

Thank you Minister,

We appreciate the leadership of the Incoming COP Presidency to ensure that Lima will result in a clear and coherent first draft of a new climate agreement. The Women and Gender Constituency are committed to work with you towards an effective, equitable and just new agreement that fully guarantees and respects the human rights of women and men.

It may sound bold, but we believe it is also well within our reach. Current practice and research has shown that gender-sensitive tools and approaches to climate action are crucial to ensuring solutions both reduce emissions AND respond to the real needs & rights of women and men. They are even less costly, if we promote gender budgets and use existing methodologies.

Viewing climate policy through a gender lens leads to questions of access, rights, and resources which allows these policies to encompass the various social dimensions of climate impacts and actions, both intensifying their effective implementation and delivering co-benefits in terms of sustainable development, poverty eradication, health and governance.

In opposition, climate policies which fail to recognize and respond to the social and gender dimensions of people's lives and livelihoods have been shown to fail and further exacerbate inequalities.

Therefore, we make a strong call to the COP Presidency to ensure that the principles of gender equality and the human rights are fully incorporated in Lima's outcomes under the ADP.

Furthermore, in Lima, we look for concrete progress under the COP agenda item on Gender and Climate Change- taking forward Party recommendations from the Warsaw Conclusions, which included workshops to further incorporate a gender lens across aspects of climate policy; and monitoring and reporting of implementation of gender-sensitive climate actions by Parties.

Finally, we look forward to working with the COP Presidency in fostering an open, inclusive and transparent process for the participation, views and perspectives of civil society to be included in the new climate agreement. This is crucially important to raise ambition as it is clear that current commitments are wholly insufficient to close the pre-2020 emissions gap. We need the leadership of the COP Presidency to call for urgency and real ambition from Parties in changing this paradigm of living beyond the means of our planet and social boundaries- in line with the statements made the Environment NGOs here echoing sentiments of civil society in the beginning of this week as we walked back into this process.