

Distinguished delegates and colleagues, my name is Sabine Bock from WECF and I speak on behalf of the Women and Gender Constituency.

We also appreciate very much the opportunity of this event and want to express our thanks. I will add some aspects and responses to what was addressed here and during the last days:

We caution against developing a 2015 agreement that ignores the transformational changes required to address the failure of the current development model rooted in high-emission, high risk and unsustainable technologies, production and consumption patterns increasing gender, race and class inequities and leading us to a changed and heated world, where it will be difficult to survive.

We envision our future living in sustainable and just societies of well-being where poverty is eradicated by going the low-carbon, nuclear free pathway.

We call for a shift to a sustainable and caring (for nature and people) model of development, firmly rooted in human rights, including women rights.

To become more concrete:

1.) We seem to share the vision of eradication of poverty with a lot of parties - we would like to raise your awareness that poverty has a female face and if you want to eradicate poverty you need to put measures in place which especially are addressed to support women. Therefore we call for earmarked funding windows for women to enable women to contribute to strong climate mitigation and adaptation. The Green Climate Fund and the NAMAs are just two examples where this could be put into place, e.g. with programmes for solar collectors, which benefit women and the community.

2.) We are very concerned that nuclear was mentioned in the workshop on Monday in one row with renewable energies. We oppose nuclear energy as it is a threat on life on earth and it has to be kept out of the UNFCCC and all its mechanisms.

3.) We also heard the call from parties for the involvement of the private sector. We would like to raise your awareness about the potential of citizens. If the right policies are in place, citizens can play a crucial part in the needed transition. In Germany e.g. in 2010 around 40% of the renewable energy systems were in the hand of citizens, 11% in the hand of farmers and just 6,5% in the hand of the big energy companies and citizen energy associations grow as people do want to have the change. Therefore we call for activities to enhance the possibility for public participation and citizen engagement.