

WOMEN GENDER CONSTITUENCY

SB 2021 Stocktake

Thank you Chair.

I am Lylian, speaking on behalf of WGC - the Women and Gender Constituency.

We want to start with joining our voices with allies across other Constituencies, youth, workers, civil society and Indigenous Peoples, to share concerns that - in spite of efforts made by both the Secretariat and Co-Chairs of the SBs to ensure inclusive participation - we find ourselves continually excluded and our voices muted from deeply critical conversations under this process - conversations under which we have not only rights to participate in, but importantly, the knowledge, experience and ideas to help advance issues in these spaces. We urge Parties, particularly those who use the language of inclusion, to stand up and speak out for our space in this process.

In addition, we remind Parties, under all climate action and particularly under discussions related to Article 6 - that we cannot repeat mistakes of the past. Not only do we call for non-market approaches to be prioritized, but we cannot accept any mechanism that fails to provide a strong framework for the inclusion of human rights, environmental integrity, gender and social safeguards, including independent grievance redress mechanisms and meaningful stakeholder processes and participation. We are looking forward to more Parties joining the voices of those who emphasized that raising ambition in Article 6 means providing for a rights-based framework!

We continue to call on Parties to utilize commonly agreed language around ecosystems-based approaches as opposed to undefined "nature-based" solutions - particularly as it relates to our land and oceans.

We hold up our role, as gender experts, women's rights advocates and feminists in this process - to engage in all aspects of these negotiations - from common time frames and transparency - to agriculture and capacity building. We do so to push towards more just solutions, more effective climate action, and a better world where human rights and environmental integrity are realized. We continue to demand real action and ambition from Parties - one that recognizes that since Paris, we have passed critical tipping points, invested trillions in fossil fuel infrastructure and lost the lives of hundreds of environmental defenders - who fought and continue to fight at the frontlines for change. We are not here for false solutions, false words and net zero. We are here for transformative change. **People Power, Climate Justice.**