

OECPR Women's Major Group Statement

Distinguished delegates and Member States, my name is Frezer Yeheyis and I'm speaking on behalf of the Women's Major Group.

We acknowledge and applaud the commendable efforts dedicated to the implementation of resolutions adopted at UNEA 5.2. The progress achieved thus far is a testament to our collective commitment to addressing the pressing environmental challenges.

While we greatly value the efforts put forth:

1. We recall for the recognition of the invaluable contributions and pivotal role played by major groups and stakeholders as outlined in the Agenda 21. The upcoming resolutions at UNEA-6 must echo the commitment to ensure their active participation in decision-making processes, as well as the design and implementation of strategies to tackle global challenges, including climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution.
2. Resolutions of UNEA-6 must include women as a fundamental force and essential contributors to decision-making processes in addressing the environmental global challenges. The UNEA-6 resolutions should seek actions to protect women from disproportionate impacts of women in facing the environmental crisis.
3. Incorporating a gender perspective into the UNEA- 6 resolutions is paramount, addressing the unique vulnerabilities that women and girls face because of the environmental crisis due to gender roles, and cultural norms. It is estimated that 80% of people displaced by climate change are women. Reiterating the Beijing Platform for Action, we stress the importance of sex-disaggregated data to inform policies and programs, ensuring an equitable response.
4. Lastly, the resolutions must adopt and integrate human rights based , multisectoral integrated and the triple nexus approaches of humanitarian , development and conflict ,into addressing the urgent needs of groups facing the impacts of the global environmental challenges. This includes women in all their diversity, children, youth, indigenous peoples, environmental defenders and farmers. By recognizing and prioritizing the rights of these groups.

Let's proceed with resolve, recognizing that our combined efforts today will sculpt a brighter future for generations yet to come.

Thank you.

