



Bonn, 2016, SBI Closing (Shaila Shadid)

Thank you Mr. Chair,

My name is Shaila and I'm speaking on behalf of the Women and Gender Constituency.

We wish to congratulate the Secretariat on a very engaging and inclusive 2-day workshop on gender-responsive climate policy, which produced a wide variety of recommendations and saw the participation of many Parties. We are also pleased with progress made by Parties in Conclusions under the SBI which set the stage for a strong set of activities to be outlined in Marrakesh to take forward the important work of the Lima Work Program on Gender. We also welcome that Observers were fully engaged and welcomed in these informal consultations, and hope that this can be a model for other work streams.

Dear Chair, we like to re-emphasize that climate change affects the economic and social rights of countless individuals; this includes their rights to food, health and shelter. As climate change has been inevitably continuing to affect humanity, a key UNFCCC priority should be to safeguarding the human rights of people whose lives are most adversely affected while most of them are marginalized women and girls, youth, indigenous community and local people. We also look forward to considering practical solutions to ensure that the negotiation process is safeguarded from those whose interest runs against the objectives of the Convention, such as the transnational fossil fuel industry.

At the same time we urge that the Governments should thus be encouraged to incorporate gender perspectives into their national policies, action plans and other measures on sustainable development and climate change, through carrying out systematic gender analysis; capacity building support, collecting and utilizing sex-disaggregated data; establishing gender-sensitive benchmarks and indicators; and developing practical tools to support increased attention to gender perspectives on capacity building and human rights.

We re-iterate that the consultation and participation of women in climate change initiatives must be ensured, and the role of women's groups and networks needs to be strengthened. Currently, women are underrepresented in the decision-making process on climate and environmental governance. They should be equally represented in decision-making structures to allow them to contribute their unique and valuable perspectives and expertise on climate change. Therefore, we look forward towards a gender just transition within the climate regime and gender inclusive actions in all phases of implementing Paris agreement. Thank you Mr. Chair.