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Opening intervention for the APA
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Thank you Chair.

My name is Nkiruka Nnaemego and I am speaking on behalf of the Women and Gender Constituency. We would like to take this opportunity to raise key issues related to the rules governing the implementation of the Paris agreement.

As UNEP's Emission Gap Report shows, current NDCs are inadequate to meet the objectives of the Paris agreement and fail to respect the principles of the convention, in particular CBDR.

As features of the NDCs in relation to the mitigation section is being discussed, we demand that parties explain how their NDCs are 'fair and ambitious' as stated in Decision 1/CP.21 para 27.

This means that Parties should detail how their NDCs contribute a fair share in light of historical responsibilities. This should include their contribution to both domestic actions and international support (including finance, Technology Transfer and Capacity Building).

The mitigation component of the NDCs must include the GHG emissions of all sectors, in particular the huge emissions from the military sector which was previously excluded from the KP.

Though only the mitigation section of the NDCs are on the agenda, the WGC would like to reiterate that NDCs should include not only elements of the Paris agreement but also elements of the Preamble, in particular, gender equality, human rights, just transitions and the rights of Indigenous Peoples. We note that many NDCs are currently missing these critical elements.

A mechanism that holistically reviews all key elements of NDCs should therefore be established in line with science and equity, to urgently close the emissions gap and deliver climate justice. The mechanism should allow for review of all barriers to the implementation, in particular, trade rules that have been used to stop countries' programmes and policies aiming to fight climate change.