

WOMEN & GENDER CONSTITUENCY

Opening Plenary Intervention

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On behalf of the Women and Gender Constituency, I, Ayshka Najib, call on Parties to ensure that our **feminist demands for ambitious and equitable outcomes are achieved when we leave these rooms.**

The sixth IPCC report warns that under the current level of ambition, global warming will exceed 1.5°. We call on Parties to ensure a fair and full phase-out of fossil fuels. Clear boundaries on unjust influence and corporate capture must be set, ending the predatory and colonial extractivism that still hangs in the corridors.

As we make appropriate plans to realize a feminist fossil-FREE future via a just transition work programme, we call on negotiators to value care work and promote social protection.

As planning for the new collective quantified goal and providing loss and damage finance is underway; we call on Parties to center the needs of communities by focusing on grant-based finance; prioritizing domestic MSMEs for private sector engagement rather than subsidizing multinational corporations, and delivering finance accessible by communities leading gender-transformative climate action.

As we prepare to escalate ambition through the GST, we call for negotiators to center equity, human rights and social justice, assessing the gender-differentiated impacts of climate change by integrating intersecting perspectives throughout data collection, analysis, and reporting.

These processes must ultimately fulfill their purpose. That means addressing anything that threatens their compromise: including climate finance undermined by fossil fuel subsidies and increased military spending, **both exacerbating women's, girls' and LGBTQ+ people's exposure to gender-based and structural violence.**

The bodies of women, girls, and LBGTIQ+ people are not a subsidy to this extractivist economy. Their survival cannot remain uncertain as Parties fail to center gender equality in their decision-making.

A legitimate COP, is a Fossil Fuel Free COP!

There is no climate justice, without human rights!