Mobilizing Women as Change Makers!
Ensure Gender Equity in post-2012 regime
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Shortest history: women as change makers
• 17th Century: Bisnoi Community India
• 1950s: Nakabara/Sanroku Women’s Society Japan
• 1985: ELC workshops Women-Environment
• 1992: Rio – WEDO
• 1994: WECF = women in europe for a common future
• 1995: Beijing Platform for Action (Area K)
• 2000: MDGs
• 2002 a.b.: women try to enhance change in UNFCCC
• 2004: gender network for climate justice
• 2005: Global Gender Climate Alliance (GGCA)
• 2008: CAN gender summit + diversity efforts to influence gender approach in UNFCCC.

WECF = network of > 100 organisations in 40 countries (EECCA region+EU)
Moving people for a world in balance
Safe Chemicals for All
Safe Water and Sanitation for All
Safe Energy and Climate for All
Safe Food for All

CROSS-CUTTING: GENDER – POVERTY - RIGHTS

Why gender and women’s empowerment in CC?
→ different roles, rights and capacities
• Women and men’s diverse roles as energy, land, water, biodiversity managers, consumers, care takers
• Women’s and men’s diverse physical features; their diverse roles in and access to education and (technical) training
• Women’s and men’s diverse decision-making powers
• Success stories of women in charge, organizing, change-makers.

Gender – Energy/Climate Change
Understanding gender aspects in our work: study/research/documenting, monitoring/evaluation.
Capacity building and empowerment: enhancing women’s capacities.
Improving women’s lives – projects with and for women and their families.
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Making linkages from local realities to national, regional and global podia

• Women in decision-making
• Respond to their E needs
• Access to sustainable energy
• Mobilize the change makers

WECF Lobby Points at COP-14

A. Pro-poor financial mechanisms
   • Sustainable development criteria as a basis for climate change financial mechanisms
   • Reduce poverty by creating access to sustainable energy.
   • Introduce energy-saving programmes for low income households.
   • Let the polluter pay: emission trading scheme revenues for adaptation and mitigation programmes for local communities in developing countries.

WOMEN’s VOICES: LOBBY AND ADVOCACY

B. Mobilize the change makers:
   • Ensure local women participation in the adaptation and CDM boards.
   • Financial mechanisms better accessible for women.
   • Train women and men as energy specialists.

C. No Nuclear in CDM, JI and Technology Transfer.
   • Full disclosure of direct and indirect subsidies to nuclear.
   • Integration of all external costs in the prices of nuclear energy.

B. Mobilize the change makers:
   • CC Mechanisms have to be for the good of the planet and its people, esp. for those living in poverty – and should not create more insecurity.
Thank you!

...with women and men worldwide.

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