



Women and Gender Constituency

Joint Opening Intervention
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Thank you Chair.

I am Cathy, speaking on behalf of WGC - the Women and Gender Constituency.

We take this moment to remind Parties of the Paris principles - respecting human rights, the rights of Indigenous Peoples, gender equality, intergenerational equity, ecosystem integrity, food security and a just transition - which are critical to all climate action. This is of particular importance to all the Party discussions in the next three weeks, specially on Article 6 and the Enhanced Transparency Framework.

Urgent climate action must address the drivers of the crisis. “Net Zero” solutions are often synonymous with “business as usual” approaches and false solutions, or green neocolonial offsetting schemes - failing to address a full-scale transition away from fossil fuel and dirty energy infrastructure. We ask for a commitment to safe, sustainable and regenerative consumption and production models.

Furthermore, ambiguous concepts such as “nature-based solutions” are used as a “catch-all” for many false solutions, including mono-cropping projects, often with no consideration for environmental integrity, ecosystems and communities. We continue to implore countries to work

under the framing of ecosystem-based approaches, as defined under the Convention on Biological Diversity.

On Article 6, the inclusion of human rights, environmental integrity, gender and social safeguards, including an independent grievance mechanism, must be applied to all activities. The UNFCCC must provide a strong framework that prohibits the inherent faults of market instruments as observed previously, especially double counting. Article 6.8 on non-market approaches should also be prioritised.

In the upcoming dialogues, on Koronivia joint work, around adaptation and technology, we remind countries of the critical need for a gender-responsive approach to all actions.

As marked by the way we are having this meeting, we know these times are unprecedented. No matter the modality of these meetings, the reality of our urgent climate crisis, and of deepening inequality, requires bold, ambitious and just action now. Don't just talk Parties, Act.

People Power, Climate Justice.