

WOMEN & GENDER CONSTITUENCY

Thank you co-facilitators, I am Cathy, speaking on behalf of the Women and Gender Constituency.

We'd like to start by thanking the co-facilitators for their leadership in facilitating an inclusive process. We call on all Parties to bring the same spirit of mutual learning and Inclusivity of civil society participation into the political process, to ensure a strong COP28 decision that will put us collectively back on track to meeting the goals of Paris.

We believe GST outcomes should recognise the Urgent need and commit to :

- Phase out fossil fuels;
- Further integrate actions on climate, nature and biodiversity;
- The obligation of developed countries to lead on rapid decarbonisation and for all Parties to ramp up their mitigation efforts; and
- Adequately scale up people-centered means of implementation. Parties must act to close the growing finance gaps on adaptation and addressing loss and damage. It is essential to simplify and enhance direct access for women and gender groups and communities.

We urge Parties to ensure the GST outcomes will include separate sections on Loss & Damage, just transition, and cross cutting issues - specifically gender, human rights, Indigenous rights, and intergenerational equity, which are enablers and accelerators of equitable and just climate action.

We would like to end by reiterating that gender matters in all climate action, and should be reflected across all outcomes of the GST.

No climate justice, without human rights!

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