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Press Conference: The Women and Gender Constituency's view on Progress & Challenges on the Road to COP26

Virtual SB June session

WHEN: 16:00-16:30 CEST, 1 June 2021

WHAT

JUNE 1 - Today, the Women and Gender Constituency (WGC), a broad network of organizations working at the intersection of gender and climate justice, will host a Press Conference calling for bold action and ambitious commitments during the SB June session and on the road to COP26. In the midst of the virtual Subsidiary Body discussions, held as a critical point in assessing progress and advancing global climate action under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the WGC will announce key priorities and the demands of feminist climate action. The Press Conference will cover the necessity of gender integration into international climate action, what the WGC demands on the road to COP26 are, as well as lifting up existing gender-just climate solutions and ongoing momentum around the Generation Equality Forum process at the intersection of climate action and gender equality.

WHO

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UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

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SPEAKERS

Moderator: **Bridget Burns**, Women's Environment and Development Organization (US)

- **Gender integration into international climate action** Hwei Mian Lim, Expert, (Malaysia) and Cathy Yitong Li, 16th UN Climate Change Conference of Youth (China)
- **WGC demands on the road to COP26**, Coraina de la Plaza, Global Forest Coalition (Spain)
- **Gender-Just Climate Solutions: results & call for applications** Bertha Chiroro GenderCC-Women for Climate Justice (South Africa) and Gina Cortes, Women Engage for a Common Future (Colombia)
- **Blueprint for Feminist Action for Climate Justice** Mara Dolan, Women's Environment and Development Organization (US)

WHY

WGC and its member organizations engage on the ground and at international negotiations to ensure that the world's leaders integrate gender equality while implementing the Paris Agreement. The IPCC report made us all aware that time is of the essence if we are to avoid future global warming rising to more than 1.5 degrees. It is in times like these we need to look at the sustainable solutions that are already out there, to support and scale up innovative initiatives that put equity and sustainability at heart. Our award winners are not only challenging the status quo, they are turning the system upside down.

ABOUT WGC

The Women and Gender Constituency is one of the nine stakeholder groups of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Established in 2009, the WGC now consists of 34 women's and environmental civil society organizations, who are working to ensure that women's voices and their rights are embedded in all processes and results of the UNFCCC framework, for a sustainable and just future, so that gender equality and women's human rights are central to the ongoing discussions.

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