

Climate and Gender screening checklist: Financial services



This checklist is intended for use by investors to:

- 1 Support your screening process to check if an investment indicatively qualifies as gender smart climate finance.
- 2 Identify opportunities to deepen the gender and climate impact of the investment.

A gender-smart climate finance investment delivers climate outcomes and promotes gender equality and women's empowerment.

These investments can be defined as Paris-aligned, and meeting both climate finance criteria and 2X criteria. More detailed definitions can be found here and here.

Thematic area	Screening for climate finance with a gender lens: Checklist questions:	Yes	No
Pre-screening	Has your institution established an approach for assessing whether an investment is Paris-aligned, based on an existing methodology or framework?		
	If your answer is no, an agreed approach to assess Paris alignment should be established before screening.		
	Have you established a set of climate finance criteria, based on an existing and recognised taxonomy, to evaluate whether the deal will qualify as climate mitigation and/or adaptation finance?		
	If your answer is no, a set of recognised climate finance criteria should be established before screening.		
1. Paris alignment	According to your institution's Paris alignment approach, is this investment indicatively Paris aligned?		
	Does the FI or fund you are considering investing in have a process in place to ensure its investees are Paris aligned?		
2. Transition risk (TCFD)	Does the FI or fund you are considering investing in have a process in place to screen for potential transition risks associated with its investments?		
	Does this process consider whether women or girls might be disproportionately impacted by these risks?		
3. Physical risk (TCFD)	Does the FI or fund you are considering investing in have a process in place to screen for potential physical climate risks associated with its investments?		
	Does this process consider whether women or girls might be disproportionately impacted by these risks?		
4. Climate Finance qualification	Does the deal indicatively qualify as climate finance?		
	Have you assessed what proportion of the deal is expected to qualify as climate finance?		
5. Gender-smart qualification (2X)	Does the climate finance deal indicatively meet at least one of the <u>2X Challenge criteria</u> ? (See criteria for women as entrepreneurs / leaders / employees (or suppliers) / consumers, or financial intermediary criteria)		
6. Climate and gender impact	Is the climate finance investment expected to deliver benefits for women; as owners, leaders, employees, or suppliers of the investee organisation/project? (E.g. a climate impact fund with financial instruments targeting women entrepreneurs)		
	Will the climate-smart products or services of the organisation/project contribute to gender equality or women's empowerment? (E.g. a local financial institution providing microfinance to increase women's resilience to climate risks)		