

WOMEN & GENDER CONSTITUENCY

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Climate Crisis, biodiversity loss and patriarchy continue to contribute to gender injustices, depriving women and children of their rights, livelihoods, and, in some cases, their lives. These crises have perpetuated inequalities and pushed millions into abject poverty.

The Lima Work Programme on Gender (LWPG), established at COP20, marked a critical step in advancing gender justice within the global climate framework. It aimed to challenge the persistent gender imbalances in global climate decision-making and ensure that gender considerations are woven into every facet of climate policy and action.

At COP29, the Women and Gender expect parties to agree on the ambitious work program with concrete action beyond rhetoric. This decision must ensure the voices, experiences, and leadership of women in all of its diversity—particularly Indigenous, rural, and frontline women—are at the heart of global climate governance. The work programme we expect should deliver gender just transition based on care of people and planet towards a 'gender-just climate future'. Respecting intersectionality and diversity as key to Gender equality is inevitable.

Presidency, for far too long feminists have demanded gender-responsive climate finance to deliver effective and gender just climate action. The NCQG decision should ensure critical access to finance for locally-led and rights-based climate action often led by women and girls.

Climate finance that isn't gender-responsive and human rights based is ineffective. COP29 must deliver new, additional, predictable, grant-based and ambitious climate change finance at scale and quality responding to the urgency and needs of people and communities in developing countries.

COP29 need to ensure the Paris Agreement goals can be achieved and gender work program can be implemented

There is no climate justice without Human Rights and Gender Justice!