



The African Women's
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Communication Network

AFRICAN FEMINIST DEMANDS FOR COP30: FROM MAPUTO TO BELÉM - AND BEYOND.

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Ten years into the Paris Agreement, African women have seen enough promises!





INTRODUCTION

10 years after the Paris Agreement recognized the need for just transitions and promised to make finance flows consistent with climate-resilient development, those promises remain catastrophically broken for *African women, girls, and marginalized communities*.

We are here once again at COP, despite the many structural barriers that limit our full and meaningful participation, to **hold the line in defence of our collectively hard-won gains in the fight for gender just climate action** and demand strong commitments that are backed by resources and implementation that is accountable.

After a decade of promises, ***African women arrive at COP30 with sharp vision and clarity: the climate crisis cannot be solved without transforming who holds power, who controls resources, and whose priorities shape action***.

Africa and the world at large cannot afford another generation of rhetoric and commitments that exclude women and the marginalized.

As per our mandate from Maputo, on the occasion of the 3rd Feminist COP, we arrive here in Belem ready to hold negotiators accountable for the broken promise of Paris and work hard, alongside our partners and allies, to build the voice and visibility of African feminists in climate policy and decision-making.

We reaffirm alongside that there can be ***no climate justice without gender justice and human rights, and*** join allies in rights-based Constituencies in demanding that COP30 deliver concrete commitments backed by resources and enforcement.

What follows are African feminist demands across the just transition, climate finance, and gender: concrete shifts to inform and ***shape climate policy and action that serve those building the solutions***, not those profiting from the crisis.



On Just Transitions

Lead on BAM Establishment

Ensuring it centers the Global South's needs. Demonstrate leadership by championing and modelling integrating the ILO 5R Framework into national transition plans. Champion community-owned renewable energy in national energy policies.

Champion civic space

Support calls for reclaiming policy space to prioritize communities; facilitate knowledge exchange on industrial policy strategies that have successfully advanced local manufacturing, technology transfer, and community ownership despite trade and investment constraints.

Establish Inclusive National Governance

Create national just transition bodies where women's organizations, workers, and Indigenous Peoples hold decision-making power over planning and resource allocation. Mandate a minimum percentage of women's organization representation in National Designated Authorities.

Raise Ambition for National Implementation

Integrate just transitions into NDCs, NAPs, and Long-Term Strategies with gender-responsive budgeting. Guarantee women's land rights. Apply the ILO 5R Framework. Conduct care impact assessments for all climate projects. Strengthen national FPIC laws, ensuring women's explicit consent.

Strengthen Regional Cooperation

Accelerate AfCFTA with binding gender provisions. Coordinate regional hubs for renewable energy manufacturing. Strengthen intra-African agricultural trade and food processing. Champion the UN Tax Convention collectively to address billions in annual illicit financial flows including 89 billion from Africa.



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without decolonization.***



***No just transition
without social & economic
justice.***



***No climate justice
without gender justice.***

On Climate Finance

Binding Commitments and -Specific Allocation Targets

Lead calls for binding commitments that Africa receives a substantially increased share proportional to vulnerability and needs.

Reject Loans to Debt-Distressed African Countries

Champion automatic exclusion of loans where debt service already exceeds climate finance received. Lead debt cancellation demands for climate-vulnerable African states.

Champion Enhanced Direct Access Support expanding EDA modalities.

Recognize this strengthens rather than bypasses national systems by building the capacity of diverse national actors. Resource women's participation in climate decision-making and policy at all levels.

Lead on Loss and Damage Fund Governance and in Demanding Grants for Adaptation

Developed country accountability now! Adaptation finance to Africa must be 100% grants, given the historical responsibility, and Africa's minimal emissions contribution.



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On Gender and Climate

Ensure African Feminist Priorities Shape GAP

Actively negotiate for land rights, care economy, and knowledge justice as formal priority areas, as core commitments with dedicated implementation plans and resources.

Champion Direct Access for Women's Organizations.

Lead calls for simplified accreditation, waived fees, and direct access funding mechanisms.

Protect African EWHRDs

Champion the EWHRD protection and embedded protections across climate policy.

Integrate Indigenous Knowledge Protection

Lead calls for biopiracy protections, ensuring traditional knowledge documentation supports communities' advocacy rather than corporate extraction.

Champion African Feminist Research Funding

Dedicated resources for global South-led gender-climate research.

Integrate Gender in National Planning

Include gender-responsive budgeting in NDCs, NAPs, and Long-Term Strategies showing specific allocations. Guarantee women's land rights through prioritized titling programs. Conduct care impact assessments for all climate projects.

Resource Women's Participation

Allocate dedicated national budgets enabling women to participate in climate policy at all levels, particularly in Africa and the global South.

 **No decarbonization without decolonization!**

 **No enhanced GAP without ambitious and accessible financing!**

 **No climate justice without gender justice!**



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