Women Major Group Oral Statement
Cross-Regional Discussions and Cross-Regional Perspectives
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Women Major Group commends and supports the regional presentations especially those that included in their discussions and review gender mainstreaming, gender analysis and gender and development in inter and cross-regional programmes, actions and initiatives.

Women's issues and concerns, gender analysis and equitable approaches should be included especially in the following as listed by the regional presentations:

- policy directions;
- institutional capacities and institutional mandates;
- funding resources and access to alternate financing options;
- in the demand and the supply of sustainable products and services in the market; which would mean the creation of new economic activities and decent jobs;
- the sustainable use and managements of natural resources such as minerals and chemicals in the decision-making process of governments, the private sector and civil society organizations;
- in developing institutional capacity through knowledge management, technology transfer, education, training and awareness raising;
- in enhancing the participation of major groups especially women and local authorities, as well as the private sector and local communities in the planning, decision-making and implementation.

Thank you.