

WOMEN & GENDER CONSTITUENCY

Thank you, co-facilitators, for your leadership.

My name is Mwanahamisi Singano, and I am speaking on behalf of the Women and Gender Constituency.

Gender matters in mitigation, gender matters in adaptation, gender matters in loss & damage, gender matters in finance, technology and capacity-building. Gender matters for all climate action.

As the Technical Dialogues of the Global Stocktake enters into the final phase, the Women and Gender Constituency strongly re-emphasizes the need for the ratchet-up mechanism to address glaring shortcomings stressed in the IPCC Sixth Assessment report and captured in the co-facilitators summaries: **current actions and commitments** are **insufficient** to achieve the goal of limiting global temperature to 1.5°; **participation and engagement** of women, girls, gender diverse persons, and communities in the frontlines of climate crisis in national and global policy processes and programs is **insufficient**.

With climate impacts **becoming more catastrophic and frequent**, vulnerable and marginalized groups, women in all their diversity, indigenous peoples, and Afro descendants, are **unjustly** carrying the burden and paying the price of inactions, especially the failure of developed countries to fulfill their obligations to take the lead in raising ambition as a matter of **equity** and **climate justice**.

Given this final technical dialogue focus on the 'What next', the WGC insists on **Feminist means of implementation**, which include committing new, additional, adequate and predictable public finance in the form of flexible grants, to close the adaptation gap and comprehensively pay for addressing loss and damage. Enhanced and simplified direct access to finance for locally led gender-transformation that addresses the systemic root causes of climate change, and prioritizing the rights and agency of all gender groups need to be prioritized.

The time has run out for fossil fuels and false solutions that perpetuate the status quo and harm people and the environment. Both must be phased out NOW. Instead, investment must be channeled towards gender-differentiated technological needs, ancestral techniques and knowledge, capacity-building, and **cut down the structural barriers that curtail women's agency and leadership in climate actions.**

Lastly, the Women and Gender Constituency calls for **an inclusive and ambitious political conclusion to the GST process** that ensures strong civil society observer **participation and leadership. This process must result in a strong decision text** with concrete mandates and obligations, that clearly links climate ambition to **respecting and promoting human rights**, especially those concerning women's rights, Indigenous peoples and local communities, and intergenerational justice instead of just sets of recommendations. There is no other way to fulfill the mandate of the Paris Agreement *without stronger decision.*

The Women and Gender Constituency commits to actively engage in this process and mobilize our community toward an ambitious outcome at COP28.

No climate justice, without gender justice!

No climate justice without human rights!

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