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In May 2014, Terry Reintke was elected as a Member of the European Parliament. She belongs to the group The Greens/European Free Alliance and is a member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality as well as the Committee on Regional Development.

Together with the Greens in the European Parliament, Terry fights for a Europe that allows for a free life, equal participation as well as social security for everyone. Consequently, shedding light on the question of social justice in the climate negotiations is of special importance to her.

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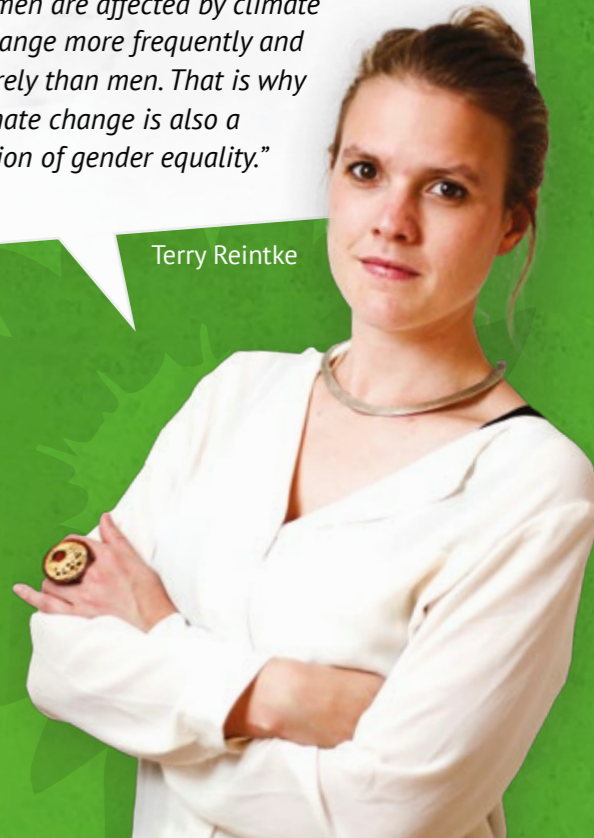
## CLIMATE JUSTICE NOW!



**CLIMATE JUSTICE =  
SOCIAL JUSTICE**

*“Women are affected by climate change more frequently and severely than men. That is why climate change is also a question of gender equality.”*

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**RIGHTS**  
**RESOURCES**  
**REPRESENTATION**



## RESOURCES – FAIR DISTRIBUTION!

**The business of climate funds is big. However, those most affected go home with empty pockets.** The largest part of the money that is made available for fighting climate change goes to the rich countries of the Global North: 32 percent of these funds end up in Europe and only 4 percent in sub-Saharan Africa. Even though women are suffering the most from the results of climate change, they receive less than 1 percent of the climate funds available in the countries that are most affected.

» We demand a fair distribution of resources for climate protection. The funds have to arrive where the effects of climate change are most noticeable. Moreover, women have to play a bigger role in distributing resources.

## RIGHTS – HUMAN RIGHTS- BASED APPROACH

**The results of climate change are not gender-neutral.** Especially women are strongly affected by the effects of climate change. 26 million people have already been forced to flee their homes due to climate change, 20 million being women. Accordingly, women make up 80 percent of those who are immediately affected by climate change.

» We need a human rights-based approach in the field of climate justice. A special focus on gender questions helps to take into account the gender-specific effects of climate change.

## REPRESENTATION – EMPOWERING WOMEN

**The power in the climate negotiations is in male hands.** Although women are affected the most by climate change, they are rarely involved in the important decisions on the effects of climate change, CO2 emissions or the allocation of funds in climate protection. Only 20 percent of the UN climate regime committees are occupied by women and as little as 10 percent of the board members of the important Green Climate Fund are women.

» Women are strong players for change. We demand binding quotas for their representation on all committees of the UN climate regime and on the board of the Green Climate Fund.

The **Green Climate Fund (GCF)** is a climate fund of the United Nations (UN). It was established in 2010 with the aim of providing money for climate projects – in order to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases as well as to adapt to climate change – in countries of the Global South. The GCF lies at the core of the efforts of raising 100 billion US dollars per year for climate funds until 2020.

The **Green Climate Fund acts in an increasingly non-transparent way.** The enormous imbalance between private and public parties has a dramatic influence on its cash flow: More and more states are shirking their responsibility for climate protection with their inclination to refuse financial support for the Green Climate Fund because of the growing involvement of private investors. In the end, a lack of transparency makes it also difficult to track down which projects receive funding.

» **The Green Climate Fund has to be based on the principles of transparency, a human rights-based approach, a fair distribution of resources as well as an equal representation of all genders.**