



Feminist Sustainable Development: A Transformative Alternative for Gender Equality, Development and Peace

PREAMBLE

We, women of many nations, cultures, ethnicities, races, ages, sexual orientations and gender identities have come together to present our feminist alternative approaches and recommendations to the intergovernmental negotiations on the Post 2015 Development Agenda and other related ongoing processes including the Financing for Development Conference, Beijing+20 review, ICPD+20, Rio+20, UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, Commission on the Status of Women, and the Women, Peace and Security Agenda, as well as progressive civil society declarations and calls for action.

Currently, the world is experiencing multiple crises and significant shifts in gendered geopolitical relations. The global financial crisis has wreaked havoc on livelihoods, especially for those most at risk including women of the global south. The promotion of austerity policies to address the consequent increases in government budget deficits has led to the erosion of economic, political, and social rights especially for at risk groups. Women's unpaid work, including unpaid care work, has increased dramatically in order to compensate for wide-ranging cuts to vital public services. At the same time, financial support for women's rights work and movement building is increasingly under pressure due to budget cuts. Inequalities and disparities within and between countries have increased, and women continue to face highly unequal outcomes across the globe in spite of increased participation in the global economy. The feminization and intergenerational transfer of poverty is rampant and unemployment and underemployment have also increased, along with further downward pressure on the already discriminatory and unjust conditions, benefits, and remuneration of employment.

We are distressed by the rise of violent insurgent and extremist groups; unregulated counterterrorism measures; repressive states; violence and intolerance in the name of religion; social and political instability in many parts of the world; ongoing conflicts; public health emergencies including those jeopardizing the sexual and reproductive health and rights of women; increasing militarization and surveillance; continued lack of accountability and the shrinking civil society space including for women human rights defenders worldwide.

We are deeply concerned about the intensification of natural disasters, environmental degradation, food insecurity and intensification in human insecurity which are fueled by exploitative, unsustainable, and gendered human practices including the militarist, extractivist, neoliberal economic model which leads to climate change in all regions and which particularly and disproportionately impact women and girls in developing countries including Small Island Developing States.

We are also outraged by the increasing rate of sexual and gender-based violence including violence justified on the grounds of tradition, culture and religion which often goes unreported and is masked by impunity while services for survivors continue to be inadequate and too often gender-blind. We reject the current prioritization of investments in militarization and armed violence over gender equitable social development and peace. We are dismayed by the global retrogression in the realization of all human rights, especially women's human rights, which are universal, indivisible, interdependent and inalienable and must be protected and promoted by States in line with their international legal obligations, regardless of their political, economic or social systems.

We are deeply troubled with the limited political will in guaranteeing sexual and reproductive health and rights, and the constant threatening of these rights justified by tradition, culture and religion. The realization of sexual and reproductive health and rights are not only essential components of gender equality and women's human rights but are also closely interlinked with progress in all key development agendas. Realizing gender equality is both a state obligation and also instrumental to eradicating poverty; eliminating inequality; improving health; preventing and resolving conflicts; mitigating climate change and achieving food sovereignty and nutritional security.

We are concerned that the transformative essence of sustainable development – the intersection of economic development, environmental protection and social development – is being lost. The same is true towards emphasis and concrete actions for sustainable peace. A reformulation of development as 'human development' has, sadly, lost its cutting-edge as it has been increasingly interpreted as merely investment in human capital. Environmental protection and social development, including women's human rights, are consistently being negotiated out. A focus on 'inclusive growth' has disguised the fact that for many marginalized segments of society, especially women and girls, the problem is not always exclusion, but exploitative inclusion - inclusion on gendered and very unequal terms. This eliminates the obligation to treat people as rights-holders and the realization of their rights as ends in themselves rather than just as a means to further economic interests that perpetuate poverty and inequalities. Furthermore, the common understanding of 'sustainable development' has become 'green economy' without taking on-board the need for much more fundamental changes in what is produced, by whom and for whom as well as who has access, control and ownership of power relations, wealth and resources. Moreover, discussions often omit the need for redistribution of resources from the global rich to the global poor, including redistribution within countries.

In order to achieve the transformative changes that the Millennium Development Goals failed to produce, the Post 2015 development agenda must be rooted in and integrate a comprehensive gender equality strategy. It must ensure the universal realization of all women and girls' human rights including economic, social and cultural rights, and civil and political rights as recognized in international human rights instruments*. The next development agenda must ensure women's human rights progressively, without non-regression, and maximum available resources.

* These instruments include the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), the Beijing Declaration and its Platform for Action, the Cairo Declaration, the Rio Declaration, the Maastricht Principles, the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women, the Women, Peace and Security agenda, and the Colombo Declaration on Youth.

In addressing **inequalities**, we believe in the need to tackle the structural causes of prevailing discrimination, alongside promoting equality of outcomes and not just opportunities through a holistic approach, which includes temporary special measures. There is a need to reform structures that produce and compound gender inequality over time and across generations. Thus, the focus should shift to increasing the wellbeing of women and men, girls and boys, and people with different sexual orientations and gender identities rather than just reducing gender gaps with a lowest-common denominator approach.

We remind the international community that **unpaid domestic and care work** disproportionately undertaken by women and girls, especially ethnic minority women and girls, sustains families, communities and whole societies. All people should be able to enjoy high quality care, consistent with their right to life and adequate standard of living. Moreover, costs and burdens must be more evenly distributed between the state, community and family, and in families - between partners, whether women, men or other gender identity. Caregivers should not have to sacrifice their rights, income, life choices or opportunities.

We stress that the new global development framework should protect and ensure women's bodily integrity and autonomy. **Sexual and reproductive health and rights** must be protected and freedom from violence ensured within a human rights framework. This also includes universal comprehensive sexuality education and information for all, especially for young people, as well as access to health services for adolescent girls. The realization of sexual and reproductive rights is a critical basis for ensuring women's human rights and sustainable development.

We remind states that governments and constitutions must be **inclusive and accountable** to the people they serve regardless of gender. All people, including women and girls and LGBTQI people, have a stake in their communities and nations, and must be treated as such. All people must be able to contribute to and benefit through their **full and equal participation**, contributions, and realization of benefits in their community. **Equal access to justice** including for women and girls, other marginalized and socially excluded groups is imperative to realizing human rights and true democracy, equality, peace as well as long-term national prosperity and wellbeing. Safety and equal access to justice must be ensured for **women human rights defenders**, who are critical to protecting and preserving human rights, economic stakes, and environmental safety and security in their communities, but who are being directly targeted by violence.

We underline that peacemaking, reconciliation, and transition processes must put gender equality and women's human rights at their core, and that women and other marginalized groups must have a full, equal, and meaningful role in decision-making in all spheres including at household levels, in local and national governments as well as ministerial positions. The rights of women and girls must be considered in all evaluations of freedom, equality, and justice and advanced in all policy and program development processes. Free and **active engagement of civil society including women-led civil society** must be fostered and encouraged, and civil society and policy makers must be included in making policy decisions. **Civil society organizations**, particularly women's rights organizations, must be recognized and treated as key partners in the design, implementation and monitoring of the agreements and relevant policies at all levels. In addition, substantial increase in **financing and investments** in gender equitable social spending as well as a culture of peace through nonviolent conflict resolution skills, and a reduction of investment in military industry and institutions must be fulfilled.

In today's networked world ushered by Information Communication Technologies (ICTs), women must have **access to ICTs and right to use all forms of information and communication systems** including community radio which often provides a vital link within and between communities as well as to decision makers. At the same time, women should have their rights secured online and on the web which relates to means protection from online harassment as well as (state) surveillance.

We affirm that all development actors are obligated to promote human rights as well as contribute to strong, inclusive and transformative economies. This requires assessing the impact of their actions on inequality and investing in the generation of equality and development. National governments, international financial institutions, transnational corporations, and other stakeholders must be held accountable for environmental and human rights violations to ensure they put people over profit through actions that guarantee gender justice for all. We pledge to advocate for our actions, presented below, and utilize the messages towards the adoption and implementation of a new development agenda that holds people at the center and puts women and those most marginalized at the mainstream. We urge state parties to join these efforts, partnering for change.

ACTIONS WE DEMAND

Towards a World free of Poverty and Inequalities

Recognizing that multi-dimensional poverty and inequality are not two separate realities but an interconnected reality and that gender inequalities are a fundamental reality in all societies;

Concerned that root causes of both poverty and inequality are embedded within gendered economic, political, cultural and social structures of countries and the global economy that rely on gendered and exploitative power relations that exploit women and marginalized groups;

Concerned that poverty and inequality have been exacerbated by the pursuit of gendered global economic strategies using the neoliberal economic model that exploit feminized labor, in the name of economic growth and investment;

Deeply troubled by the inequality that is an ever-widening gap between the rich and the poor, both within and between nations, visible across a variety of intersections, including gender, age, class, caste, race, ethnicity, place of origin, cultural or religious background, sexual orientation, gender identity, health or migrant status or abilities;

Recognizing the creation and perpetuation of poverty by conflict and reminding states of the importance of investing in gender equality, women's rights, education as well as a culture of peace rather than industries of poverty, militarization, violence and war and most importantly reiterating the need for building cultures of peace through non-violent education, media, and economic investments;

Recognizing that all forms of ICTs are becoming universal enablers of change, transforming social systems and structures in an interconnected world;

We demand that all governments honor their obligations to the human rights of women and all people affirmed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and other commitments, including the Right to an Adequate Standard of Living, and the Right to Work and the Right to Development, LGBTQI rights, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Gender and Environment and the Women Peace and Security agenda.

We call for progressive taxation, redistributive financial policies, coherent global regulation, full and equal ability to access land and the inclusion of a wealth distribution indicator within the framework of the new development agenda.

We demand structural reforms rather than prescriptive measures address how multi-dimensional poverty, inequality and discrimination affect women and girls within their particular contexts, especially as it pertains to discriminatory and heavy unpaid care workloads, violence against women, poor infrastructure, lack of public services as well as other structural drivers of inequalities and the feminization of poverty.

We demand ICTs be made available as a universal service for all, people within an open and equitable architecture for the attainment of a just and equitable society that provides human rights and dignity for all.

We demand that governments take concrete action to uphold their commitments including by:

- *Holding all development actors accountable for their obligation to respect, protect, and fulfill women's equal human rights progressively and without retrogression using maximum available resources,*
- *Taking action to eliminate poverty and inequality by developing and implementing strategies that progressively reduce all forms of inequality based on various intersecting identities,*
- *Protecting the right of women and all people to decent work with safe and decent working conditions, wage equality as well as the institutionalization of a living wage in order to support the ability of family to live with dignity, particularly with respect to workers in the informal sector, care economy, women workers, and domestic and migrant workers,*
- *Ensuring that any commitment to rights to work comply with the core International Labor Organization standards of decent work and gender equality Conventions and address the right to equal pay for work of equal value, maternity and parental rights, employment security, living wages, and pension/social security benefits,*
- *Recognize and value the contributions of unpaid domestic and care work to the economy and reduce its disproportionate burden on women and girls; redistribute the burden of care between the state, community and family, and in families- between partners - whether women, men or other gender identities - through quality public services, universal social protection, investment in infrastructure, and time and labor saving technologies in order to ensure gender equality and women's human rights including to rest, leisure, and just remuneration of work,*

- *Designing, implementing and monitoring fiscal policies that are just and human rights based and generate progressive tax systems that enhance women's productivity, access to public services and commodities and redress discrimination and inequality.*

Towards Women and Girls' Healthy Lives, Holistic Knowledge, and Inclusive Participation

Recognizing that ensuring healthy lives, knowledge, and the inclusion of women and children requires protection, promotion and universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights without risk of violence or discrimination;

Recognizing in this regard the critical nature of freedom from violence, including from sexual and gender based violence and violence faced by people of diverse sexual orientation, and violence justified on the basis of religion, culture or tradition that is essential for the realization of economic, social, cultural, civil, and political rights;

Concerned that continuation of poverty and inequalities remain key challenges that prevent equitable and safe access to sexual and reproductive health services;

Recognizing the importance of guaranteeing equal and secure access to and control over land and resources, including through the elimination of land-grabbing, for poverty eradication and food sovereignty;

Recognizing that unpaid care is crucial to the social and economic good and that women's disproportionate responsibility for its provision has a huge impact on all aspects of gender equality and women's rights - from ability to earn income from paid work to pursuing education, and living healthy lives - as well as on perpetuating poverty and entrenching further inequalities;

Acknowledging that access to education is a human right with access for all segments of society with relevant learning outcomes through the provision of quality education at all levels, from early childhood to higher education, in safe and healthy environments;

Observing the ushering of a new paradigm of information and knowledge by digital technologies and investing in bridging the data gender divide and technology gap, which can serve as opportunities for the empowerment of women and girls;

We demand the provision of comprehensive universal access to high quality sexual and reproductive health services to ensure that all women, youth, children and LGBTIQI communities have access to the full range of sexual and reproductive health services, and not be limited to maternal health and family planning.

For those living with HIV/AIDS, it is necessary to ensure safe and affordable access to treatment, care, and support, sexual and reproductive health and rights as well as the right to life without violence and discrimination. This includes ending the criminalization of HIV exposure, transmission and human rights violations against women and girls living with HIV, including forced and coerced sterilization and abortion.

We call for rights based programs on sexual and reproductive health and rights, including the right to equality and to right to be free from discrimination, coercion and violence and recognition of the principles of bodily integrity, dignity, respect for diversity are part of affirmative sexuality and gender identity.

We call for youth-friendly health services to young people to ensure that they make informed choices free from violence, coercion, child, early and forced marriage, unintended pregnancies and infection together with access to education including comprehensive sexuality education, employment opportunities, and participation. We demand access to comprehensive sexuality education, sexuality and reproductive services for all adolescent and young people as essential to upholding their rights and enabling them to make informed choices about their health, sexuality and lives, negotiate healthy relationships, understand and demand their rights, challenge gender norms and resist child, early and forced marriage.

We demand advances in the data revolution including better statistics to fill existing data gaps, which is inclusive of women and girls, and vulnerable groups, to serve public good, social justice, human rights, and gender equality.

We demand that governments take concrete action to uphold their commitments including by:

- *Ensuring access to comprehensive sexuality education, education for global citizenship, human rights as well as sexuality and reproductive services for all adolescent and young people,*
- *Ensuring well-being and rights for all by tackling the intersecting and structural drivers of inequalities and multiple forms of discrimination,*
- *Ending sexual and gender based violence and violence against women in all of its forms by taking action to advance efforts through alignment of national frameworks with international women's human rights agreements including CEDAW,*
- *Ensuring access to comprehensive health services, including sexual and reproductive health, to immigrant and refugee women and all migrants including undocumented migrants as well as upholding obligations to providing adequate health information and access to services and enable migrant and refugee women to lead healthy and fulfilling lives in destination countries,*
- *Developing education policies that uphold the human rights to education, progressively reduce all forms of disparities and inequalities including older women, indigenous women, persons with disabilities, vulnerable children and guaranteeing equitable access to inclusive and quality education including literacy and lifelong learning,*
- *Ensuring that teachers and adult educators be provided the means to deliver learning and knowledge in response to a safe global workplace, are well supported, motivated and their trainings are inclusive, flexible, and of quality*
- *Ensuring the rights to secure access to land for women and girls by combating discriminatory inheritance, succession, customary and/or family laws and marriage related-practices that violate universal and fundamental human rights protections of non-discrimination and equality, progressively increasing access and control of land by women and men over time toward equality, strengthening the tracking and action to address land control and land-grabbing, and improving access to land by small landowners;*

- *Recognizing, reducing and redistributing unpaid care work between the state, community and family, to enable equal caregiving in families- between partners, whether women, men or other gender identities- by advancing the state's role in ensuring accessible, quality public services, universal social protection, investment in infrastructure, and time and labor saving technologies in order to ensure gender equality and women's human rights including to rest, leisure, and just remuneration of work.*

Towards a Just World with a Development Model that Works for Everyone

Recognizing that a transformative global economy requires a just governance junction with governments being responsive to the needs of the people;

Recognizing that economic growth and the profit motive alone cannot be understood as strategies for sustainable development and that sustainable development policies must also support ongoing efforts to realize environmental protection and social development including women's economic and social rights over time;

Concerned that the current macro-economic model turns an active blind eye towards gender equality and women's human rights while perpetuating poverty and inequality including feminized and intergenerational transfer of poverty;

Troubled that the current economic model is one that fosters gendered inequality, exploitation and violence including through trade agreements that disregard human rights obligations, place the interests of corporations above the interests of people and play a role in increasing internal and external migration flows by forcing people out of their communities;

Reiterating the need for transformative proposals that take into consideration the impact of multiple intersecting crises - including the financial crisis, economic recession, conflicts, care, food, climate and biodiversity crisis;

Acknowledging that an inclusive and transformational economy is predicated upon the universal availability and accessibility of all ICTs and that the data revolution must specifically promote public and peer-to-peer platforms for gathering and employing 'big data' while providing safe and participatory spaces for women and marginalized groups;

We demand that governments honor their commitments to economic and social and the rights of women to be fully realized by:

- *Affirming and enforcing the importance of human rights obligations not only among states but by transnational actors as set out in the CEDAW Convention and Maastricht Principles,*
- *Developing strategies of industrialization and manufacturing for sustainable development that honor the role of women through systems of regulation that prevent the use of women's labor as a part of a drive for devalued wages and unsustainable environmental practices ensuring that women's right to decent work is guaranteed and honored by all actors,*

- *Working towards policies that affirm natural resource development not just as economic opportunity but the responsibilities of the global common good in the use, cultivation and protection of resources,*
- *Utilizing human rights tools and upholding their obligations under international law to create more just and equitable relationships between people, nations, organizations and natural resources,*
- *Working to eliminate trade agreements that give unfair advantage to transnational corporate interests at the expense of national and local economies and to the caregivers, often women, who take up the burden of care work,*
- *Strengthening public data systems including the development of guidelines and policies for data collection, use and ownership; and data pertaining to public interest and use safeguards,*
- *Promoting women's leadership, voice and agency at all levels and across the conflict spectrum ensuring gender parity, and engaging with women's groups and organizations in economic policy making spaces and processes,*
- *Ensuring women's participation in economic governance structures and policy dialogues at local, national and international not only in planning stage but also in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation.*

Towards Environmental Sustainability

Recognizing the urgent need for action on climate change and environmental degradation that specifically articulate the need for a drastic system change;

Endorsing the Common but Differentiated Responsibilities (CBDR) principle as a sustainable development model that works for women and girls;

Recognizing the roles of women human rights defenders in the field of preserving nature and the integrity of the rights of people;

Acknowledging traditional knowledge and practices of indigenous and rural women in environmental sustainability;

Recognizing unpaid domestic and care work, often performed by women, as a structural element that should be considered a priority and not increased in the implementation of climate measures;

Recognizing the importance of integrating gender equality from a macro-economic perspective and the need to avoid replication in discriminatory gendered roles in adaptation and mitigation measures;

Recognizing the importance of disarmament to elimination of toxic waste, environmental contamination, and health risks especially for poor and marginalized groups;

We demand governments commit to a radical and urgent transition from extractive, profit-based economies to people-centered models that are just, equitable, gender-sensitive and locally driven;

We demand to see a thorough transparency and accountability process, in which the Means of Implementation (MoI) flow mainly from public resources, and in which the private funds are accountable as well as on their social and environmental impacts.

We expect that in every action of the environmental sustainability agenda the highest human rights and gender equality standards and participatory processes be conveyed in the means of implementation, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms, including innovative methodologies for data gathering and analysis;

We demand that women of all ages should be considered in the macro-dimension in adaptation and mitigation measures, integrating them not only in projects of “access” to resources, but also in management and ownership levels (including in clean mechanism for energetic transition, transport, infrastructure and other projects);

We demand that governments take concrete action to uphold their commitments including by:

- *Committing to a comprehensive, ambitious and binding new climate agreement, which aims to limit global warming below 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels,*
- *Acknowledging the right to development, so that no economic interest is placed ahead of those of the people and the need to achieve a healthy environment,*
- *Integrating the human rights framework, gender equality and sustainability criteria to every legal and policy measure undertaken to adapt and mitigate the effects of climate change, including in the Means of Implementation envisaged in the process,*
- *Retaining and promoting traditional knowledge and practices of indigenous and rural women,*
- *Instituting protection mechanisms for environmental and human rights defenders including women’s human rights defenders,*
- *Institutionalizing of food sovereignty in laws and policies and ensure that decision-making processes at all levels are led by those most affected by the impacts of climate change.*

Towards Peaceful, Safe and Participatory Societies and Just Institutions

Recognizing that the current global economic and political system is set up for plunder and profit at the expense of human rights, social and gender justice, and sustainability;

Concerned that the current fragmented approach to ensuring peace and security, gender equality and development perpetuates ad-hoc, instrumentalist solutions rather than addressing root causes of injustice, discrimination and violence;

Observing that peace was a missing goal in the Millennium Development Goal framework, with 22 of 34 countries furthest from reaching the MDGs being conflict affected and 82% of world’s poor projected to live in fragile states by 2025;

Outraged that 70 years of commitments for gender equality, development, and peace have yet to be effectively translated into real-life accomplishments, benefitting grassroots women and their communities worldwide;

Recognizing the role of the private sector, especially militarist, extractivist, logging, and other transnational corporations in gender-based violence, and violence against indigenous and women human rights defenders and detrimental impact on the environment;

Recognizing that disarmament, nonproliferation of the arms trade, and investments in nonviolent conflict resolution is key to ensuring peaceful, stable societies and sustainable and resilient ecosystems;

Recognizing that ending gender-based violence and militarism, including racial, sexual, disability, and economic discrimination and inequalities, are key to promotion of safe and peaceful societies;

We demand that governments, the UN and other stakeholders such as the private sector comply with CEDAW General Recommendation 30, Beijing Platform for Action Area E, the Women, Peace and Security Agenda (UN Security Council resolutions 1325 (2000), 1820 (2009), 1888 (2009), 1889 (2010), 1960 (2011), 2106 (2013), and 2122 (2013)), the Arms Trade Treaty, and other human rights, disarmament, and humanitarian law obligating state and non-state actors to promote women's participation, protection, and rights in conflict prevention, conflict resolution, and post-conflict reconstruction processes.

We demand government accountability for women's rights and gender justice. We demand that violence committed against all people – women, men, LTBTQI persons, of all ages, races, classes, ethnicities, citizens and non-citizens – be acknowledged and redressed at national, regional and international levels.

We demand that governments take concrete action to upholding these commitments, including by:

- *Only recognizing peace agreements which include women's meaningful participation and guarantee gender equality and adherence to women's human rights,*
- *Protecting women human rights defenders from state and non-state violence including violence justified through religion, culture, or tradition,*
- *Ensuring gender-sensitive durable solutions for women and girl refugees and Internally Displaced People (IDPs) and ensuring meaningful right to asylum for women and girls,*
- *Reducing arms proliferation and militarization of societies, which greatly undermines everyone's safety and security, in particular exacerbating sexual and other forms of gender-based violence,*
- *Strengthening peace and nonviolence education and initiatives, and providing meaningful, affordable or free, and human rights-based justice systems for all individuals, and particularly for women, girls and all at-risk groups,*
- *Ensuring strong financing of commitments for peace and gender justice, including by increasing gender equitable social spending and investments in human security, and reducing and redirecting military spending,*
- *Strengthening transparency and accountability of both state and non-state actors for women's human rights across the conflict spectrum, including for international financial institutions, private military corporations, militia and criminal networks,*

- *Strengthening peace-based prevention and nonviolent resolution of conflict and other human made crises through holistic response on issues of poverty, economic, social, and political rights, rule of law, disarmament, and accountability for human rights violations.*

Towards the Creation of a Genuine Sustainable Development for All

Outraged by the continuous disregard for the critical need of financing for development and economic justice and gender equality;

Appalled by the inexcusable prioritization of investing in militarism and arms over development, gender equality and peace;

Observing that women's rights organizations, movements and grassroots activists organizations, have been doing some of the most impactful and innovative work in the field, holding the line on past gains, pushing for new policy and behavior changes, providing critical services, and holding governments accountable for their commitments;

Concerned about the uncritical embrace of the private sector as the key driver of development which, left to itself, is likely to increase inequality, precarious work, tax avoidance and evasion, systemic financial risk, environmental degradation and failure to realize human rights;

Concerned that the "multi-stakeholder" approach as a problematic model that treats all actors, including civil society and the private sector, as equal and sharing a common interest while obscuring the disparities in power and conflicting goals among actors as well as the use of "mutual accountability" that promotes "public-private-people partnerships";

Reaffirming the position that an accountability framework in the Post-2015 agenda should aim to provide the enabling conditions required for development rights to be enjoyed, particularly by the most marginalized;

We welcome the call to anchor a global partnership in the principle of international solidarity that recognizes that governments are the principal duty-bearers of human rights obligations and that development assistance is essentially a fulfillment of the duty of States to assist other States to fulfill global human rights obligations and structural, globalized causes of violations and poverty.

We call on governments to ensure new innovative mechanisms for financing for development replacing the problematic aid and debt system with one based on respect, solidarity, equity, inclusion, non-subordination and justice for all.

We call for true and effective financing initiatives for gender equality that move away from fragmented, short-term funding cycles towards longer term partnerships of ambitious, predictable, flexible, and multi-year core support, and gender budgeting .

We demand governments, donors and all other stakeholders to take concrete action to ensure the creation of a genuine global partnership by:

- Taking concrete action on demilitarization and disarmament by redirecting investments in militarism and arms to gender equitable social development and peace,
- Prohibiting attachment of harmful conditionalities to Official Development Assistance (ODA) and other forms of financing by international financial institutions and providing binding obligations of states to meet their commitments, especially the realization of the human rights of women and other at-risk groups,
- Ensuring that investment policies are in line with international standards on business and human rights, including women's human rights core labor standards of the International Labor Organization for all people, and the United Nations environmental standards,
- Critically re-examining the role, accountability and governance of International Financial Institutions toward greater gender equality and women's human rights,
- Moving away from remittance-driven development that only increases the vulnerability of migrants to violations of their rights and systematizes labor exports and give priority to realizing decent work and living wages in sending countries,
- Working with civil society including women led civil society to establish clear, measurable, and time-bound gender equality and women's rights objectives, and put in place accountability mechanisms for resources allocated, disbursed and implemented, and provide data on the results of their financial support in terms of the types of social, economic, cultural and political transformations generated.

In conclusion, we affirm that a full eradication of poverty, hunger and inequalities can only be possible by building state capacity and accountability to uphold the social contract without gender and other discrimination. This requires ensuring a gender equitable distribution of wealth, placing people and environmental sustainability goals and targets at the center within a gender equitable human rights framework and de-instrumentalising nature and its resources as a source of profit. It requires looking for strategies that do not further threaten the very survival of our planet but actively protect and restore ecosystems and sustainable communities.

We affirm our continued position in demanding a new development agenda that is designed to realize gender equality and women's rights. We commit to continuing to take action to strengthen the institutionalization, financing, and political will for gender justice, development, and peace. We reiterate our call for governments to move from commitments to accomplishments. We demand that governments and the international community act immediately to do their part. We pledge to promote and advocate for feminist transformational change rather than business as usual.

We ask you to join us in creating and implementing a new global feminist sustainable development agenda that works for women, girls and at risk populations. It is time to move from commitments to accomplishments. We must take action now to create a sustainable world for our granddaughters, their grandchildren, and ourselves worldwide.