

Thank you Mr. Co-Chair, my name is Sabine Bock from WECF and I speak on behalf of the Women and Gender Constituency.

We are happy that the need for gender responsive policies was taken up by the co-chairs at the last session as well as the equity reference framework.

In line with discussions from the last session of the ADP we call for consideration of a "non discrimination principle" as discussions continue in workstream 1. This principle is implicit to all existing UNFCCC guiding principles, but should be spelled out as an additional principle. A non-discrimination principle in the context of the UNFCCC would ensure that gender responsive policies and measurements are implemented at all aspects of the UNFCCC.

We call for high ambition in the pre-2015 work-stream 2. A transition from fossil to energy saving, efficiency and renewable energy sources is urgently needed and we must achieve high ambition mitigation outcomes of workstream 2, which also have implications for the mitigation targets in the 2015 agreement. As we remain cautious of how renewable energy is often defined, we call for putting in place human rights based safeguards for a 2015 protocol. We do not want the transition to renewable energy to justify massive increase in mega hydro dams, biofuels and biomass from vast new monoculture plantations that cause displacement, food insecurity, human rights abuses and deforestation. Women and girls are often disproportionately affected as a result of these types of large-scale, destructive energy programs. In addition, greenhouse gas emissions reductions should not come from high-risk technologies that create irreversible damage to our health and the planet, such as nuclear, shale gas, geo-engineering or the like. These activities are not sustainable and have to be kept out of a 2015 agreement.

We call for specific measures that would ensure access to safe, affordable and renewable energy for households. If renewable energy technology is not accessible and affordable by small households, the benefits to women and girls will be limited. Moreover, we call for positive actions to ensure women can benefit of future low carbon nuclear free economies, through targeted training and capacity building programs, access to finance and be engaged in the creation, dissemination and maintenance of safe renewable energy technologies.

In striving for a healthy, peaceful planet for all, we need to achieve climate protection whilst ensuring sustainable development.

