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EESC/SDO: TOWARDS A NEW CLIMATE AGREEMENT IN 2015 – CIVIL SOCIETY POSITIONS

A Gender Perspective

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What WECF Does

- 150 partner NGOs in over 40 countries
- Local project work and nat'l./ internat'l. advocacy work
- 4 offices: France, Germany, NL, CH
- 5 thematic areas:
 - Energy & Climate
 - Chemicals, Waste & Health
 - Water & Sanitation
 - Biodiversity & Food
 - Gender & Rights

Strategy “Energy and Climate”

- Coordination with international advocacy partners within different UN and other processes (WVG etc.)
- Active at UNFCCC via women and gender constituency, and also via CAN, GGCA, WECAN
- Different “energy” projects in various countries (e.g. EU-funded project in Ukraine and Georgia; NL-funded project in low-income rural and peri-urban regions in 6 countries: Afghanistan, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, South Africa, Tajikistan, Uganda)



Why Climate Change and Gender?



- Impacts felt most severely by poor who are often women (exacerbated risks);
- Women more vulnerable to extreme weather events;
- Women agents of change in mitigation and adaptation.

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What WECF Calls For:

Lima and beyond

- Fair and legally binding agreement with sufficiently ambitious quantified GHG emission reductions
- Integration of gender equality – take into account rights, needs, perspectives, capacities and expertise of women
- Human Rights to be at the centre of a new agreement – inequality, socio-economic issues, development justice

What WECF Calls For:

Lima and beyond

- Loss and damage provisions with necessary mechanisms based on the Warsaw International Mechanism on Loss and Damage
- Mitigation: no large-scale high-risk technologies (such as nuclear, shale gas, geo-engineering etc.) – sustainable energy paradigm, prioritising safe, decentralised renewable energy systems (bottom-up approach)

Projects: “Switch to Sun, Live in Comfort” and “Empower Women-Benefit All”



THANK YOU!

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