

GENDER AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

RIO+20 COMMITMENTS



COMMITMENTS BY THE NETWORK OF WOMEN MINISTERS AND LEADERS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT (NWMLE)

The Network of Women Ministers and Leaders for the Environment is collectively committed to undertake the following:

1. To encourage the launch and development of national, regional and global levels strategies and programmes for the implementation of the gender (specific and general) outcomes of the Rio+20 summit .
2. To support national level meetings with civil society and stakeholders aimed at monitoring national level implementation and assure accountability of the process of implementing the gender specific outcomes of the Rio + 20 summit.
3. To support an increase in proportion of women in leadership positions with the aim of reaching gender parity, and to engage with government representatives and stakeholders in encouraging the development of national mechanisms and initiatives to achieve this.
4. To strengthen the Network of Women Ministers and Leaders for the Environment and its secretariat housed in UNEP, to become a more effective structure at national, regional and international levels.
5. To organise an annual *Women Rio+20 Good Practice award*, with the aim to support grassroots women in their efforts to strengthen women's rights and women's role in sustainable development whilst protecting the environment and human health.

Signed on behalf of the Network by the Co chairs on 20 June 2012 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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MS REJOICE MABUDAFHASI

Deputy Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, South Africa

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COMMITMENTS BY UNITED NATIONS



UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (UNEP)

The United Nations Environment Programme commits to:

1. Through its respective Divisions, provide technical support to the NWMLE to enable it carry out its functions in national, regional and international fora in ensuring that policies and strategies to implement the Rio+20 outcomes are gender responsive.
2. In collaboration with key strategic partners¹ develop by October 30 2012 a comprehensive framework for the implementation of the gender commitments adopted in the RIO+20 summit and facilitate the holding of annual meetings during the UNEP Governing Council meetings to monitor and evaluate the progress made
3. Ensuring that gender perspectives are fully integrated and implemented through UNEP's Programme of Work and in UNEP's support to its partners and stakeholders
4. Undertake research and publish every five years a *Global Environmental Outlook* that focuses on the Gender and Environment, in cooperation with strategic partners from NWMLE and civil society.
5. Continue ensuring that all publications by UNEP address gender equality and women's role, and to publish regular Women and Environment briefs to create awareness on topical issues
6. Undertake in collaboration with strategic partners to identify and develop gender sensitive criteria and indicators to be applied in all areas of environmental assessments, and in the implementation of RIO+ 20 outcomes for sustainable development.
7. Undertake to ensure that gender perspectives are fully addressed in the key documents for discussions at the annual UNEP Governing Council/Global

¹ This includes the NWMLE, UN agencies implementing environmental programmes, IUCN , WECF, GGCA, WEDO, GWP and environmental NGOS

Ministers for Environment forum meetings and Gender related papers are presented in the Ministerial roundtable discussions.

8. In collaboration with key strategic partners develop and maintain a global database on gender and sustainable environmental management and make it available for use by partners, civil society, governments, UN agencies etc.

Signed on behalf of UNEP by on 20 June 2012 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Ms Amina Mohammed, Deputy Executive Director, UNEP



UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP)

The United Nations Development Programme commits to:

1. Strengthening capacities of governments, civil society organizations, and women organizations to promote women's leadership and integrate gender considerations in the Rio +20 outcome and implementation.
2. Supporting the inclusion of gender equality and women's empowerment in the Sustainable Development Goals and post 2015 development agenda, formulation and implementation.
3. Supporting the systematic implementation of "triple win" policy and programming that balances the economic, social and environmental sustainable development agenda, and fully integrates gender equality and women's empowerment.
4. Integrating gender equality and women's empowerment principles into UNDP's support around the poverty-environment nexus, including through sustained advocacy, stakeholder engagement and evidence-based policy making processes supported by such programmes as the Poverty Environment Initiative
5. Ensuring that issues of gender equality are included as part of global, regional, and national green economy dialogues supported by UNDP and partners
6. Ensuring that gender analysis is an integral component of environmental and social safeguard measures included in UNDP's programme and project management policies and procedures

7. Developing new knowledge and research to facilitate creativity and innovation in addressing the nexus of Gender Equality, Economic Development and Environmental Sustainability.
8. Facilitating a South-South exchange of knowledge and experiences on gender-responsive sustainable development policy frameworks and programming

Signed on behalf of UNDP by on 20 June 2012 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Ms Veelre Vandeweerd, Director, Energy and Environment Group, UNDP

COMMITMENTS BY INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS



**INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE CONSERVATION
OF NATURE**

The IUCN has developed its post Rio+20 gender activities, which are presented at the Rio+20 summit. IUCN is a member of the NWMLE.

1. Development of a Gender Environmental Index (GENI). The GENI will keep track of the commitments done by the different countries in relation to the promotion of gender equality and sustainable development.
2. Support the implementation of gender-sensitive policies in at least 25 countries in the next 3 years.
3. Develop the capacity of no less than 3,000 people in the next three years.
4. Continue supporting the operationalization of the Gender Road Map of the Rio Conventions.

Signed on behalf of the IUCN on 20 June 2012 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Ms Lorena Aguilar, Global Senior Gender Advisor



WOMEN IN EUROPE FOR A COMMON FUTURE (WECF)
WOMEN INTERNATIONAL FOR A COMMON FUTURE
(WICF)

WECF/WICF has developed its post Rio+20 gender activities, which are presented at the Rio+20 summit. WECF/WICF is a member of the NWMLE.

1. WECF/WICF commits to support the NWMLE and the UNEP secretariat with the organisation of the *Annual Women Rio+20 Good Practice Award*, through its networks of women organisations.
2. WECF/WICF commits to capacity building of 150 women environmental organisations in over 50 countries until 2015.
3. WECF/WICF commits to strengthening women's economic and political empowerment of over 20,000 women in 6 countries till 2015, reducing poverty and creating economic value chains which protect the environment, biodiversity and human health.

Signed on behalf of the WECF/WICF on 20 June 2012 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Ms Sascha Gabizon, Executive Director



**WOMEN'S ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT
ORGANIZATION (WEDO)**

WEDO will play an active role to support the implementation of gender equality outcomes of Rio+20 and will elaborate related programming through at least 2015, including the following. WEDO, a women's global advocacy organization, is a member of the NWMLE.

1. WEDO commits to supporting the Ministers and other members of the NWMLE with information-sharing and event support, especially around WEDO priority issues such as climate change and the post-2015 sustainable development framework.
2. WEDO commits to best practice and information-exchange amongst at least 2000 women and women's networks and to facilitating the participation of women's civil society leaders to global sustainable development conferences, including those specific to the Rio Conventions.
3. WEDO commits to strengthening the capacities of at least 30 women delegates to Rio Convention negotiations, particularly through its Women Delegates Fund at the UNFCCC and related fora.

Signed on behalf of the WEDO on 20 June 2012 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Ms Cate Owren, Executive Director



GLOBAL WATER PARTNERSHIP (GWP)

Global Water Partnership (GWP) is a network of over 2,500 partner organisations ranging from government institutions, regional, UN and bilateral agencies, to research and academic institutions, NGOs and private sector partners, now active in more than 80 countries. GWP has supported 39 countries to establish and implement Integrated Water Resources Management Plans in the last eight years, and supported a further 17 countries in legal and regulatory reform to enhance lives and livelihoods through sustainable utilisation of their water resources. In addition GWP together with its partners have undertaken numerous projects on the ground.

GWP together with other partners has helped the African Ministers Council on Water establish the Policy and Strategy on Gender Mainstreaming in Africa's Water Sector, and works at the global and national levels to enhance gender equity in all dimensions of water resources management and use.

GWP is a member of the NWMLE. In this regard, GWP commits to:

1. Support at least 30 countries in the next 5 years to have domestic gender mainstreaming policies and instruments in water management that are regularly monitored, evaluated and reported
2. Encourage and support at least 500 government departments, water development agencies, Non-Governmental organisations and capacity building organisations to institutionalise gender mainstreaming in their work on the ground
3. Address the intergenerational dimension for long term sustainability by developing water management strategy and tools to engage young women, men and children at different levels- international, regional and country level

Signed on behalf of the GWP on 20 June 2012 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Dr Letitia Lebeng, Chairperson GWP



GENDER AND WATER ALLIANCE

The Gender and Water Alliance (GWA) is an International Network of over 2100 members, including 700 organisations. 45% of the membership are men and 55% are women all working for more equal management of water for people and for the environment. GWA is specialised in gender and water and as such contributed from its expertise to the African Gender Strategy of the African Ministers Council on Water, signed by most African countries and now ready for implementation.

GWA's overall objective remains women's and men's equal access to and control over improved water for all sustainable uses in a clean environment, to be reached by empowerment of all people.

GWA is committed to support the gender-related outcomes of Rio+20 by:

1. Building capacity of water professionals to enable them to mainstream gender in their work by taking the interests of the different users of their technology into account;
2. Working in partnership with national, international and civil society organisations to raise awareness worldwide regarding the gender aspects of sustainable development in an improved environment;
3. Contributing from the expertise of our members to the implementation of the AMCOW Gender Strategy.
4. Building the network of water and gender experts by sharing knowledge and information related to sustainable and equal development, focusing on food security, climate change and adaptation, water and sanitation, and good governance.

Signed on behalf of the GWA on 20 June 2012 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Ms Esther De Jong , Deputy Director, GWA