

Thank you for the floor

My name is Dalia Márquez, I'm Co-chair of the UNEP Women's Major Group and I'm speaking on behalf of the UNEP Women's Major Group.

The climate and environmental crisis has led to an unprecedented biodiversity loss. Unfortunately, it is women and girls across all their diversities who are suffering the consequences of this.

There is consistent science-based data about how women are disproportionately affected by pollution. This is alarming since the well-being of the next generations depends on us, and our health.

In this sense:

1. We request Member States to establish a global Working Group on Gender and Environment, in accordance with the Resolution 17 of UNEA 4 "Promote gender equality, and the human rights and empowerment of women and girls in environmental governance", whose objective is to implement a work plan to generate products for gender integration in environmental issues in the global environmental agenda.
2. We request the member states to consider the incorporation of women's specific sections in the resolution documents so as to give emphasis and mere attention to take concrete action addressing women's perspectives.
3. Looking ahead, environmental multilateralism must offer real solutions to address the root causes of the climate and environmental crises, considering differentiated data on gendered impacts for women and girls.
4. We emphasize the need to incorporate the rights-based, One Health and gender-just approach into UNEA-6's resolutions, programs of work, and budget.
5. We would like to request that member states recognize the roles and contributions of the major groups in the multilateral process to ensure accountability and transparent implementation mechanisms.
6. We ask for the inclusion and recognition of the Major Groups recognized since the Rio Declaration 1992 for their special vulnerability, as the official mechanism of engagement for civil society for all the decision-making spaces and processes in the framework of UNEP.
7. On Climate-altering technologies such as geotechnology, we should have no regression on existing decisions in other UN conventions such as the Convention on Biodiversity, and we need a moratorium on all these technologies.

Finally, we emphasize the pivotal role of women in decision-making processes. We advocate for their increased engagement in shaping policies and decisions. It is imperative that we

create inclusive spaces where women's voices are not only heard but actively contribute to the sustainable development of our society.