

## **Statement by the Women and Gender Constituency for the ADP closing plenary**

The forty-second sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (**SBI 42**) and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (**SBSTA 42**), as well as the June session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (**ADP2-9**)

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The Women and Gender Constituency would like to express concern that we now have roughly two short weeks of negotiations before Paris and we note the slow progress in the discussions on the substance of the outcome agreement, including Workstream 2. Urgent action is necessary to reduce emissions and keep global temperature rise well below 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial levels.

The Constituency is appreciative of the strength of the gender considerations in major sections of the current text, with the exception of mitigation. Gender equality is an integral and inextricable component to efficacy, sustainability and efficiency of any climate related action, both in the short-term and long-term.

Several groups of countries and individual countries have requested that gender equality remain as part of the operational objectives and principles in Section C. We hope that this will reaffirm the need for gender equality to be reflected throughout all sections of the text, including of gender text in the mitigation section. The 2-day In-session workshop on gender-responsive climate policy (with a focus on mitigation action and technology development and transfer) under SBI, where Parties engaged on the topic, further supports linking gender and mitigation in the climate agreement.

In the coming weeks, the Constituency urges Parties to work for a just and gender-responsive Paris climate agreement that fundamentally will respect and promote human rights and gender equality. Additionally, it will:

- ensure sustainable development and environmental integrity;
- require fair, equitable, ambitious and binding mitigation commitments in line with the principles of Common but Differentiated Responsibilities (CBDR);
- urgently prioritize adaptation action and resources that respond to the most vulnerable countries, communities and populations;
- establish a sustainable energy paradigm that prioritizes safe, decentralized renewable energy systems that benefit people and communities;
- ensure adequate, new, additional and predictable climate finance for developing countries;
- provide resources to reconcile loss and damage already incurred from climate inaction; and,
- ensure full, inclusive and gender-equitable public participation in decision-making, with increased mandatory ex-ante and periodic human rights and gender equality impact assessments.

The agreement must ensure that gender equality, equal access to decision making, and benefit sharing are integrated into all its provisions, including through gender-responsive means of implementation. Sex and gender disaggregated data and analysis of the underlying causes of any gender disparities must be mainstreamed in all information, communication and reporting systems.

The Women and Gender Constituency is committed to working together to achieve an ambitious climate agreement. Thank you