



Thank you Chair, as the women's mayor group we would like to support the statements delivered by Peru, Norway and United States which highlight the link between gender and climate change; and we would like to reaffirm that:

- For the SDGs to succeed they must recognize and fully integrate climate change, DRR and gender equality as essential cross cutting issues
- There is an urgent need to address gender differentiated vulnerabilities and risks; particularly those experienced by women, such as, violence, economic discrimination, lack of access and control to productive resources such as land,
- Inequalities faced by women limits their full potential to contribute building community resilience, including ensuring food security for families and community.
- Livelihood of women tends to be more in the realm of the unpaid and informal economy. This invisibility deprives them of the needed support and services from governments and adds extra burden.
- There is a strong evidence base showing that women are a driving force for resilient societies; and their leadership should be valued and enhanced.

Based on these realities and issues discussed this past week; we would like to propose the following three elements:

- This process should result in concrete and measurable goals, targets and indicators that are a catalyst of high ambition regarding climate change and lead to the adoption and implementation of solutions that are safe, sustainable and address social and gender safeguards.
- Ensure that all climate and disaster risk reduction relevant targets under for example, energy, food security, resilient societies, etc. are:
 - gender-responsive and gender-sensitive
 - human rights-based (coherent with CEDAW, UNDRIPs and other human rights agreements),
 - socially just
 - advance women's rights and expanded public leadership
 - coherent with ecological sustainability, including biodiversity conservation

and restoration

- complementary with the UNFCCC and
 - acknowledge the importance of integrated approaches for mitigation and adaptation in building resilience.
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- The implementation of the Sustainable Development goals and targets should favour only projects and initiatives that have strong gender sensitive social and environmental safeguards- and that deliver co-benefits.