



Bonn, 2016, APA Closing (Olfa Jalessi)

Thank you Ms. Chair,

My name is Olfa Jelassi, and I am speaking on behalf of the Women and Gender Constituency.

Upon closing this APA session, the Constituency would like to insist on the urgency of transforming the Paris Agreement into efficient climate action, and to reiterate how integrating gender in all climate actions will help us improve their efficiency, thus helping raise the ambition and accelerate the process. Indeed, every time we apply a gender lens to a climate issue we are sure to provide a more appropriate and more equitable response. For example, with public transport policies: if we want to efficiently curb down the use of individual cars, especially in cities or in and out of cities, we need to take into account the specific needs of women and men and their use and access to transport systems, such as safety concerns.

This should inform national implementation. Information from all NDCs should include disaggregated data and gender responsive indicators, and more broadly, information on how human rights, gender equality, the rights of indigenous peoples, ecosystem integrity, just transition of the work force and intergenerational equity are integrated in all climate actions. Additionally, NDCs should include information on equity and how Parties see their NDCs contributing to the long term goal of 1.5C, a global adaptation goal, and providing and receiving Means of Implementation (MoI) according to CBDR. These are also critical elements to be reflected in the global stocktake.

All this is requiring urgent support to developing countries in the form of resources, tools and capacity building.

We must not forget the harsh realities of the world we are living in today. According to some estimates, over the past days 2,000 people have died, suffocated by the heat wave that has affected parts of India. A warmer planet will see more, and increasingly intense, extreme weather events that affect the most marginalized groups, such as women in the global South, the most.

The cost of doing nothing now, will be astronomical in the long term. We must act now, because Marrakesh is yesterday.