



**RIO+20**

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# Priorités Genre et Femmes vers Rio+20

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# Les origines de WECF

Lors du sommet pour la Terre de Rio en 1992  
– qui suivait le rapport de l'ONU:

‘Our Common Future’

Des femmes engagées dans le  
développement durable ont décidé de fédérer  
un réseau européen d'organisations  
féminines:

**Women in Europe for a Common Future,**  
était née, pour donner une structure à la  
“major group women” de l'Agenda 21



# Reconnaissance internationale

- Statut ECOSOC à l'ONU
- Partenaire officiel du PNUE. WECF représente le « major group » femmes, et préside le comité de la société civile. Impliqués dans la préparation RIO+20
- Commission du Développement Durable des Nations Unis: WECF représente le « major group » femmes
- Représentant élu des ONG environnementales pour le processus « Environnement pour l'Europe » de l'OMS-Europe
- Membre du Comité Européen Santé Environnement



World Health  
Organization



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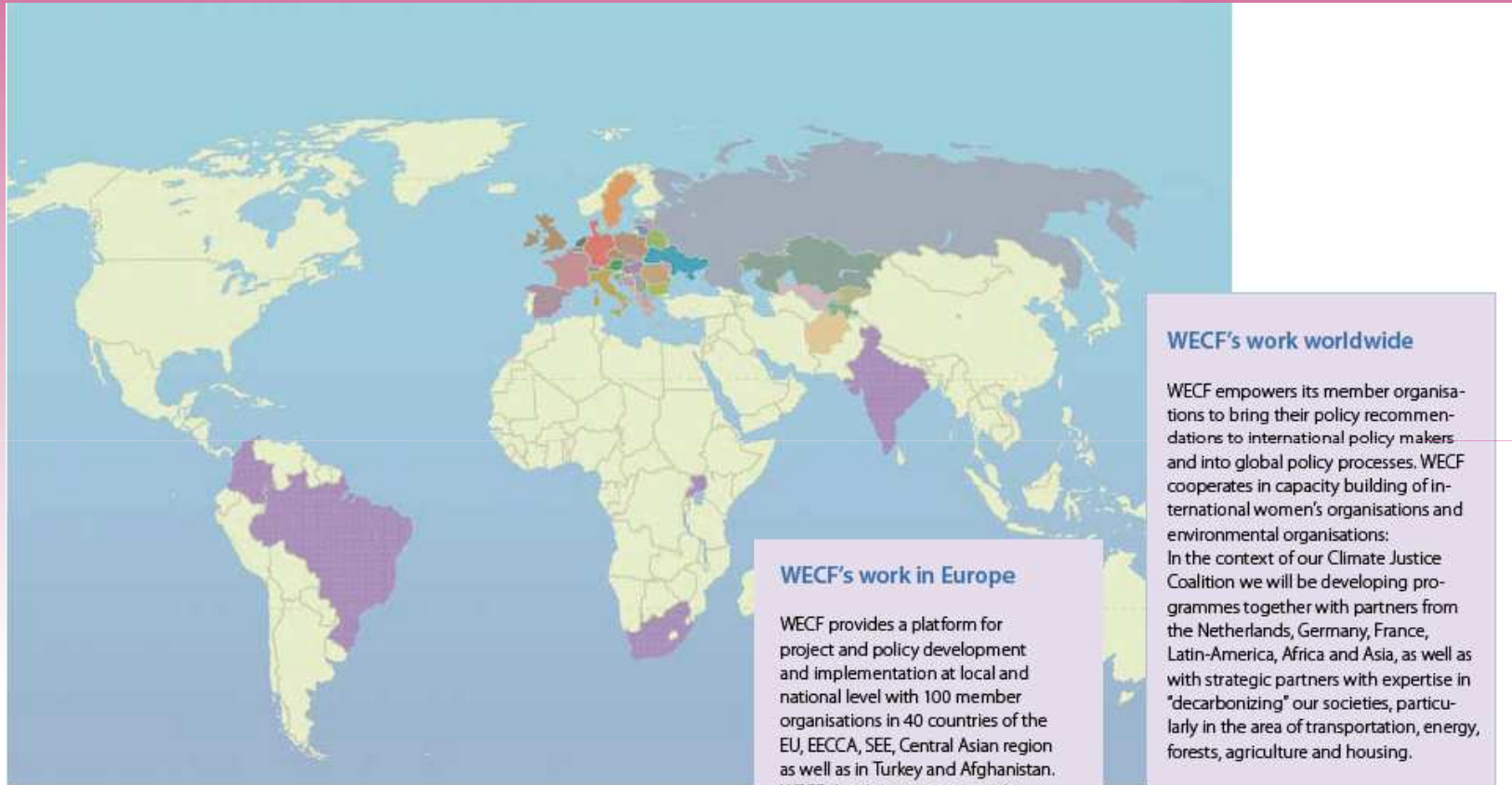
# Qui sommes-nous?



- **WECF International : 100 organisations membres >40 pays**
- **WECF France (2008), WECF Allemagne, WECF Pays Bas**
- **Budget 2 – 3 million d’Euro par an**

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# Région dans laquelle WECF exerce ses activités



## WECF's work worldwide

WECF empowers its member organisations to bring their policy recommendations to international policy makers and into global policy processes. WECF cooperates in capacity building of international women's organisations and environmental organisations: In the context of our Climate Justice Coalition we will be developing programmes together with partners from the Netherlands, Germany, France, Latin-America, Africa and Asia, as well as with strategic partners with expertise in "decarbonizing" our societies, particularly in the area of transportation, energy, forests, agriculture and housing.

## WECF's work in Europe

WECF provides a platform for project and policy development and implementation at local and national level with 100 member organisations in 40 countries of the EU, EECCA, SEE, Central Asian region as well as in Turkey and Afghanistan. WECF develops innovative solutions for sustainable development adjusted to the local culture, market and climate, based on local needs, and brings the lessons learned to policy makers and into regional policy processes.



Countries with ongoing WECF Programmes



Countries included in WECF/FOEI/GFC/ICE Climate Justice Coalition Programme

# 1 Objectif - 4 domaines d'action



Energie



Eau et  
assainissement

Un environnement sain pour tous



Produits  
chimiques

Production  
agricole



# Solutions pratiques, innovantes et abordables





# Société Civile et Rio+20

- 9 “groupes majeures” Agenda 21 e.a. Femmes
- UNDESA tient le secretariat pour Rio+20
- VAM and WECF sont les contacts
- «Comité Femmes Rio+20»
- VAM, WECF, WEDO, ENERGIA: focal points
- 70 organisations femmes « submissions »
- 150 organisations femmes impliqués
- 80+ pays

# Critère et Membres du Comité Femmes Rio+20

1. Adéquations; **France**
2. ADPDH - Association pour le développement et de la promotion des droits humains; **Mauritania**
3. AMIHAN - National Federation of Peasant Women; **Philippines**
4. APROMAC – Environmental Protection Association; **Brazil**
5. AWHHE – Armenian Women for Health and a Healthy Environment; **Armenia**
6. APWLD - Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development; **Thailand**
7. AWNGD – Asian Women Network on Gender and Development/Helena Benitez Global Forum
8. Asociación Civil Red Ambiental; **Argentina**
9. Black Sea Women Club; **Ukraine**
10. BPW (Business Professional Women) International Asia Pacific committee
11. Center for Safe Energy, **USA**
12. CoopeSoliDar R.L.; **Costa Rica**
13. DAWN –Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era; Global
14. Earth Care Africa; **Zimbabwe**
15. Earth Day Network; **USA**
16. Eco-Accord; **Russia** - etc. jusqu'à nr 70

# Taches Comité Femmes Rio+20

- Coordination globale pour le «zero-draft»
- Participation des femmes de la société civile dans le procès politique
  - Conférences de préparation régionale: Santiago, Seoul, Addis, Genève
  - Intersessional en Décembre, Mars
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Prepcom, Rio+20 conférence Brasil
- Communication globale
- [www.UNCSD2012.org](http://www.UNCSD2012.org) site

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## WOMEN

The Women's Rio 2012 steering committee is the coordination and decision making body of the women's major group for Rio 2012. The steering committee includes international women's networks working on sustainable development issues;

- ENERGIA International Network on Gender on Sustainable Energy
- IUCN Gender Department
- GFC Global Forest Coalition
- VAM Voices of African Mothers
- WEDO Women Environment Development Organisation
- WECF Women in Europe for a Common Future
- WOCAN Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and NRM
- Earth Day Networks, Earth Care Africa, Eco-Forum Kazakhstan, UNISON Kyrgyzstan, Commonweal, Black Sea Women Club, as well as many other regional and national women and sustainable development organisations.

## Agenda 21: Chapter 24

GLOBAL ACTION FOR WOMEN TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE AND EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT 24.1. The international community has

## MEETINGS

- [Women Ministers and Leaders meeting \(closed\)](#) (by: Women)  
8 Mar 2011 - 8 Mar 2011 , Nigeria Mission to the United Nations, Nigeria House, 838 2nd Ave (and 44st E), NY

## INFORMATION

- [Input to Compilation Document](#)
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## NEWS

- [24 Oct 2011 - Arab Women Statement on Rio+20](#) (by: Women)



# Ou sommes nous: Rio+20

- Présidente Brésil – **nouvelles dates** (20-22/6)
  - Plus de chefs d'états?
- **623 «submissions»** pour le 0-draft (500 c.s.)
- 4 «**outcomes**» (gouvernements):
  - Objectives Développement Durable (C+G)
  - «Roadmaps» Economie Verte (EU)
  - UNEP renforcer (EU)
  - Conseil du Développement Durable

# Ou sommes nous Rio+20 (2)

- **7 thèmes clés (gouvernements)**
- **Energie (accès, économiser, renouvelables)**
  - Agriculture et sécurité alimentaire
  - Villes durables
  - Eau
  - Océans
  - Préparation aux catastrophes et «resilience»
- **Emerging issues: UNEP foresight process**
  - Inclus: démantèlement des centrales nucléaires

# Femmes, Environnement et Développement ???

Rio+20 agenda:

- “A **Green Economy** in the context of sustainable development and **poverty eradication**”

# La face féminine de la pauvreté vivre avec <1 dollar par jour

## Les Femmes

- Font 70% des 1.3 billion pauvres
- travaille 2/3 des heurs travailler mondialement
- reçoivent 10 % des revenus mondiale
- Sont propriétaire de 1 % de la propriété
- obtiennent jusqu'à 80% moins que les hommes pour le meme travail





# Résultats de stratégies sans indicateurs de genre

- Des programmes de développement et économiques n'ont **pas donnés un valeur aux contributions** des femmes
- L'économie actuelle a été compris en relation de **'faire de l'argent'**

# Donner une valeur au «Care Economy»

- Le travail faites **en dehors de marchés** est ignoré
  - Le travail non-rémunéré par les femmes dans les fermes et entreprises familiales
  - Nourrir, soigner, et assurer le bien-etre des familles et communiquer

**= la fondation de l'humanité**

# Changer le “care-less economy”

- Les femmes font le plus de travail “care”
  - Les femmes pauvres n’ont pas d’autre choix
  - Elles doivent continuellement choisir entre les tâches rémunérées et non rémunérées
  - Ça réduit leurs choix à des options souvent informels et mal-payés
- [Source: ITUC and Rosalind Eyben](#), Institute of Development Studies and former Chair of the [OECD DAC Network on Gender Equality](#)

# Femmes plus touchées par les mesures d'austérité

- La “invisibilité” de l'économie “care” fait que les effets des mesures d'austérité sur les femmes sont souvent invisible
- Une étude des syndicats en Angleterre montre que **70% des mesures d'austérité impacte négativement sur les femmes**

# Doubles charges des femmes

- Increased women's participation in the productive economy is not possible:
- if these same women need to spend many hours per day to fetch water, gather fuel, grow food for survival, care for children and ill.
- Then we are not doing women a favour. We are increasing their overall burden.

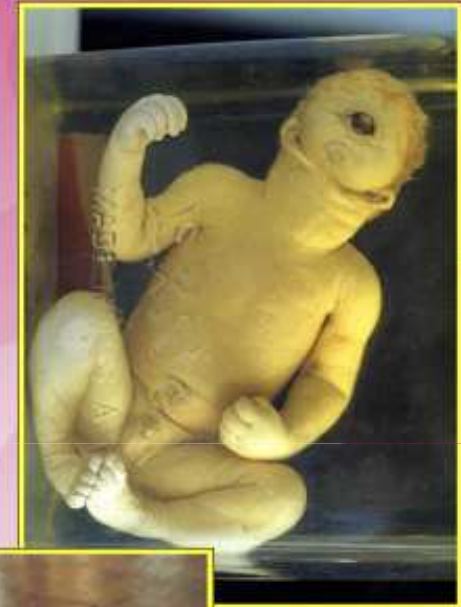
## Assuré les conditions de base

- For women to take part effectively in the productive economy we need to **ensure women's basic livelihood conditions**
- and access to natural resources – food for own use, housing, water, sanitation, energy – these need to be accessible and affordable for women

# Expériences de l'Asie Centrale



# Protéger nos vies des dommages irréversibles





# Central Asia: political transition and environmental risks

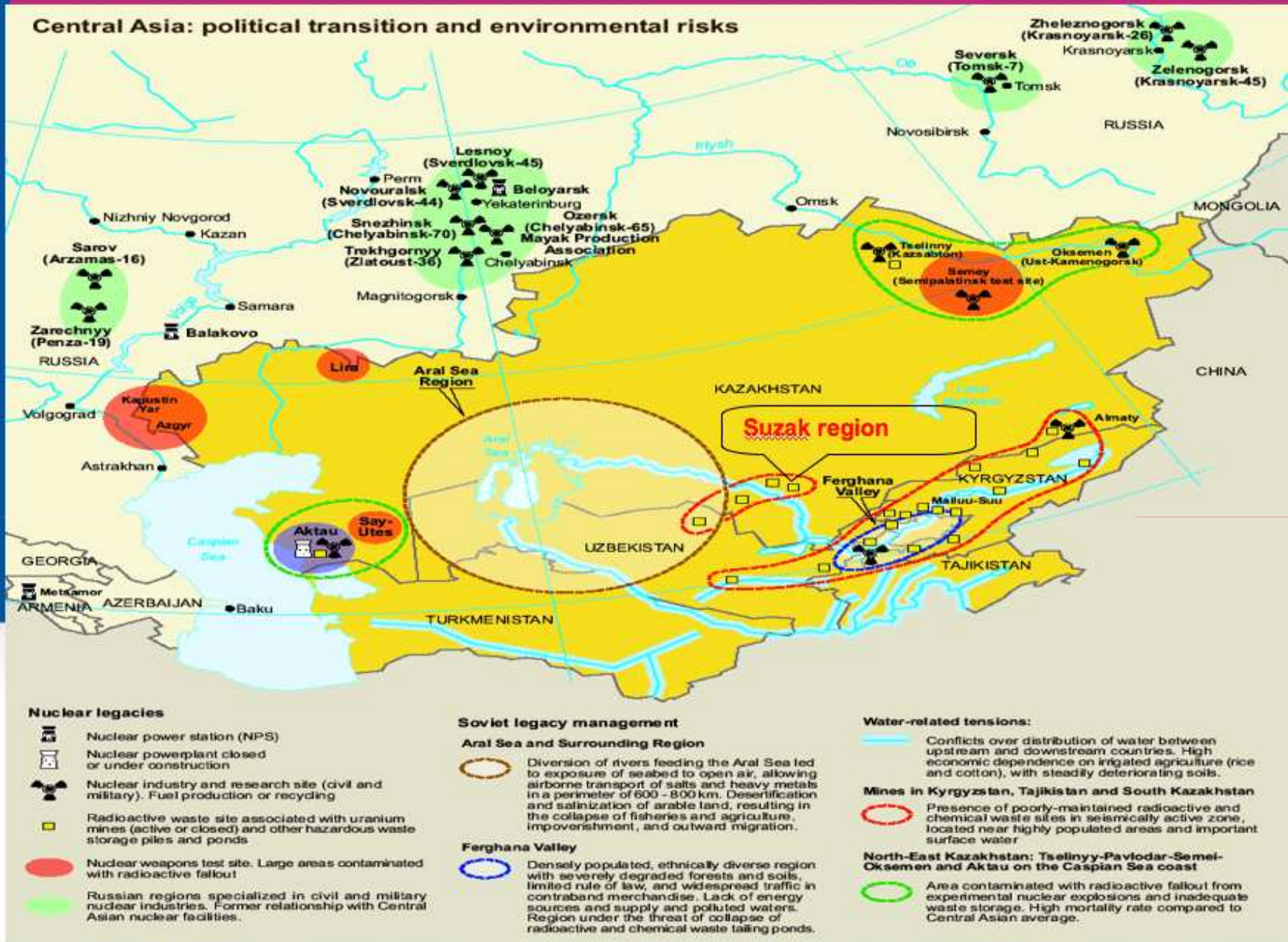


Fig 1. Suzak region in red; region of poorly - maintained radioactive and chemical waste sites in seismically active zone located near highly populated area and important surface water

# Priorités accès à l'énergie propre



# Des engrais naturels et l'assainissement



# Economies durables et équitables

## Reasons for lack of progress since Rio'92

- The economy should support well-being **for all** within the carrying capacity of the planet
- Currently; most of humanity (women) and the planet are used to produce the wealth **of a few**

# Markets needs legal frameworks and incentives to assure equity

- The vulnerable and poor cannot rely on market mechanisms alone
- They need rights to protect their lives and livelihoods
- **A 'green' economic system must promote social equity and gender equity**

# Control des femmes en agriculture et bio-diversité

*“Women constitute more than 50% of those who go to bed hungry every night”*

Rio+20 should assure:

- Women's access to and control to natural resources, no GMOs
- Measures against land grabbing and food price speculation
- Access to and protection of commons
- Respect of women's environmental rights

# Femmes et enfants à plus grands risques de la radioactivité

*“Women and children have 50% increased cancer risk than men from radiation”*

*“There is no “safe” dose of radiation”*

*“Irreversible damage and cost – taxpayer pays”*

- A UN rapporteur on uranium and nuclear risks should be agreed on
- A legally binding mechanism to address the cost of decommissioning and clean up of nuclear power-plants, nuclear waste and uranium mines

# Promotion de l'énergie renouvelable, réduction des énergies non-durable

*“2 million death: indoor pollution from unsafe fuels – mostly women and children (OMS)”*

- Access for women to clean and renewable energy
- Eliminate direct and indirect subsidies to unsustainable energy supply – currently estimated at 7-9 billion Euro annually
- Including nuclear, shale gas, tar sands and coal



# Minimiser les risques des nouvelles technologies et substances chimiques

- Women concerned about new technologies with unknown health effects:
- geo-engineering, nano technologies, hormone disrupting chemicals
- **Technology Assessment:** participatory and transparent mechanisms for assessing technologies, based on precautionary principle and gender perspective (e.a. women's reproductive health)

# Objectives pour Rio+20 du point de vue Genre

- **Implement previous commitments**  
*linking sustainable development to gender equality*
- Agenda21 chapter 24
- Rio Principle 20,
- CEDAW,
- Beijing Platform for Action,
- Cairo Program of Action
- MDGs

# Objectives pour Rio+20 du point de vue Genre (2)

- **Social protection floor**

- or right to employment rural women e.g. India
- Social security to women in poor households e.g. Brazil

- **CSR reporting and auditing on gender - binding rules**

- Provide safe, **decent, equally paid and healthy jobs** (chemicals, radiation,..)
- **Report impact** on women and communities at/around production sites (farms, factories, mines)

# Objectives pour Rio+20 du point de vue des priorités des femmes

- Abolishing **perverse subsidies** = cheapest way to sustainable development
- Financing social and environmental protection:
  - **Financial Transaction Tax** (tobin)
- Significant share to local community development
  - E.g. allocate 50% of GEF to local level

# Transparence, réparation des dommages

- Commitment to implement Rio Principle 10\*
- Assure (women's) equal access to timely information, effective public participation and affordable justice

\* Examples exist a.o. in UNECE Aarhus Convention, Biosafety Protocol as essential elements of capacity-building, in many national legislations in all regions

# Principe de Precaution

- Independent **technology assessment** before widescale market introduction, geo-engineering etc
- Full insurance and financial funds for **nuclear and uranium mining** activities (clean up, decommissioning, waste)
- Legally binding global **framework for chemicals (and waste)**

# Parité dans les instances de décision

- MDG aims at 30% women in Parliament
- Currently 16% of ministers are female, 6% of heads of state

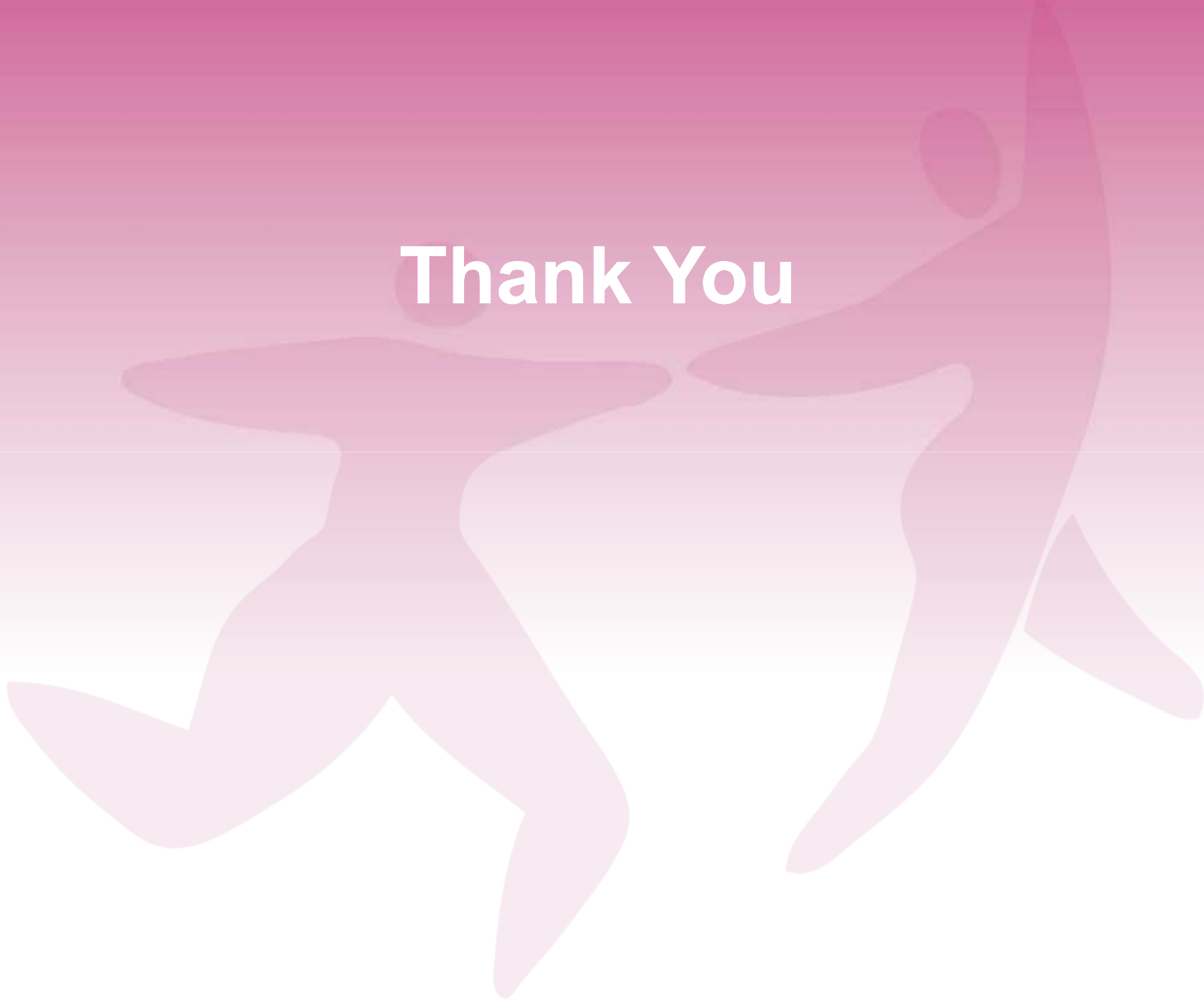
Speed up, e.g. via legislation:

40% women in company boards (Norway)

30% women in local councils and national government (India and many others)

Aim at 50% in all decision making posts

**Thank You**



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