

Women and Gender Constituency Intervention
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Yesterday at the opening plenary, we started our intervention stressing that gender matters everywhere, in mitigation as much as in adaptation or L&D or Means of Implementation, response measures. So, we are disappointed not to find any mention of gender justice or gender responsiveness in the emerging messages of the summary report, although we have raised this need over and over again during the TD process and we have heard this being supported by several other participants, both observers and parties.

We recognize the importance of increasing the consideration of equity, but we also stress that equity must be applied within the borders of countries: we must have equity among different groups of all societies, especially looking at the disproportionate impacts of the climate crisis on the poorest and most marginalized persons, including local and indigenous women, girls, and non-binary persons.

We need to focus on channeling our investments towards gender-differentiated technological needs, local and ancestral techniques, and knowledge, on capacity-building, especially for those most impacted by the climate crisis and most marginalized. If we are to respond collectively to the immense challenge we face, we must **cut down the structural barriers that curtail women's agency and leadership in climate actions. Therefore, mentioning gender justice as an enabler for effective climate mitigation is crucial.**

We also miss the sense of urgency in the emerging messages, and we do not support the focus on 'net zero emissions', which opens the door to dangerous distractions and false solutions. We will not let this process be polluted by the promotion of costly, unproven, dirty and risky techno fixes. The pathways modeled by the IPCC that provide the greatest chance of staying below 1.5°C without overshoot, focus on a rapid phase-out of fossil fuels¹. So, echoing what was said in this room several times before: **we need to focus on phasing out fossil fuels**, and on cutting fossil fuels subsidies, and we must create the conditions for a gender-**just transition** and a **systemic transformation**. We have to support new, inclusive development models that respect and promote human rights, gender equality and intergenerational equity. Development pathways that put the priority on the well-being and the care of people and the ecosystems.

We should not oppose development and climate action if we allow ourselves to think out of the current unsustainable system. To conclude: we expect the GST process to be inclusive, to fully integrate gender justice and to bring us collectively to a step change in our collective action to ensure a liveable future.

¹ CIEL (2022). IPCC Unsummarized: Unmasking Clear Warnings on Overshoot, Techno-fixes, and the Urgency of Climate Justice.: <https://www.ciel.org/reports/ipcc-wg3-briefing>