

Thank you chair. I speak on behalf of the women major group

I am glad to be celebrating the 100th anniversary of international women's day with you all here today

And it seems a good day to state that we have learned in the last 20 years that :

Sustainable Development is only possible with women's equality and full participation !

A first step would be a global agreement on Rio principle 10 implementing public participation access to information and access to justice in environmental matters.

A further step which can be taken right away, right now, is to provide full access to and participation in the upcoming informals for all nine Major Groups.

A few words on the so-called Green Economy. We believe that the 'green economy' should support the well-being **for all** within the carrying capacity of the planet,

Currently women, – often underpaid or working for free, – sustain their communities and economies.

women need legislation to be **enabled** to take fully part in the economy, with access to land, resources, education, information, reproductive health and affordable child care.

We encourage all countries when committing to the 'green economy' roadmap, to aim at least 40% representation of women in the green economy, from education, technology design to job creation.

A 'green' economic system must promote social equity and gender equity !

We have a few very concrete proposals for specific outcomes of Rio2012:

- We call for an agreement on the financial transaction tax as a financing mechanisms for sustainable development – of course, we would need specific access for women
- A new governance structure must have a *scientific assessment component* to assess and monitoring of technology before widespread use.

Thank you