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Feminist Demands for SB64

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Despite the intensifying anti-rights agenda and the rise of conservative governments, the Women and Gender Constituency (WGC) remains unwavering in our pursuit of #FeministClimateJustice for a healthy planet and the wellbeing of our communities. In 2026, we are focused on advancing rights and amplifying feminist analysis and narratives. As SB64 comes to a close, we share our conclusions on the most pressing negotiation streams:

Mainstream Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) as a cross-cutting issue across the UNFCCC.

“The Women and Gender Constituency leaves SB64, road to COP31 with a clear objective: to safeguard and strengthen the text currently on the table for the midterm review of the Glasgow Work Programme on Action for Climate Empowerment,” said Babitha P.S. **“The agreed language, together with the proposals that remain in brackets, provides a strong foundation for the future of this work programme. We are committed to carrying these elements through to finalization, ensuring that feminist climate justice remains at its core.”**

Establish a feminist, just, equitable, human, and nature- rights-centered Just Transition framework.

“We welcome that Parties have been able to agree this draft text. In its current form, this text will not deliver something strong for just transition if Parties simply set this aside and pick it up again in Antalya. We urge Parties to use this time between now and COP31 to work together, build consensus, address the sticky issues, and to arrive in Antalya with a strong basis to agree an ambitious mechanism that delivers justice for the people, workers and communities on the frontlines of the transition. We call on the Presidency to ensure that Parties non-Parties have enough time and space to discuss, engage openly, and develop the text.

As feminists, we stand with our comrades from other rightsholder constituencies - trade unions, environmental groups, youth and Indigenous Peoples - in demanding a Just Transition decision at COP31 that turns just transition from rhetoric to reality,” shared Sinéad Magner.

Strengthen and ensure an inclusive, bottom-up Global Stocktake process.

“The barriers to implementing the Global Stocktake are not technical – they are political. Global military spending hit 2.88 trillion dollars in 2025, while Pacific SIDS face a tenfold renewable energy finance gap and LDCs cannot meet 2030 targets for lack of means. The dilemma is not scarcity – it is allocation. The Women and Gender Constituency is here to say: finance must reach women, girls, gender-diverse people, Indigenous Peoples and frontline communities as rights-holders and decision-makers as well as participation and lived knowledge comes from them– not as afterthoughts,” elaborated Floridea Di Ciommo.

Deliver predictable, new, and additional public non-debt-creating climate finance in quantity and quality, including on loss and damage.

“Communities on the front lines of the climate crisis are facing losses that can no longer be adapted to: lives, homes, livelihoods, and entire ecosystems lost to floods, droughts, and rising seas. While a Loss and Damage Fund exists, the scale of pledged finance remains far below what is needed, and access remains slow and bureaucratic despite the escalating impacts of climate crisis, and especially with the expected coming of the super El Niño, loss and damage was not on the agenda at this SB64,” shared Maria-Theresa Nera-Lauron.

Foster enabling environments to advance gender-responsive adaptation.

“The Women and Gender Constituency (WGC) leaves SB64, on the road to COP31, with the hope that the implementation of adaptation measures for vulnerable territories will no longer be put off,” Thaynah said. **“We need to ensure that COP31 provides concrete answers regarding the future direction of the GGA and the Adaptation Fund, without leaving any vulnerable group behind. We are committed to ensuring that the implementation of the indicators involves robust civil society participation - including Indigenous people, local communities, and people of African descent - and the tripling adaptation finance that was already agreed upon at COP30.”**

Fulfill commitments to integrate gender-responsiveness in technology development and transfer.

When discussing implementation, we must necessarily address technology. Negotiations at SB64 were highly contentious, putting climate action in Global Majority countries at risk. Today, we welcome the fact that the Parties reached an agreement ensuring the continuity of the mechanism and its implementing body, the CTCN. For its part, the Women & Gender Constituency will continue to advocate for the development and transfer of climate technology to Global Majority countries to be carried out with a gender-responsive approach, promoting local knowledge and protecting the rights of Indigenous Peoples.

About the Women and Gender Constituency (WGC)

The Women and Gender Constituency brings together more than 1500 civil society organizations and individuals advocating for gender-responsive climate policy and action within the UNFCCC. Established to ensure that women's rights and gender equality remain central to all climate decision-making, the WGC works to amplify feminist leadership and accountability across global climate processes.