



## **Momentum for Change: Women for Results Event**

**Date:** Tuesday, 15 November 2016

**Time:** 18:00-20:00

**Location:** Climate Action Arena, Room Fes

### **Summary**

This two-hour event at COP 22/CMP 12, in partnership with Masdar's Women in Sustainability, Environment and Renewable Energy (WiSER) initiative, will show how women are leading the way on climate action worldwide. The event is divided into two segments. The first is a high-level panel discussion that will explore how gender equality and the empowerment of women is critical when addressing climate change and implementing the Sustainable Development Goals. The second segment will demonstrate on-the-ground examples of climate solutions that are led by, and empower, women by the 2016 winners<sup>1</sup> of the Momentum for Change *Women for Results* focus area. Following the event, a special reception with light appetizers will be held outside the room.

### **I. High-level segment (18:00-19:15)**

The high-level segment of the Women for Results event will feature a roundtable discussion by thought leaders on how achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women can accelerate the transition to low-carbon, climate resilient future and more inclusive societies and economies.

#### Moderator:

- Lorena Aguilar, Global Senior Gender Adviser, International Union for the Conservation of Nature

#### Welcoming Remarks:

- Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary, UNFCCC

#### Speakers:

- Lilianne Ploumen, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, Government of The Netherlands
- Julie Bishop, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Government of Australia
- Nawal Al-Hosany, Director of Sustainability & Brand, Masdar and Programme Director of WiSER
- Wandee Khunchornyakong, CEO, Solar Power Company Group
- Jacqueline Novogratz, CEO, Acumen
- Lakshmi Puri, Deputy Executive Director, UN Women

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<sup>1</sup> Please see Annex on p. 3 of this document for more information about the 2016 Momentum for Change: Women for Results winning Lighthouse Activities.



- Laurence Tubiana, Climate Champion, Government of France (TBC)
- Hakima El Haite, Delegate Minister in Charge of Environment, Climate Champion, Government of Morocco (TBC)

## **II. Showcasing segment (19:15-20:00)**

The showcasing segment will feature representatives from the four *2016 Momentum for Change: Women for Results* Lighthouse Activity winners. Activity representatives will share best practices and lessons learned in their efforts to address climate change.

### Proposed timeline:

19:15 – 19:20: Summary video

19:20 – 19:25: Menya Muzamiru, Women Empowerment for Resilience and Adaptation Against Climate Change

19:25 – 19:30: Upamanyu Patil, Rural Community Leaders Combatting Climate Change

19:30 – 19:35: Jamila Bargach, Women-Led Fog Harvesting for a Resilient, Sustainable Ecosystem

19:35 – 19:40: Jeannette Gurung, W+ Standard

19:40 – 20:00: Moderated discussion and question and answer

## **III. Networking & reception (20:00-21:00) TBC**

Following the event, a networking opportunity and reception with light appetizers will be held outside the room.



## ANNEX

### Momentum for Change: Women for Results 2016 Lighthouse Activities

#### **Women's Empowerment for Resilience and Adaptation Against Climate Change | Uganda**

[Women's Empowerment for Resilience and Adaptation Against Climate Change](#) has formed an association of women-led groups that collect individual-savings of at least USD 1 once a week to generate a pool of funds, from which women borrow and invest into income-generating activities that address climate change. This initiative also empowers women undertake land planning, agro-forestry and soil conservation practices and use energy saving stoves. By integrating gender into agriculture-related climate change activities and policy, this project enables rural women to become important agents of change and innovators.

#### **Rural Community Leaders Combatting Climate Change | India**

[Swayam Shishan Prayog](#), an Indian NGO, trains rural women in entrepreneurship and builds their capacities for marketing clean-energy projects in their communities. Currently, an active network of 1,100 women entrepreneurs is working across 8 districts in India. The women provide a complete 'ecosystem' approach as clean-technology users, educators, providers and supporters in their communities, which helps make it easier for people to adopt energy-efficient technologies and products that address climate change.

#### **Women-Led Fog Harvesting for a Resilient, Sustainable Ecosystem | Morocco**

Dar Si Hmad, a women-led NGO in Morocco, designed and installed what is now the [world's largest operational fogwater harvesting system](#). It is an innovative solution to persistent water stress where fog is abundant, a technique inspired from ancient water practices. The Dar Si Hmad project provides accessible potable water to more than 400 people in five villages, most of them women and children. The unique fog harvesting project is a successful model of a locally-driven, participatory climate change adaptation initiative, providing an environmentally friendly water source to combat the effects of desertification.

#### **The W+ Standard | Nepal**

[The W+ Standard](#) is a unique certification scheme developed by WOCAN, which measures how companies, governments and individuals can drive social and economic empowerment for women. The W+ Standard can accelerate investments in women as it 'rewards' projects that combine climate action with women's empowerment, and by doing so recognizes and values women's critical role in tackling climate change. The W+ measures women's empowerment in six domains: time, income, health, leadership, education and food security. The measurement of progress results in women-benefit units that buyers can purchase. The sale of units generates revenues that are shared with women beneficiaries and their groups, putting money into the hands of women.

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