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COP22, Marrakesh Summary

Members of the Women's Major Group were active in Marrakesh at COP22, working to implement climate commitments and to make linkages to the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. At the UNFCCC (climate talks), the official channel for civil society participation is via the [Women & Gender Constituency](#). Similar to how the WMG organizes, WGC members and advocates met in morning caucuses to strategize and then lobby governments for a truly ambitious and transformative agenda that addresses climate change and systematic inequalities. Read the key demands of the WGC for COP22, which are very much aligned with WMG positions, [here](#). The Marrakesh conference saw more countries join the Paris Agreement, but debates on interpretation of it continued. Despite the influence of the private sector and big polluters present at COP, as well as the election of Trump, our work does not stop. The WGC and WMG will continue to advocate for women's human rights and the environment in all high level policy processes – and members will continue their on-ground and implementation work at all levels.

Outside of the negotiations themselves, the WMG was very active. In the public space next to the negotiations, called the Green Zone, the WGC hosted a large exhibition space where the WMG had a presence. Visitors learned more about the connection of COP22, 2030 Agenda, and women's human rights, through a [poster we prepared](#). WMG members led chants for feminism and the environment at the Climate March, outreached to the public about the WMG and the new 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, and invited people to join our listservs. Additionally WMG members organized various [side events](#). We organized and participated in various actions, such as WILPF's #MoveTheMoney from war and military spending to social and environmental justice; #FemUN – where we wore mustaches to demand for women's access to leadership positions after the selection of another male UN Secretary General and election of another man in the US, asking the question why we need mustaches to be heard; and solidarity with Standing Rock.