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Thank you Chair, my name is Kate Cahoon and I am speaking on behalf of the Women and Gender Constituency. We would like to take this opportunity to raise a few key issues related to the SBSTA agenda:

We are looking forward to the Multi-stakeholder dialogue on the operationalization of the local communities and indigenous peoples platform from 16-17 May, and welcome this effort to ensure the respect and inclusion of traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples and local communities in all agenda items under the Paris Agreement. We would like to emphasise that the Platform should ensure that indigenous peoples rights and especially indigenous women's rights and perspectives are upheld when implementing and monitoring NDCs and in all climate actions, and we support the proposals by the Indigenous Peoples' constituency in this respect

On Agriculture, again we want to express our deep concern about proposals to include agriculture, forest conservation, and land use in general, as offset opportunities in market based mechanisms and approaches. Additionally, we call for a shift away from our industrial food systems, including industrial livestock farming, to localized agro-ecological based food systems in the hands of smallholder farmers, including women, that deliver food sovereignty. We equally demand women's access to productive resources and land tenure rights, which is critical to their livelihoods, food security and survival in a changing climate pattern. We also express our concern about the increasing tendency to support monoculture tree plantations with climate finance, and proposals for large-scale biosequestration and geoengineering, as they have a significant negative impact on sustainable agriculture and the right to food of women and men.

We strongly reject any proposal that legitimizes international offsetting mechanism for the emission produced by the aviation industry which is probably the most rapidly growing source of greenhouse gas emissions on the planet

Finally, we look forward to participating in discussions of the technical expert groups on how to ensure an economic diversification and transformation as well as a just transition of the workforce and the creation of decent work and quality jobs in the context of a sustainable and gender-just development with the aim to establish the basis for a sustainable and gender-just future. When we talk about "just transition" from a women's rights and feminist perspective, we must look at current socially constructed roles and sectors including unpaid care work.

Thank-you.