

WOMEN GENDER CONSTITUENCY

Women and Gender Constituency, Key Messages, Events and Social Media

December 1-12, COP20, LIMA, PERU

["Women want system change, not climate change"](#) - WGC Statement from June Preparatory Forum
[Margarita Declaration](#), July 2014

Overarching Messages

- **Gender equality and human rights, including women's human rights, should be central to the new climate agreement, and all climate policies and actions.**
- The WGC calls all countries to work towards a fair and legally binding agreement with sufficiently ambitious quantified GHG emission reductions taking into account the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities in 2015.
- **Adaptation:** WGC calls for urgent and prioritized action and resources that respond to the most vulnerable countries, communities and populations to produce equitable and just results.
- **Mitigation:** WGC calls Parties to uphold the principles of common but differentiated responsibilities (CBDR), in line with the principles of the Convention. The WGC demands a sustainable energy paradigm, prioritizing safe, decentralized renewable energy systems-- focusing on bottom-up approaches that benefit people and communities. We stand firm that high-risk technologies, such as nuclear, geo-engineering or the like, that create irreversible damage to our health and the planet have to be kept out of a 2015 agreement.
- **Sustainability:** WGC urges Countries to take the debate beyond its current focus on carbon to address broader environmental, social and economic issues around climate change reduction and adaptation
- **Technology:** WGC calls for a paradigm shift that recognizes women's human rights as well as their contributions to climate change responses, and promotes the development of new opportunities for women in the mitigation and technology sectors. Women have a right to be active participants in the value chain of climate responsive technologies and beneficiaries of economic opportunities that may arise from a just and safe energy transition.
- **Participation:** WGC supports the full and inclusive participation of civil society in all levels of climate change decision-making, including CSOs represented through formalized UNFCCC Constituencies alongside social movements, local communities, women led and feminist groups; persons with disabilities; and persons with diverse sexual orientation and gender identity. WGC urges Countries to foster the full and effective participation of women, the inclusion of women's human rights and gender equality issues in these processes, and the promotion of women's views and perspectives
- **Public/Private Partnerships-** WGC is alarmed by the increasing trend of prioritizing public-private partnerships and the 'transformative' role of the private sector in combating climate change without equally challenging the fact that private companies are not obligated to invest in social needs and global public good, nor accounting for the ways in which the private sector, especially large trans-national corporations, have contributed to establishing the unsustainable development model which drives catastrophic climate change. WGC affirms that regulation, and accountability and transparency of non-state actors, particularly trans-national corporations and public-private partnerships, are critical for achieving sustainable development. Therefore, the WGC urges caution to avoid the casual promotion of public-private partnerships to catalyze action on climate. We call for full transparency on all corporate contributions to the UN and its specialized agencies, including through public-private partnerships. We also call for rigorous adherence to the numerous normative rights frameworks and legally binding agreements in the field of sustainable development, which provide the foundation for the work of the United Nations.

COP 20- Key WGC & Partner Events

| Day | Time/Room | Title / theme | Organizer |
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| 29-30 November | 12:00– 17:00 Business Tower Hotel, AV | Effective Advocacy to Transform Climate Policy Training & Strategy Workshop for Women’s Rights Advocates <i>RSVP required</i> | WEDO, Ms. Bridget Burns, bridget@wedo.org |
| 30 November | 9:00-11:00 COY10 | Workshop and Skills-Share on Gender and Climate Change at the 10th Annual Conference of Youth (COY10) | WEDO, Ms. Joanna Patouris, joanna@wedo.org |
| DAILY (except Sunday) | 9:00-10:00 Room G9-VICUS | Women and Gender Caucus Meeting Contact Bridget Burns if you’d like to be on the listserv for announcements | Ms. Bridget Burns, bridget@wedo.org Ms. Usha Nair, usha.sahana@gmail.com |
| 1 December | 13:15—14:45 Room 2 | Adaptation & Agroecology: women’s strategies for climate change Women small-scale farmers are using agroecology to adapt to climate change. But these gains are threatened by a lack of climate finance, false solutions, and a reluctance to address Loss & Damage. | ActionAID Ms. Teresa Anderson, teresa.anderson@actionaid.org |
| 3 December | 16:45—18:15 | Increasing Resilience to Climate Change through Adoption of CSA Practices with a Focus on Gender | ActionAid International Centre for Community Economics and Development Consultants Society (CECOEDECON), Practical Action |
| 3 December | 18:30—20:00 | Climate justice approach to health, food security, nutrition, gender and human mobility | Action Against Hunger (ACF) Agronomes et vétérinaires sans frontières (AVSF) University of California (UCRP) |
| 5 December | 11:30-13:00 | Amazon in destruction: Adaptation, Women and Indigenous Peoples | Asociación Regional de Pueblos Indígenas de la Selva Central (ARPI-SC), Derecho Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (DAR) |
| 6 December | 11:30—13:00 | Advancing a People’s Protocol on Climate Change, towards Development Justice in the Post 2015 world | Ibon Foundation Inc.(IBON), Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD) |
| 6-7 December | All Day | Global Landscapes Forum: Gender Pavilion and GGCA Exhibit Booth http://www.landscapes.org/ | GGCA, CIFOR, ICIMOD IUCN, RECOFTC, REFACOF, WEDO |
| 6 December | All Day Swissotel, Miraflores | Climate and Health Summit http://www.climateandhealthalliance.org/summit-cop20/climate-and-health-summit | WHO, PHI/UCLA w/Global Climate and Health Alliance |
| 7 December | 10.00 – 15.00 Lima, Peru | Food and Nutrition Security, Agriculture and Climate Change http://ccaafs.cgiar.org/seminar-food-and-nutrition-security-agriculture-and-climate-change#.VGJM8PnF-So | CGIAR/CCAafs, CARE |
| 8 December | 13:00-17:00 | Women Leading Solutions on the Frontlines of Climate Change | WECAN/WECC Ms. Osprey Orielle Lake, oolake@jps.net |

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| | Sheraton Lima Hotel, Room Libertadores | Women leaders join in solidarity against environmentally and socially destructive activities and policies, and to present visions and strategies to shape a healthy and equitable world. | |
| GENDER DAY – December 9th | | | |
| 9 December | 11:00-11:30 | Women and Gender Constituency Press Conference Views and perspectives of women and gender groups launching 'Gender Day' | Contact Ms. Claire Greensfelder: greensfelder@earthlink.net |
| 9 December | 11:30—13:00 | Africa Day Events –Role of Women and Youth in Climate Change Adaptation in Africa | United Republic of Tanzania African Union Commission (AUC) Mozambique |
| 9 December | 13:15—14:45 | UNFCCC High-Level Event on Gender and Climate Change | Contact Ms. Genet Hunegnaw: GHunegnaw@unfccc.int |
| 9 December | 16:45—18:15 | Rule of Law for Climate Justice: Certainty, Equity and Transparency in the Post-2015 Climate Accord | International Development Law Organization (IDLO), Global Forest Coalition (GFC) |
| 9 December | 16:45—18:15 Room Caral | Women and Youth Leading Solutions on the Frontlines of Climate Change: Yasuni, Renewables and Beyond | Amazon Watch, TakingITGlobal (TIG), WECAN |
| 9 December | 20:00-22:00 Peru Pavilion | Advancing Gender Equality for Climate Action: A COP20/CMP10 Delegates Cocktail Reception A celebration event to both recognize the advancements of gender equality in the UNFCCC so far and inspire continued concrete action toward a gender-responsive post-2015 agreement. | IUCN, UNDP, WEDO, UN Women |
| GENDER DAY – December 10th | | | |
| 10 December | 15:00—16:30 Room 1 | Towards a Gender-Responsive Mitigation Framework for transformative change in the energy sector Gender equality is a key component for the new climate change agreement. Gender mainstreaming in the energy sector is taking place from national policies, to institutional levels. | WECE, Ms. Sabine Bock, sabine.bock@wece.eu WEDO, Ms. Bridget Burns, bridget@wedo.org |
| 12 December | 13:15—14:45 Room 3 | Achieving Universal Energy Access: A development imperative in addressing climate change To showcase innovative approaches to reach the ambitious but achievable goal of universal energy access by 2030. It will bring together policy makers, practitioners, and more. | WEP Ms. Priscilla Mbarumun Achakpa, priscilla.achakpa@wepnigeria.net |

Women and Gender Constituency Members

| Organization | Description | Regional Focus | Twitter | Website |
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| All India Women's Conference (AIWC) | AIWC is dedicated to the empowerment of women and children in India, working to help women ensure their rights and freedom from violence, and supporting women's empowerment and preparation for leadership roles. | India | | http://aiwc.org.in/ |
| Asia-Pacific Forum on Women Law and Development (APWLD) | APWLD aims to promote women's human rights internationally and to empower women and their movements in Asia to claim equality, justice, peace and sustainable and inclusive development. | Asia-Pacific, International | @apwld | http://apwld.org/ |
| Centre for 21st Century Issues (C21st) | The Centre for 21 st Century Issues works to build capacity for sustainable development and poverty reduction by engaging with youth groups, promoting environmental, social and economic justice and peace building, and deepening democratic culture and good governance, including women's human rights, equity and social justice. | Africa, International | @c21stnigeria | https://c21stnigeria.wordpress.com/ |
| ENERGIA | ENERGIA works in Africa and Asia with gender and energy networks to build sustainability of energy services and human development opportunities for both women and men. | Global South | @etcnl | http://www.energia.org/ |
| LIFE- Education Environment Equality e.V. (LIFE e.V.) | LIFE e.V. works to raise awareness of gender equity in environment and sustainability policy and to integrate it into research, policymaking and environmental organisations, particularly on mitigation in industrialised countries. | Germany, Europe | | http://www.life-online.de/ |
| Gender CC | GenderCC aims to fully integrate gender justice across climate change policy. | Global South, International | @GenderCC | http://www.gendercc.net/ |
| Global Forest Coalition | The Global Forest Coalition (GFC) is an international coalition of NGOs and Indigenous Peoples' Organizations defending social justice and the rights of forest peoples. | International | @gfc123 | http://globalforestcoalition.org/ |
| Huairou Commission | The Huairou Commission builds the capacity of grassroots women's organizations to wield collective influence for | Global South, International | @HuairouConnect | http://huairou.org/ |

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| | sustainable, gender equitable and pro-poor development, including at international levels. | | | |
| International Council for Adult Education (ICAE) | The International Council for Adult Education (ICAE) is a global network of NGOs and networks which promote the right to learn. | International | @ICAE2011 | http://www.icae2.org/index.php/en |
| Watershed Organisation Trust (WOTR) | WOTR works to empower communities in India through integrated watershed development on a sustainable basis. | India | | http://www.wotr.org/ |
| Women Environmental Programme (WEP) | WEP is a Nigerian NGO working to address gender injustices on issues relating to the environment and economic and social rights of women and young people. | Nigeria | | http://www.wepnigeria.net/ |
| Women in Europe for a Common Future (WECF) | WECF is an European network of women's, environmental and health organisations advocating globally for a healthy, sustainable and equitable future. | Europe, Global South, International | @WECF_INT | http://www.wecf.org/ |
| Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management (WOCAN) | WOCAN is a women-led international network that supports agriculture and natural resource management organizations to strengthen women's leadership and mainstream gender into their internal structures, programs, projects and policies, with the overall goal of contributing to sustainable development and poverty alleviation. | Global South, International | @WOCANupdates | http://www.wocan.org/ |
| Women's Environment & Development Organization (WEDO) | WEDO is a global women's advocacy organization aimed at promoting human rights, gender equality and the integrity of the environment. | International | @WEDO_worldwide | http://www.wedo.org |
| Youth Action for Development (AJED-CONGO) | AJED-Congo grew out of young people's contributions and engagements with a range of issues including social development, health, poverty and unemployment, education, promotion of human rights, climate change and environmental pollution and the rights of women, indigenous peoples and vulnerable groups in the Republic of Congo. | Republic of Congo | | http://ong-ajedcongo.blogspot.com/ |