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Dear Ms Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka

Warmest greetings from GenderCC-Women for Climate Justice.

We congratulate you for your appointment as the new Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equity and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women). We are happy to see another leader who is coming from the global South and who has been supportive of social movements in our country and beyond.

We have seen such commitment to meaningful dialogue as a basis of deeper and more concrete engagement when we had you participating in an event one of our founding members, LIFE (Germany), organised together with ENERGIA at the NGO forum in parallel to the Rio+10 Summit in Johannesburg.

At the moment, GenderCC continues to contribute content and actively participate in the processes within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). While strengthening and diversifying our internal structure, we have been striving to create resources and opportunities which will allow the promotion of women's human rights perspectives in climate change in policy processes, strengthening the capacity of women and their communities in deeply understanding the current discourses while creatively addressing their needs, and documenting the lived experiences of women and their communities.

GenderCC-SA is affiliated to GenderCC-International network and it continues to build a platform for an informed and resilient movement of South African women, which empowers them to understand, make decisions and influence policy and practice regarding climate change, for the benefit of the broader society.

As GenderCC International network, we are confident that your role in UN Women can help diversify the interests in UN Women as it evolves into more substantive ways. We would be happy to contribute in this challenging process.

Respectfully yours,

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Coordinator, GenderCCSA On behalf of GenderCC International