

Major Group: Women

Thank you Mr. Co-chair, I speak on behalf of the women's major group.

We support the NGO, Labor and Indigenous peoples statements

All statements this morning said that Sustainable Development is our aim, and Green economy is a path to that. But the global institutions that were designed for this have not fulfilled their mission. Global governance is fragmented at the UN level.

This global governance failure leads to a loss of trust, with people at a local level.

We need a strengthened architecture for sustainable development and environmental global governance. Institutions alone cannot be the solution. Solutions that work must include the people. Women as agents of change at every level of society play an essential role in the process of sustainable development.

We need cooperation between governments, pro-active entrepreneurs, civil society, women, indigenous peoples and community populations to constitute the global architecture urgently needed for sustainability and development of mother earth and all that she inhabits.

We therefore recommend:

An equitable and inclusive international governance structure, for sustainable development and environment.

This new structure needs to be built on the human rights approach, including environmental rights.

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good example might be the Access and Benefit Sharing protocol which will be decided on at the CBD COP in Nagoya this year.

This new structure needs stronger public participation mechanisms. For example, the Strategic Approach for Chemicals Management has a more active engagement of civil society.

This new structure needs to promote diversity, gender and a regional balance.

This new structure needs to address the necessary reform of the failing financial institutions, such as the Bretton Woods institutions.

This new structure will also need a financial mechanism to function. For example, it could be funded partly by the Financial Transaction Tax.

Its mechanism needs to be inclusive and transparent,

It should enable people to take personal responsibility for a shift towards equitable consumption and production patterns

It should assure utilization of the best practices, especially indigenous practices, whilst protecting communities? rights and prior informed consent.

It should assure coupling of green technology, media awareness and creative methods for engaging citizens

And finally, should assist in implementation of responsible solutions at the local, sub-national and regional levels

Thank you