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Women Rio+20

- WECF: “Organising partner” to the UN – for civil society Women Rio+20
- Supported by the **Women Rio+20 Steering Committee**
 - 200 active members
 - women’s organisations covering 80 countries
 - from all sectors: agriculture, energy, SRHR, finance...

Global Women's Position Rio+20

Submission for Zero Draft



Women's Major Group

Rio+20 Position Statement - Summary

UN Conference on Sustainable Development

1 November 2011

Women's Major Group Submission, UNCSD Rio+20, 1 November 2011

The Global Women's Major Group submission is submitted in response to the request for input by the Secretariat for the UN Conference on Sustainable Development. It has been developed by over 70 organizations worldwide to reflect the diversity of women's perspectives. This summary comprises the global Women's Major Group submission. A longer Women's Major Group compilation document (working document) for Rio+20 is annexed. The Women's submissions are available at the UNCSD website www.uncsd2012.org under 'Major Groups-Women', along with regional Women's Major Group statements from Asia, Africa, and Latin America and the Caribbean.

SUMMARY

Introduction

Throughout the world women are key actors in maintaining the sustaining livelihoods and welfare of their families and communities, and in making a transition to a more equitable and sustainable world. Our economy is linked to and depends on a healthy planet. It also depends on women's economic contributions, both formal and informal.

Women's Vision for Rio+20: an Equitable and Sustainable World

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Sign the Women's Position Statement for Rio+20

More than 70 women-environment-development organizations from all over the world have worked together to present their visions and recommendations for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development – Rio+20 – where world leaders will agree on renewing their commitment to sustainable development and on measures to strengthen and accelerate progress.

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Women's vision:

- *Gender equality in all spheres of our societies:* education, employment, ownership and control over resources, access to justice, political representation, institutional decision-making, care giving and household and community management. A world where women can fully deploy their potential in all spheres of our societies, meaning without gender-based violence, where women share in land ownership and financial

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Food Security – Chapter V - A – § 63

- **Food Sovereignty**
- Strong **binding safeguards** against land grabbing, and resource grabbing from women, local communities and indigenous people's

Women - Priorities for Zero Draft (2)

Green Economy – Chapter III - C – § 43

- Economic indicators and criteria need to **include the informal, precarious and subsistence sectors**
- Beyond GDP – measure **value of women's unpaid labour**

Women - Priorities for Zero Draft (3)

Science and Technology – § 118

- Independent **assessment of new technologies** (e.g. geo-engineering, synthetic biology) and monitoring

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Institutional Framework for Sustainable Development

- § 57 We **call** for the establishment of an Ombudsperson or High Commissioner for Future Generations, to promote sustainable development.
- § 51 UNEP specialized agency
- **Add:** Gender parity, Gender strategies, Gender budgeting, Gender Accounting - for new institutions

Women - Priorities for Zero Draft (5)

Gender Paragraph - § 103

- We call for removing barriers that have prevented women from being full participants in the economy **and society** and unlocking their potential as drivers of sustainable development, **including through promotion of gender-responsive sustainable development institutions and policies that advance women's participation and leadership at all levels.** We agree to prioritize measures to promote gender equality in all spheres of our societies, including education, employment, **access to and** ownership of resources, access to justice, political representation, institutional decision-making, care giving and household and community management.

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Gender Paragraph - § 104

- We support the work of UN Women, **other intergovernmental agencies working on gender, and women's organizations and networks in civil society** in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women in all aspects of life and bringing greater attention to the linkages between gender equality **and justice** and the **achievement** of sustainable development.