

Informal stocktaking plenary by the President

GERMANY, BONN November 11, 2017 Ms Dinda Yura

Thank you Chair.

My name is Dinda Yura, I am speaking in the name of the Women and Gender Constituency.

We are pleased to begin our intervention with congratulating Parties on the finalization of the text for the Gender Action Plan just a short while ago this evening. We are glad to leave COP23 with a decision and we are pleased to have seen so much political will to make the Gender Action Plan a success.

We hope its implementation will advance women's human rights and significantly contribute to raise the ambition of national contributions in the frame of the Facilitative Dialogue. We hope that the Gender Action Plan will succeed in advancing the implementation of existing gender-related decisions and mandates under the UNFCCC towards the full and equal participation of women in all aspects of the process and towards the development and implementation of gender-responsive climate policies. We are looking forward to continue working together with Parties towards achieving these goals.

We are also committed to work on the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples platform. We would like to affirm that we cannot leave this COP23 without clear decision about this platform, and we urge parties to really taking into account rights of indigenous peoples and in particular women at the heart of the platform.

Finally, we want to express our deep concern about the fact that many meetings have been closed to observers during this first week of COP23. The Women and Gender Constituency could have contributed to this process with our expertise, experiences, and knowledge and support Parties in achieving progress. But instead, the negotiations have been conducted behind closed doors. We therefore want to stress our demand for a transparent and inclusive process.

Thank you.