

WOMEN & GENDER CONSTITUENCY

Gender Equality must be centered in COP29 outcomes

Dear COP29 President-Designate, H.E. Mukhtar Babayev,

We are writing today on behalf of the Women and Gender Constituency (WGC) to express our deep concern around the lack of political leadership from the COP29 Incoming Presidency to ensure a meaningful and effective outcome on the Enhanced Lima Work Programme and its gender action plan this November.

In February of this year, the WGC and fellow Constituencies [drafted a letter](#) to the incoming Presidency to demand that gender equality be centered in the Presidency leadership and COP29 outcomes. As mentioned then, the global framework for action on climate change, including but not limited to the Paris Agreement, has firmly recognized that to be effective and truly transformative, respect for and promotion of gender equality and women's rights must be central to climate action.

The letter has never received a formal response from the incoming Presidency and in the months since, several letters have been released by the COP29 leadership without any significant mention of plans, strategies or support to ensure successful renewal of the Enhanced Lima Work Programme and its gender action plan. Now, the Presidency has less than two months to engage Parties and shape a gender-responsive climate future, in particular for more than half of the world's population.

After five years of implementing the Enhanced Lima Work Programme, Parties made limited progress at SB60. Procedural issues led to an erosion of trust and critical divergences were left on the table - all threatening the potential for an ambitious outcome to be decided at COP29. In this challenging context, it remains unclear when Parties will be consulted to build bridges and raise the political ambition for gender just action- action that can translate into truly gender responsive and transformational new NDCs.

A lack of strategic consultation before the start of COP would eliminate any possibilities of a meaningful decision in November. The decision we expect requires time, dedicated capacities, collaborative efforts, and trust among negotiating parties. The WGC urges the Presidency to raise “the gender and climate agenda item” as one of their top priorities.

We therefore call on the Presidency to be intentional in their commitment to making COP29 an inclusive conference, ensuring that the work programme on gender is not just renewed but strengthened, and reflecting our collective commitment to gender equality and effective solutions

to the climate crisis. Under the leadership of the COP29 Presidency, we cannot afford to step back from the progress we have collectively made together with the Parties.

Signed by: 122 organizations representing civil society across 6 regions. (as of 16 September 2024)

Signatories

Action Jeunesse pour le Développement - Congo Brazzaville
Adéquations - France
African Women Leaders Network Ghana - Ghana
Akina Mama wa Afrika/ African Women's Organization as renamed by UNFCCC - Uganda
All India Women's Conference - India
Alliance of Climate Frontline Communities - India
ALVA-Albanian Values - Albania
Alziras Institute - Brazil
ARAFD - Mali
Association APEDDUB - Tunisia
Association Démocratique Des Femmes Du Maroc - Morocco
Association des Femmes de l'Europe Méridionale AFEM - France
Association KANDILI - Niger
Association pour la Justice Climatique, l'Environnement et la Nature pour le Développement Durable - Congo Brazzaville
Baithak - Challenging Taboos - Pakistan
Bishkoreen - Iraq
Black Voices for Climate Network - Brazil
Cadire Cameroon Association - Cameroon
cambiaMO - Spain
Carbone Guinée - Senegal
Care about Climate - United States/Global
CARE International - Global Organization
Centre for 21st Century Issues - Nigeria
Centre for Climate Change and Sustainable Development - Nigeria
Centre for Girls and Interaction (CEGI) - Malawi
Center for Rights and Democracy(CRD) South Sudan
Center for Transparency Advocacy - Nigeria
Citizens' Climate Lobby Colombia - Colombia
Climate Watch Thailand - Thailand
Coalition Climat pour la Biodiversité et le Développement - Congo Brazzaville
Collectif Sénégalais des Africaines pour la Promotion de l'Éducation Relative à l'Environnement (COSAPERÉ) - Sénégal

Community Science Centre, Vadodara - India
Danish Family Planning Association - Denmark
Daryas Organization for Developing woman and Society - Iraq
Daughters for Earth - Global
Digo Bikas Institute - Nepal
Disability Peoples Forum Uganda - Uganda
Ecologistas en Acción. Área Ecofeminismo - Spain
ENDA COLOMBIA - Columbia
Equal Right - United Kingdom
European Disability Forum - Belgium
EYOM ORGANIZATION - Kenya
FAWCO - USA
FEMNET - Kenya, PAN AFRICAN
Fundacion para Estudio e Investigación de la Mujer - Argentina
GDMR - Mozambique
Gender and Environmental Ris Reduction Initiative(GERI) - Nigeria
Girls for Climate Action - Uganda
Girls United For Human Rights - Pakistan
Global Forest Coalition - Global
Global Sustainable Futures Network CIC - United Kingdom
Green leaf Advocacy and Empowerment Center - Nigeria
Heinrich Böll Foundation Washington, - United States of America
Human Power Organisation - Malawi
Human Rights Institute of South Africa (HURISA) - South Africa
IBON International - Philippines
Innovators 4 Climate Action (ICA) Kenya
International Land Coalition Secretariat - Global
International Network of Liberal Women - Netherlands 100 Women in Tech Nigeria - Nigeria
Jeunes Volontaires pour l'Environnement JVE-MALI - MALI
Kalkal Human Rights Development Organization (KAHRDO) - Somalia
Kutoka Urban Slums initiative - Kenya
Latinas for Climate - Chile
LEAD MALI - Mali
Lee International - USA
Liberia Rural Women Organization For Climate Actions (LiRWOCA) - Liberia
LIFE Education Sustainability Equality - Germany
Liman Iwara Foundation (LIFO) - Nigeria
Madat Balochistan - Pakistan
MADRE - United States of America
Man Up Campaign- Bolivia - Bolivia

Manila Doctors Hospital - Philippines
Manusher Jonno Foundation - Bangladesh
Media Matters for Women - Sierra Leone
MENA Fem Movement for Economic, Development and Ecological Justice - MENA/SWANA region
MenEngage Alliance - Global
Mercy Corps - Global
Moh Harriet - Cameroon
Morya Samajik Pratishtan - India
Nabd Development and Evolution Organization (NDEO) - Yemen
NADBU A.C. - México
New Women Connectors - The Netherlands
ONG-ASHAD - Tchad
ONG Plus de Sida dans les Familles - Gabon
ONG AVPIP - Mali
Paso Pacifico - United States of America
Paran Women Group - Kenya
Pathways for Women's Empowerment and Development (PaWED-IATC) - Cameroon
PBACC Pando - Bolivia
Peace Movement Aotearoa - New Zealand
Peace Track Initiative - Yemen
Planet One- Mboa Hub - Cameroon
Reacción Climática - Bolivia
RECODEF Sénégal - Sénégal
REFEDE MALI - Mali
Regional Advocacy for Women's Sustainable Advancement Alliance for African and Arab States - Egypt
Rural Area Development Programme (RADP) - Nepal
Save the Children - Singapore
Servas Australia - Australia
Society of Gender Professionals - India
Solidarity Health Foundation - Cameroon
Support for Women in Agriculture and Environment (SWAGEN) - Uganda
Sustainable Development Council - India
Sustainable Menstruation Kerala Collective - India
SustyVibes - Nigeria
The Organization for Poverty Alleviation and Development (OPAD) - Sweden
UAF- Morocco
Uganda Community Based Association for Women and Children Welfare (UCOBAC) - Uganda
Voice of Somaliland Minority Women Organization (VOSOMWO) - Somalia

WaterRising Institute - United States of America
WECF International - Netherlands
Women are Change Agents NGO - Egypt
Women Deliver - United States
Women Environmental Programme - Nigeria
Women Empowerment Against Poverty of Nepal (WEAPoN) - Nepal
Women for a Change - Cameroon
Women's Earth and Climate Action Network - Global
Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO) - Global
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom - Global
World's Youth for Climate Justice - Netherlands
Young Professionals in Policy and Development (YouPaD) - Nigeria
Zenab for Women Development - Sudan