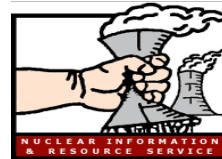




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Don't Nuke the Climate Conference During Gender Climate day 8th December 2015

15:30 – 17: 00 hours at the **UNFCCC, COP 21/CMP 11**
Room/Salle 7, Le Bourget (Paris), Climate Generations Area

INVITATION and preliminary PROGRAMME

Women and the gendered effects of nuclear radiation

Women and children suffer greater health damage from radiation. For example, cancer incidence and death as a result of exposure to radiation is higher for women as it is for men¹

Radiation harm includes not only cancer and leukaemia, but reduced immunity, fertility and birth defects. For example, radioactive contamination of pregnant women in Chelyabinsk, Russia, has resulted in mutations of chromosomes, which have been transmitted to next generations.²

The latest research shows that government's health and radiation protection measures are entirely insufficient to protect women and children, and as a consequence, uranium mining and nuclear energy activities should not be allowed continued. The precautionary principle should be applied. But at the same time, nuclear industry at COP21 is trying to propagate that it is a 'solution'.

The aim of this conference is to present and the discuss the latest evidence on the greater health impact from radiation on women, and why policy makers should take this into account in the final negotiations of the Paris climate agreement.

The conference participants will include women environmental ministers, civil society organisations, human rights lawyers, health professionals and scientists.

How to participate: The Climate Generation Area is open for all. Please confirm your participation with wecf@wecf.eu or to wiseamster@antenna.nl

¹ Biological Effects of Ionizing Radiation (BEIR) VII, Phase 2 report, "Health Risks from Exposure to Low Levels of Ionizing Radiation," published by the National Academy Press in 2006. Washington, D.C. and Mary Olson. NIRS Briefing Paper October 2011 - www.nirs.org/radiation/radhealth/radiationwomen.pdf

² Tomsk research quoted in WECF factsheet on nuclear industry and health: www.wecf.eu/english/publications/index.php



Preliminary Programme

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15:00 Registration and refreshments

15:30 Opening: organisers

15:35 Welcome: Moderator Sascha Gabizon, Executive Director WECF International: Introduction to women, health and nuclear radiation

15:40 **Nadezda Kutepova**, Human Rights Lawyer defending Victims of the Mayak Nuclear Accident, Nuclear Free Future Award Winner, **Russia**

15:50 **Marriette Leiferink**, **South Africa** and the risks of nuclear energy for sustainable and equitable development

16:00: **Arjun Makhijani**, President Institute for energy and environment research, IEER – nuclear and the impact on women and children, lessons from **Asia** and the need for structural policy change

16:10: **Elna Doszhanova**, Social Ecological Fund, **Kazakhstan** – Social consequences effecting victims of nuclear contamination in Asia

16:20 **Mary Olson**, Nuclear Information and Resource Service, Southeast, **USA**, on her groundbreaking work on women's higher health risk from radiation

Invited respondents

16:30 Maria Nera, Director, World Health Organisation (invited, tbc)

16:40 Segolene Royal, French Minister for the Environmental (invited, tbc)

Panel discussion: what consequences for climate mitigation policies

16:45 WILPF, France

16:50 Ecodefense, Russia

Dialogue and closing