fellowship **opens on May 15, 2025, and closes on June 30, 2025**. Late and/or incomplete applications will NOT be considered. The application process will include the following steps:



Important Dates to note

- Call for Applications open - May 15, 2025
- Call for Applications closes - June 30, 2025
- Selected Participants notified - August 2025
- Second Cohort begins - September 2025 (In-person training in Nairobi)

For more information visit www.awardfellowships.org | <https://clareprogramme.org/project/accelerating-womens-leadership-in-climate-action/> Any queries? Please send an email to awardinfo@cifor-icraf.org

Informed by the innovative AWARD Fellowship model, the Fellowship is designed as a blended (virtual and face-to-face interventions), non-residential career accelerator under the CLARE programme. CLARE is bridging critical gaps between science and action by championing Southern leadership to enable socially inclusive and sustainable action to build resilience to climate change and natural hazards. The views expressed herein do not necessarily represent those of the UK government, IDRC, or its Board of Governors. Learn more about CLARE: www.clareprogramme.org. The Fellowship is implemented by African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD). For more information, visit: www.awardfellowships.org.