

High-level Political Forum 2019

Review of SDG implementation and Interrelations among Goals: Discussion on STI Intervention

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I am Tetet Lauron from the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation in the Philippines, other stakeholders, and also affiliated with the Women's Major Group.

I would like to make the link between climate and technology.

We are living in a time of climate breakdown. My country is among the top 10 most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

My country is not among the top most vulnerable to the impacts of the climate change

The IPCC report on 1.5 degrees should spur everyone into action, and make us all realize that the survival of people and planet is the real 2030 Agenda.

We are concerned that the proposals and investments in climate action are too often a **technological fix only**, without the needed deep transformation away from our fossil-fuel based economy, which is rooted in patriarchy.

Many of the new technologies, digital technologies, are fueling climate change. It is not acceptable that with one hand you sign declarations of climate emergency

and with the other you give subsidies and permission for further extraction of resources that destroy forests, lands and the climate.

Neither is it acceptable that you persecute and criminalize those who defend the environment or to continue endless debates about solar radiation management, carbon dioxide removal, nuclear energy and market mechanisms that are not SDG compatible.

These 'false solutions' are unacceptable, as they endanger biodiversity, ecosystem integrity, health and distract attention from true solutions.

When we make sure that rights-holders and communities are part of development of technologies that are environmentally safe, socially appropriate, gender-sensitive and that create jobs for women.

There is a vital role of endogenous capacity and indigenous knowledge

We need Regulatory frameworks for risky climate technologies, including such as geoengineering. We need full transparency on future costs and free and prior informed consent of impacted communities, in particular by indigenous peoples

decision-making, though, true solutions emerge, such as agroecology, local renewables, and energy democracy that ensures women, households and communities can own their clean energy systems.

We need gender embedded into national policies, strategies, and planning and we need women's organisations to be recipients of funding and partners in projects. We need you to commit to these towards and as part of the UN Climate Action Summit in September.

We must denounce and end the system that puts corporate and individual profits over the survival and well-being of our planet and its people. Our lives depend on it.

We need you to wake up. We need you to rise up!

Thank you Chair.