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# WOMEN'S ROLE IN CLIMATE JUSTICE

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# The Climate Crisis is here.

- The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has urged that carbon emissions need to be cut by half by 2030 to give us a reasonable chance at keeping global temperature increase to manageable levels
- If not prevented, the disasters we experience today can get even worse, with potentially catastrophic implications for society



# What does climate justice mean to you?

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IN THE CHAT







Climate justice also considers the fact that the countries responsible for climate change are usually the least affected by it. There is a common but differentiated responsibility in resolving the climate crisis, meaning that the ones more responsible (countries, companies, individuals) have to do more.

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# The impacts of the climate crisis on oppressed genders





"A recent report shows that women, in many places, are the main producers of the world's staple crops, particularly in developing countries and regions likely to be adversely affected by climate change impacts.

However, globally, only a small minority of women farmers have access to land tenure. This is a problem for many reasons — including that it limits women's potential to combat climate change."



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80%

of people displaced by climate  
calamities are women

Increase in gender-based  
violence following climate-  
induced disaster





"In climate change induced disasters it is primarily the poor who have suffered the most, the majority of which are women. This is the result of women's marginalized status and dependence on local natural resources, which in turn increases their domestic burdens."- Anne Maine of the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA).





Women must be at the  
heart of climate justice

# Role of Women in Climate Justice



A UNFCCC report released last June highlighted how women are agents of change. When they have equal access to decision-making opportunities, they take more sustainable decisions for example, improved school attendance rates for their children, increased food security, greener mobility patterns and reduced energy demand.

# Reasons why climate action needs women according to the UNFCCC



- 100 % of the population needs to be involved.

51% of humanity is comprised of women and girls. To meet the most ambitious 1.5C target of the Paris Climate Change Agreement and to limit warming to well below 2C, it is critical that the needs, perspectives, and ideas of women, as well as of men, are included in climate action so as to create just, effective, and sustainable solutions.



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- Empowering women means more effective climate solutions

Women comprise approximately 43 percent of the agricultural labor force in developing countries. When provided with the same access to resources as men, women can increase their agricultural yields by 20 to 30 percent, not only stepping up total agricultural output in these countries by 2.5 to 4 percent but also contributing to world hunger reduction by 12 or 17 percent, according to the UN. This can positively impact climate adaptation in two ways - appropriate technology or resources contributes to more sustainable farming and conservation, and a reduction in poverty enables individuals to better adapt to changes in climate.

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- Women are vital to building climate resilience in communities

Communities do better in resilience and capacity-building strategies when women are also involved in planning. According to the UN, women tend to share information about community wellbeing which is essential for resilience, and more willing to adapt to environmental changes since their family lives are impacted. Additionally, women are usually first responders in community responses to natural disasters, leaders in disaster risk reduction, and contribute to post-recovery by addressing the early recovery needs of their families and strengthening community building.

# Challenges women face in fighting for climate justice







"Women who act and speak out also face gender-specific forms of violence, including sexual violence. Women often have a twin challenge: the public struggle to protect their land, and the less-visible struggle to defend their right to speak within their communities and families." - Global Witness

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“[The rebel army] ‘now uses sexily clad recruiters, i.e., young girls in short-shorts, in enticing youths, particularly young men, to take up such innocent sounding issues as protection of the environment. That serves as the hook to unsuspecting young people to team building activities that are the brink of the trap for integration into the rebel army.”

This is a direct quote from a lieutenant-general of the Philippine Army. This is how the Philippine government views young girls in the climate movement.

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# Women environmental defenders are leading the way.

‘They say, “why should you be a leader, when you’re a woman?”. But that kind of thinking is unacceptable. A woman must learn to stand and fight for what is right’ - Bai Bibyaon Ligkayan Bigkay, is the only woman chieftain in the history of the indigenous Talaingod-Monobo people in the Philippines. when asked by Global Witness about her challenges as a woman leader



The climate justice  
movement is full of  
young women  
leaders.

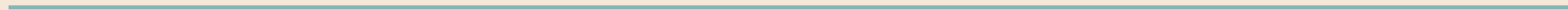




Collective action is key!  
We need everyone!

System change, not  
climate change!

Climate justice is  
social justice!



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# Thank you!



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