

# Women's Major Group

Women's Major Group's Intervention to

*High Level Political Forum 2021*

*"SDGs in focus: SDGs 12, 13, 17 and interlinkages among those goals and with other SDGs" Session*

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Thank you chair, I speak on behalf of Women's Major Group,

The year 2019 was reported the second warmest on record, with more communities especially women being severely impacted.

We are in multiple crises - COVID-19, inequalities, environmental, and climate crisis caused by unsustainable consumption production and high dependency on extractive industries and fossil fuel. This leads to further violation of women human rights, and threats to women environmental and human rights defenders.

We note with concern the growing discussion on green recovery, which puts too much focus on efficiency and technological innovations.

It's time for real solutions, not false solutions:

- **We must end extractive industries and fossil fuels, and promote decentralised energy systems and renewable energies that ensure human rights, ecological balances and gender perspectives**
- **We need a real zero emission, not net zero or nature based solutions** that enable rich countries and corporations to evade actions and historical and current responsibility by investing in carbon capture and storage, geoengineering technologies that will be harmful to the environment and the local livelihoods. Nature based solutions will promote large scale plantation and conservation projects as an "offset" for continued fossil fuel use.

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- Finance is the key. We need to enact regulations such as progressive taxes, fees, fines, penalties, etc to promote sustainable consumption and production. Climate finance must be delivered by developed countries according to their obligations and CBDR, and directly channelled to the most vulnerable, to ensure adaptation, and prevent and compensate for Loss and Damage.
- We must prioritize women's leadership in 10-Year Framework of Programmes on SCP. States should support women's successes in climate efforts at all levels, continuing to faithfully maintain, support, adhere and report to the UNFCCC. Implementation of the 2030 Agenda through SDG17 targets should adhere to core instruments' commitments to equality.