

WGC COP25 PREPARATION

Advocacy Training COP25:
Feminist Advocacy at the UN
Climate Negotiations
December 08 2019



AGENDA

- Refreshing UNFCCC basics
- Advocacy: Why and How
- Women and Gender Constituency
- How to get involved
- COP25 overview schedule
- Skill up your advocacy



REFRESHING BASICS OF THE UNFCCC



TREATIES AND MORE

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

- The first Conference of Parties (COP1) took place in Berlin in 1995.

Additional protocols:

Kyoto Protocol (KP) (1997)

- Two commitment periods: 2008-2012 and 2013-2020

Paris Agreement (PA) (2015)

- Entered into force 2016, implementation period starts 2020

THE PARIS AGREEMENT AT A GLANCE

- It has a hybrid architecture: bottom up approach (nationally determined) but a common international framework with top down elements (e.g. Global Stocktake)
- It sets a temperature goal: keep the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the increase to 1.5°C (in Art. 2)
- The foundation of its structure is that every Party will determine at the national level so-called Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). The involvement of every country in climate action contributions can be considered a paradigm shift.

UNFCCC GOVERNANCE

Governance



**Supreme
Bodies**
(COP, CMA, CMP)



Constituted Bodies
(AFB, PCCB, CGE, LEG)



Subsidiary Bodies
(SBI, SBSTA, ~~APA~~)



**Funds & Financial
Entities**
(GEF, GCF, AF)



**MEMBER STATES /
PARTIES**

<https://unfccc.int/process#:4137a64e-efea-4bbc-b773-d25d83eb4c34>

PARTIES AND NEGOTIATION BLOCS

G77 & China

African Group of Negotiators (AGN)

BASIC

LMDCs

LDCs

AOSIS

AILAC

Umbrella Group

EU

EIG

Arab Group

Coalition of Rainforest Nations

ALBA

PARTIES AND NEGOTIATION BLOCS

Group of 77 and China: 134 members, mainly from developing countries

Least developed countries (LDCs): the UN has categorized some developing countries as “least developed” – currently 48 countries that are mostly also part of G77

Small Island developing states (SIDS): Is a UN recognized group with 40 members which negotiate as Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) except Bahrain.

African Group: Consists of 54 countries which partly also belong to LDCs (34 countries) and all belong to G77

Arab Group: Consists of 21 countries and all belong to G77

European Union: The European Union is a party to the convention and also a negotiation group

PARTIES AND NEGOTIATION BLOCS

The Independent Alliance of Latin America and the Caribbean (AILAC): Consists of seven countries: Chile Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Panama, Paraguay and Peru (www.ailac.org)

Coalition for Rainforest Nations: Consists of about 40 countries that are covered by the three largest tropical rainforest areas: Amazonia, Congo Basin and New Guinea

Like-minded developing countries (LMDCs): All members are also part of G77 and China: Algeria, Argentina, Bolivia, Cuba, China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominica, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, India, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Lybia, Malaysia, Mali, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Syria, Sudan, Venezuela

Umbrella Group: Is a group of non-EU developed countries: Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Russian Federation and the US

PARTIES AND NEGOTIATION BLOCS

Environmental Integrity Group: A group of non-EU developed countries that could not share the decisions of the Umbrella group: Mexico, Liechtenstein, Monaco, The Republic of Korea and Switzerland

The Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of our America (ALBA): Consists of six countries: Bolivia, Cuba, Dominica, Ecuador, Nicaragua and Venezuela

BASIC: Brazil, South Africa, China and India

NON-PARTY CONSTITUENCIES

Business and industry non-governmental organizations (BINGO)

Environmental non-governmental organizations (ENGO)

Farmers

Indigenous peoples organizations (IPO)

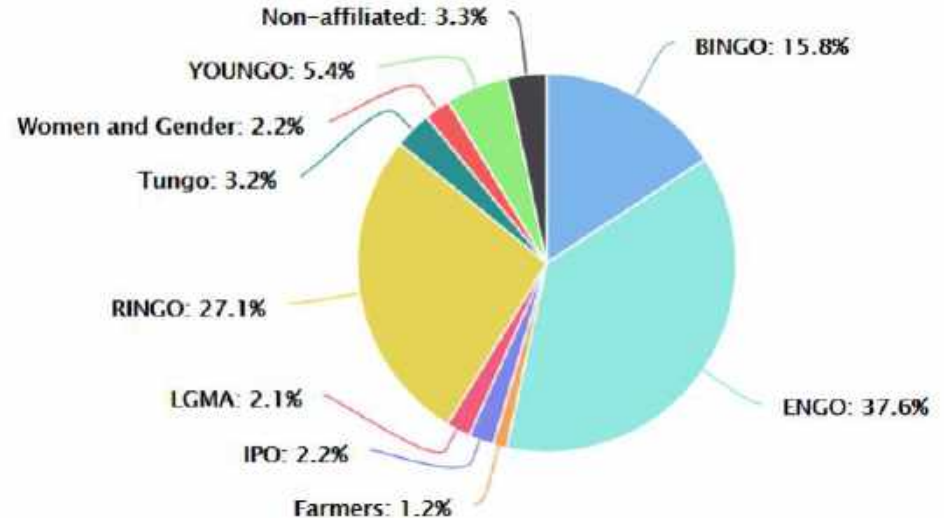
Local government and municipal authorities (LGMA)

Research and independent non-governmental organizations (RINGO)

Trade Unions non-governmental organizations (TUNGO)

Women and Gender

Youth non-governmental organizations (YOUNGO)



BEING AN ADVOCATE



“
Statistics are *political* acts.
They matter for those
we choose to count.
They matter even more
for those we don't count.
”

Tetet Nera-Lauran
CPDF Co-Chair
Asia Pacific Research Network

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WHAT DOES AN ADVOCATE DO

- Read, write, speak
- Liaise between multiple actors (government, UN, civil society at all levels)
- Create networks, platforms for dialogue
- Organize workshops, trainings and other events
- Consolidate information and draft positions/advocacy messages
- Coordinate a LOT of travel
- Research
- Represent women's positions
- MOBILIZE!

Perseverance & People Power

“We must each wear the hat of an advocate. Never hesitate to tell the truth. Never give in. Never give up.”

– Bella Abzug



What is Advocacy?

An activity by an individual or group that aims to influence decisions

within:

- Political
- Economic
- Social systems
- Institutions



MONDAY, JULY 9

Recognize women in all their diversity in relation to the right to clean water & sanitation



TUESDAY, JULY 10

Ensure a human rights & gender equality approach to sustainable energy



WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

Ensure that gender equality is at the heart of the planning & governance of sustainable cities & human settlements



THURSDAY, JULY 12

Sustainable consumption & production needs gender justice & making corporate polluters pay



FRIDAY, JULY 13

Ensure women's access to & participation in decision-making on land and biodiversity



MONDAY, JULY 16

Protect & engage women's human rights and environmental defenders



TUESDAY, JULY 17

Means of implementation needs to be truly transformative & gender-just



WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

International solidarity: local needs, global action, ensure human rights for all!

ADVOCACY STRATEGIES

- ✓ Create allies with other civil society organizations, with governments, with staff of the organization you are aiming to influence
- ✓ Be in the right place at the right time
- ✓ Contact media to help get out the message
- ✓ SOCIAL MEDIA strategy
- ✓ Organize events to advertise what you want to advocate
- ✓ DON'T GIVE UP but know when to take a break

WHY ADVOCACY

- To hold Governments accountable to agreed commitments on human rights, women's rights and environment
- To push for progress and support in a more comprehensive and rights-based approach
- To act as a watchdog – ensuring policies don't exacerbate inequalities
- To create a more just world
- To understand where power is, and where people's movements and civil society can best have influence/ challenge power

IN PRACTICE: PRESENT INTERVENTIONS ON THE FLOOR...



IN PRACTICE: GENDER CHAMPIONS WON AWARDS...



IN PRACTICE: CELEBRATED WITH SONG AND DANCE...



IN PRACTICE: KEEP SMILING DURING TOUGHEST DAYS



IN PRACTICE: FIND HIGH-LEVEL SUPPORT...





UNDERSTAND YOUR GOALS

What is your key message you are bringing into the space from your community/organization?

How would you like to see this come up here at COP25 i.e. in media, through actions, in decisions, in movement?

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Google groups: This lists may be joined through signing up on the homepage of our website.

Advocacy training and strategy meeting at COP (December 1 & 8)

Contact to the co-focal points:

- Bridget Burns – global north focal point - [bridget\[at\]wedo.org](mailto:bridget[at]wedo.org) & Ndivile Mokoena – global south focal point – [ndivile\[at\]gendercc.org.za](mailto:ndivile[at]gendercc.org.za)

Women and Gender Constituency daily Meeting

Daily women's caucus

www.womengenderclimate.org

OVERVIEW SCHEDULE

https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Overview%20Schedule_COP25.pdf

- Pre-sessional meetings e.g. Review of the WIM & Gender technical workshop by the Presidency
- Regional preparatory meetings (LDCs, SIDS, AGN, G77 and China)
- COP 25 / CMP 15 / CMA 2
- SB 51: SBI 51 / SBSTA 51
- Joint high-level segment (covers COP, CMP and CMA)
- Mandated events
- High-level event on Global Climate Action
- Stocktake on pre-2020 implementation and ambition
- Side events and exhibits

OVERVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS AND MANDATED EVENTS

[COP 25](#) | [CMP 15](#) | [CMA 2](#) | [SBSTA 51](#) |
[SBI 51](#)

The provisional agendas of the governing and subsidiary bodies are prepared according to Rule 10 of the draft rules of procedure being applied. In this regard, the provisional agendas reflect mandates from previous sessions, including the outcomes of COP 24, CMP 14 and CMA 1.3 as well as SBSTA 50 and SBI 50

DOCUMENTS FOR ADVOCACY PREPARATION

- Co-Chairs reflection note
- Draft negotiation text
- All those documents can be found here: <https://unfccc.int/documents>

When you are at COP there are also vital civil society updates that are very helpful:

- IIED Earth Negotiation Bulletin, Third World Network & Daily ECO from CAN

Katowice Climate Package mandates for COP 25 / CMP 15 / CMA 2

Mitigation

Common timeframes

NDC public registry

Article 6

Adaptation

Adaptation communication public registry

Finance

AFB to submit recommendations on rules of procedure for AF serving the PA

Transparency

Methodological issues under SBSTA (dedicated discussion flexibility)

Terms of reference of the CGE

source: LINDA SIEGELE

Other agenda items

- **Reports from constituted bodies, e.g.**
 - Adaptation Committee
 - TEC and CTCN
 - SCF
 - WIM ExCom
 - LCIPP
- **Matters relating to finance, e.g.**
 - Report of the GCF
 - Report of the GEF
 - Matters relating to the AF (including recommendations on membership the AFB)
- **Review of the WIM**
- **Recommendations on the periodic review of the LTTG**
- **Gender and climate change**
 - Review of the Lima work programme on gender and the gender action plan
- **Budgetary matters**

WGC BRIEFING PAPERS

Gender Action Plan: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=12b6Slo6RotqeURlrOpQTeyEELREW9sUhTYkE5BSEzQQ>

Article 6: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1t0s_Ybg_pLXDzELKJc0viVEW1glvmwcmMk2WtermJvo

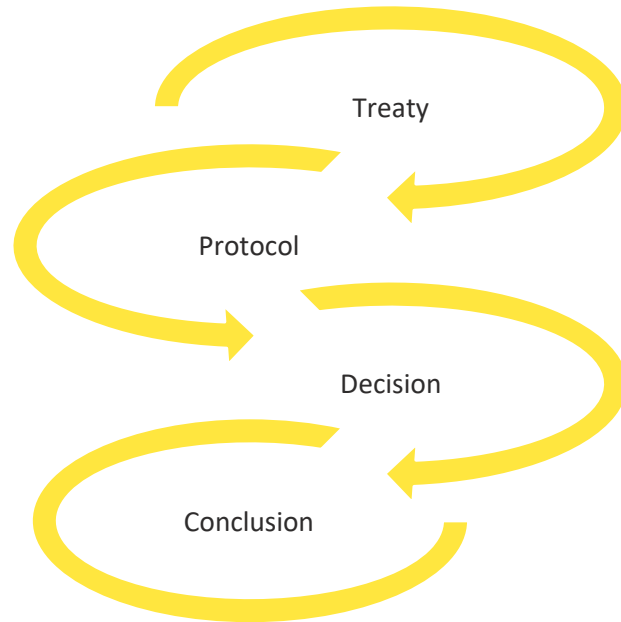
Oceans: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=12b6Slo6RotqeURlrOpQTeyEELREW9sUhTYkE5BSEzQQ>

IPCC: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UZrtjlqIYSvo0B7GiZ3mETZLerVxBdOeZ_RVM0j9U1s/edit

Migration: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1svpN7jCUiSqArq7zN7hArTjfnwuAeFliG3Iy5VZRIho>

Loss & Damage: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1IjgDq4wft46pl8oHZqPEHqzqp_yfgymOPV52j0P8jSM

HIERARCHY OF DOCUMENTS



UNDERSTANDING A DECISION STRUCTURE

IPCC/CP.2016/10/Add.2

Decision 21/CP.22

Gender and climate change

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 36/CP.7, 1/CP.16, 23/CP.18, 18/CP.20 and 1/CP.21 and the Paris Agreement,

Underlining the importance of coherence between gender-responsive climate policies and the balanced participation of women and men in the Convention process and the provisions of international instruments and outcomes such as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

Noting that, notwithstanding the progress made by Parties in implementing the decisions referred to above, there is a need for women to be represented in all aspects of the Convention process, including through membership of their national delegations and the chairing and facilitation of formal and informal negotiating groups,

Acknowledging with appreciation the important role of the two-year Lima work programme on gender in the incorporation of a gender perspective in the work of the Parties and the secretariat in implementing the Convention,

Noting with appreciation the contributions received in support of the work undertaken to date,

Also noting that gender-responsive climate policy still requires further strengthening in all activities concerning adaptation, mitigation and related means of implementation (finance, technology development and transfer and capacity-building) as well as decision-making on the implementation of climate policies,

1. Welcomes the report by the secretariat on the in-session workshop on gender-responsive climate policy with a focus on adaptation, capacity-building and training for delegates on gender issues, which was held during the forty-fourth session of the subsidiary bodies;

2. Notes with appreciation the submissions from Parties and observers as input for the workshop referred to in paragraph 1 above;

3. Takes note of the report by the secretariat on the gender composition of constituted bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, and the urgent need to improve the representation of women in all of the bodies established under the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement;

4. Urges Parties to enhance their efforts in advancing the implementation of decisions 36/CP.7, 1/CP.16, 23/CP.18 and 18/CP.20.

Preamble

Operative part

GENDER LANGUAGE

“Adopts a goal of **gender balance** ... in order to improve **women’s participation** and inform more effective climate change policy that addresses **the needs of women and men equally;**”

“...take fully into account the consequences for **vulnerable groups, in particular women**” (Not used often anymore)

“...recognizes that gender equality and the **effective participation of women** are important for effective climate action on all aspects of climate change”

“...should follow a **gender-responsive approach**”

“...strengthening **gender-related considerations**”

“...ensure **gender responsiveness**”

“...taking into account **gender aspects**”

“...promoting the use of **gender-sensitive** tools and approaches”

“...including **sex and gender-disaggregated data and analysis**”

“...be guided by **gender equality**”

Questions

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GET READY FOR TEXT WORK

LWPG/GAP

4 GROUPS

- 1) Strategy for Bilaterals
- 2) Prepare tweets
- 3) Write a press release

ARTICLE 6

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WGC KEY DEMANDS



At COP24, the WGC demands UNFCCC outcomes:

1. Ensure human rights-based and gender-just implementation guidelines for the Paris Agreement

These Paris Agreement implementation guidelines must reflect the full vision of the Paris Agreement — that of rights-based, participative, and gender-responsive climate action that contributes to promoting a just transition and food security while respecting indigenous rights and traditional knowledge. When finalising the guidelines related to the communication of future NDCs, the scope of national reporting, or the modalities of the Article 6 mechanisms, the Parties should ensure that this vision is adequately

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/152RVvff2IQ-H5FFqZie6reSuRBzXep8u>

CHILEAN PRESIDENCIES PRIORITIES

“Time for Action” COP

- Encourage concrete climate action
- Ensure an inclusive process for all Parties
- Formal integration of the scientific world and the private sector

Highlight the following topics

Oceans
Antarctica
Biodiversity
Forests
Adaptation

Cities
Renewable energy
Circular economy
Electromobility

OVERVIEW WGC GENDER SIDE EVENTS

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Lqa0vaxMODv4kWkb2ajo_7UYRHHzZtZv1kM5HYCLkOk/edit#gid=304816990

Monday, 02 Dec 2019 18:30—20:00

Beyond Labels, Beyond Borders: Advancing rights-based protection of climate-induced migrants

Monday, 02 Dec 2019 18:30—20:00

Making Art. 6 work for gender equality & indigenous peoples' rights-learning from local experiences

Friday, 06 Dec 2019 15:00—16:30

Multi-stakeholder Solutions for Community Resilience and Climate Action in Asia

Monday, 09 Dec 2019 15:00—16:30

Gender Just Climate Solution Awards 2019!

Monday, 09 Dec 2019 15:00—16:30

A feminist attempt connecting the dots: climate crisis, corporate power, and climate finance

Wednesday, 11 Dec 2019 13:15—14:45

Gender-responsive urban climate policies and NDCs

USEFUL LINKS

Glossary of climate change acronyms and terms: <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-convention/glossary-of-climate-change-acronyms-and-terms>

UNFCCC Negotiator App: <https://unfccc.int/news/download-unfccc-negotiator-app>

Data on Gender aspects in the UNFCCC <https://wedo.org/download-wedos-new-app-gender-climate-tracker/>

Refreshing your knowledge on the UNFCCC process (published by iied): Becoming a UNFCCC delegate: what you need to know

Providing a collection of materials and documents on gender and climate
<https://unfccc.int/topics#:70bd5236-db5c-4951-b3f9-f0ba194311f5>

WOMEN GENDER CONSTITUENCY

Thanks for your participation, in case of questions - please come back to:

- Bridget Burns (WEDO)
- Nanna Birk (LIFE Education Sustainability Equality)
- Ndivile Mokoena (GenderCC-Southern Africa)
- Patricia Bohland (LIFE Education Sustainability Equality)
- Lea Scheffler (LIFE Education Sustainability Equality)

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