



In Berlin, from 28 March through 7 April 1995, the signatory countries to the Rio Climate Convention, will set the parameters for the survival of life on earth. In this conclave, as in the boardrooms of big business, women are scarce; they are not even adequately represented at the decision-making levels of the environmental organizations. However, without their experience and expertise, no effective and future-capable global environmental policy will be possible. For women bear the brunt of the consequences of an irresponsible climate policy and of the destruction of nature.

Women have been demanding their rights in connection with solidarity between the North and the South, and with the protection of the earth's atmosphere since the UN World Women's Conference in Nairobi in 1985, the Women's Conference for a Healthy Planet in Miami in 1991, and the Global Women's Tent at the World Climate Summit in Rio in 1992. With an eye on the upcoming World Women's Conference in Beijing, we want to continue the long-term dialogue and the world-wide networking of the international women's and environmental movements,

For this reason, Women for Peace and Ecology is organizing a two-day International Women's Forum entitled "Solidarity in the Greenhouse." The Forum is designed to draw attention to the connections between the environment and development on the one hand and violence and women's issues on the other.

We publicly demand that the UN Climate Summit and all other relevant decision-making bodies implement what 178 countries have committed themselves to, under pressure from the women's lobby, in Agenda 21, the concluding document of the Rio Conference, particularly its Chapter 24: the broad participation of women in questions of environmental and development policy.

To this day, women are responsible for the intellectual, emotional and health-related development of their children and of other dependent people. They are the ones responsible for running households ecologically. Everywhere, they work for the foundations of life of their families. In the so-called developing countries, for instance, women produce the greater part of the food. Spreading pauperization and desertification of entire regions is robbing women of the foundations of life and driving them in ever greater numbers into poverty, hunger and flight. Environmental destruction burdens them with additional difficulties in the performance of daily tasks. This robs them of the time and strength to stand up for their own interests, and thus perpetuates the unjust sexual division of labor.

Women are resisting, primarily in local environmental initiatives. They are fighting air pollution, the logging of forests, irresponsible transportation policy and the radioactive contamination of future generations. They are developing future-oriented alternatives for a healthy planet.

Saturday, 1 April 1995

10 AM Welcoming Address by
WOMEN FOR PEACE AND ECOLOGY

The UN at 50 --

How are Women and the
Environment Doing?

10:15-11:45 AM Parallel events: Forums 1 & 2
11:45 AM-12 noon Coffee, tea and fresh air break
12 noon-1:45 PM Continuation of Forums 1 & 2

FORUM 1

An Energy Policy Turnaround

Conference languages: German, English,
simultaneous translation

Götelind Alber / Ulrike Röhr
Climate Alliance of European Cities,
Women in Science and Technology (NUT), Germany

Jennifer Morgan
US Climate Action Network, USA

Irina Grushevaya
Association for Children of Chernobyl, Belarus

Michael Schreyer
Former Berlin State Minister for Urban Planning and the
Environment, Member of the Berlin Legislature (Greens),
Germany

Denise Tulloch
Jamaica Public Service Co., Jamaica,
TBA

The Plutonium-Free Future Women's Network, Japan

Annette Mühlberg
Staff of the Executive Committee of the Public and Transport
Workers' Union (ÖTV), Germany

Janet Sambali*
Tanzanian Commission for Natural Sciences and
Technology,
Tanzania

Moderation: Claire Greensfelder
The Plutonium-Free Future Women's Network, USA

FORUM 2

Transportation and Urban-Planning Perspectives of Women

Conference Language: German

Meike Spitzner,
Wuppertal Institute for the Climate,
the Environment and Energy, Germany
Elisabeth Schroedter
Member of the European Parliament, The Greens, Germany

Christine Ahrend
Feminist Organization of Woman Planners and
Architects (FOPA), Germany

Leni Wolf
Women's Advisory Committee for Urban Planning,
Tiergarten Borough, Germany

Christine Korsawe
Women Planning their City
Social Democratic Women's Working Group, Germany

Carolina Hohlmann
Anti-Tunnel GmbH, Germany

Anja Röhl
Children and the Environment (KUM), Germany

Moderation: Cornelia Biermann-Gräbner
Urban Planning, The Greens, Germany

1:45-3:30 PM: Lunch break

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3:30 - 5PM Parallel events. Forums 3 & 4
5 - 5:15 PM Break
5:15 - 7PM Continuation of Forums 3 & 4

FORUM 3
On the Implementation of Agenda 21:
From Rio over Berlin to Beijing and
back Home

Saisingh Siributr
Foundation for Life-Long Education, Thailand
Magdalene Schönhoff
Local Agenda Project Group, Köpenick, Germany
Yasuko Matsumoto
Greenpeace Japan
Claire Greensfelder
The Plutonium Free Future Women's Network, USA
Christina Juan
Mara Regia di Perna
CEDEH, Brazil
Galina Yegorawa
Association for the Survival of the Jugra, Russia

Moderation: Tatjana Chaud
Germanwatch

FORUM 4
Fighting Poverty in the South
Changing Lifestyles in the North

Anke Herold
Robin Wood, Germany
Christa Müller
Bielefeld Sociologist, Germany
Eunice Duke
Macarena e.V., Germany/Columbia
Ilse Schimpf-Herken
Technical University of Berlin, Germany
Elenna Dugundji
ASEED Action for Solidarity, Equality, Environment
and Development, The Netherlands
Johanna Schuurmann
Critical Farmers-Association, The Netherlands
Ellen Schmidt
Greenpeace International

Moderation: Elenna Dugundji



Sunday, 2 April 1995

10 AM - 12 noon

PANEL DISCUSSION

"On the Way to the World
Women's Conference:
What Demands do Women Have
of the UN Climate Summit?"

Ann Heidenreich
Climate Network Africa,
Delegate to the World Church Council

Hiltrud Breyer
Member of European Parliament

Claire Greensfelder
The Plutonium Free Future Women's
Network

Michaelae Hustedt
Member of the German Parliament

Judith Halasz
The Green Women's Group, Hungary

Moderation: Eva Quistorp
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