Networking Women for a Sustainable Future

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Women’s Priorities for Sustainable Development

Women’s Vision for Rio+20: an Equitable and Sustainable World
Women’s Major Group

- ENERGIA International Network on Gender on Sustainable Energy
- IUCN Gender Department
- GFC Global Forest Coalition
- VAM Voices of African Mothers
- WEDO Women Environment Development Organisation
- WECF Women in Europe for a Common Future
- WOCAN Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and NRM
- Earth Day Networks, Earth Care Africa, Eco-Forum Kazakhstan, UNISON Kyrgyzstan, Commonweal, Black Sea Women Club, as well as many other regional and national women and sustainable development organisations.
Recommendations from Women’s Major Group

• Human and women’s rights as a cornerstone of all agreements in Rio+20
  – Halt Land grab and assure Food sovereignty
  – Halt Irreversible damage - Nuclear/uranium/extraction/chemicals

• Poverty eradication as the basis for sustainable development
  – Redistribution of wealth and access to energy and resources for women
  – Women’s sexual and reproductive rights and health
  – Women’s economic rights – e.g. land tenure

• Gender equality as a basis for all agreements in Rio+20
  – Human and Women’s rights assured in all new Sustainable Development Goals
  – Gender criteria for new institutional structure for sustainable development – e.g. quota
  – Gender criteria for financial global instruments
The Women’s Major Group (WMG), representing 200 civil society women’s organizations from all around the world, is greatly disappointed in the results of the Rio+20 conference. We believe that the governments of the world have failed both women and future generations.

At Rio+20, governments had a historic chance to take bold steps to end poverty and environmental destruction, to protect the rights of the most vulnerable members of our societies, to take concrete measures to fully implement women’s rights and women’s leadership. We now risk increased poverty, inequities and irreversible environmental damage.

This is not the future we want, nor the future we need.

Network of Women Ministers and Leaders for the Environment

Recommendations:

• Gender and environment should be fully integrated in the country level programme development, implementation, analysis and evaluation.

• Gender should not be considered as a sectoral issue but be “mainstreamed as an integral part of all sectors”

• Women’s needs and concerns have to be included in international discussions on energy, water and food security.

• Studies have to be conducted in order to know the gender impact on resources use and the gender-differentiated impact of environmental disasters.

• Women have to be empowered through recognizing them as decision makers on water management, on agriculture and rural development, etc.

• Women – in particular grassroots women – should have “an equal place in decision-making processes”. NWMLE recommends the creation of “regional, sub-regional and national parliamentary networks” establishing a “network of women parliamentarians on gender and environment”. NWLME underlines the fact green political parties are “effective instruments” and that women would be empowered by participating into parliamentary networks through them.
Global Women Scholars Network

About

The Global Women Scholars Network (GWSN) is designed to generate collaborative research proposals through a series of workshops and peer mentoring between women from national and international institutions. Our goal is to increase women in the sciences through generating collaborative research proposals on environmental sustainability that both provides a gender perspective for issues associated with sustainability, while also creating a supportive network of women scholars by pairing institutions and expertise.

http://www.youtube.com/user/Globalwomenscholars?feature=watch
GWSN @ Rio +20
Networking the Networks

3 Decades of Women at Rio

Women’s Environment & Development Organization
For a just world that promotes and protects human rights, gender equality and the integrity of the environment
Monitoring Online Climate Change Conversations

The ECOresearch Network presents and promotes interactive technologies for bringing together stakeholders of different disciplines and geographic regions to explore the design, implementation, management and evaluation of new media applications that advocate sustainability and the protection of natural ecosystems. Technology showcases such as the Media Watch on Climate Change and the US Election 2008 Web Monitor build upon the web.Lizard media monitoring and Web intelligence platform, which is continually being extended and refined through research projects on natural language processing, information extraction, and semantic technologies.

As part of this active research collaboration between a number of Austrian and international partner organizations, the Media Watch on Climate Change is currently being transformed from a news and social media aggregator into a Climate Change Collaboratory with advanced support of real-time communication and collaboration among environmental stakeholders.
Communicating Climate Change Science

- Global problem needs globally networked approach
- Creating replicable models
- Using technologies to connect
- Getting the private sector involved
Women in Natural Resources

• USAID, WOCAN (women organizing for change in agriculture and natural resources), US State Department

• Women make up the majority of the agricultural workforce in many parts of the world, and thus play an important role in natural resource management and in feeding the world’s population.

• High level institutional change needed

• Mentoring and role models: “There is a special place in hell for women who don’t help other women”