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Open Dialogue

Paris in action: How can we boost the ambition of climate action under Paris?

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We welcome the opportunity to contribute to this Open Dialogue organized by the UK Presidency.

Today the IPCC could not be more clear. Human influence on climate change is unequivocal. Human induced changes in climate are increasingly at regional and local scales.

We make an urgent call for a significant increase in the level of ambition of NDCs. That is why we especially need the biggest emitters, the G20 countries, to come forward with stronger commitments.

We *note some* progress of Parties in integrating gender considerations into their nationally determined contributions, but recognizes that much more remains to be done, in particular to ensure that climate policies and finance are not at the detriment of women and indigenous peoples rights, thus we encourage Parties to set clear gender targets in their NDCs as well as NAPs and other national processes.

To accomplish such national plans, to achieve such climate goals, we must talk and be clear about climate finance.

The implementation of most conditional elements depends on access to enhanced financial resources, technology transfer and technical cooperation, and capacity-building support, and respecting human rights.

Climate finance must be gender-responsive, and ensure that the proportion of grants-based funding for adaptation is significantly increased. It needs to be clear that this is not a donation that developed countries are doing to the Global South, rather a matter of climate justice where direct access to finance is ensured for community, youth, feminist and women's rights organizations and movements who adequately respond to the needs of their communities, and not only governments and UN agencies.

Nature-based solutions, negative emissions technologies and offsetting schemes are often touted as means of achieving net-zero emissions – thus, they are deeply entangled. In itself net-zero seems inoffensive, but civil society groups warn that the term is being used to disguise climate inaction and is diverting attention away from the badly needed immediate and drastic emissions reductions.

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Instead of investing in untested and risky technologies that are supporting corporate “greenwashing” initiatives and commitments we should be investing in gender-just community-led and governed climate solutions.

Thank you