

Thank you Mr. Chair for giving me the floor. My name is Sabine Bock of WECF and I am speaking on behalf of Women and Gender.

The human rights framework and the principle of nondiscrimination need to be at the heart of the negotiations.

It is essential to take different disparities, such as social, gender, geographical, economic and educational disparities into account in order to achieve sustainable climate solutions.

Social equity should not be just a co-benefit, but really a core element of mitigation actions. It is by prioritizing human rights – particularly gender equality – in mitigation actions that we can achieve the profound transformation of our societies towards equitable low-risk and low-carbon societies and access to sustainable development worldwide, leading to societies of wellbeing and sustainable livelihoods.

We need a balanced focus on the three dimensions of sustainable development – social, environmental and economic – in the ADP.

A new agreement on climate change offers the opportunity to be more comprehensive and innovative, leaving behind what has not worked such as carbon offsetting and a far too strong reliance on technocratic actions.

We must seize this opportunity to achieve integrated results, which reduce emissions, eradicate poverty, and close the gender gap.

Life on earth is precious and priceless – delegates, provide the means for all of us to save it.