Women’s Major Group Priorities

Rio+20

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Recommendations for Rio+20

• Implement previous commitments
  linking sustainable development to gender equality
• Global Assembly Women & Environment ‘91
• Women Action Agenda 21
• Agenda21 chapter 24, Rio Principle 20
• CEDAW
• Beijing Platform for Action,
• Cairo Program of Action
• MDGs
Gender priority in Governance of Sustainable Development

- Stand-alone Gender goal in the SDGs
- Gender criteria for new governance structure of Sustainable development
- Gender sensitive budget of the new structure
Address female poverty

• **Social protection floor**
  – or right to employment rural women e.g. India
  – Social security to women in poor households e.g. Brazil

• **CSR** reporting and auditing on gender - binding rules
  – Provide safe, **decent, equally paid and healthy jobs** (chemicals, radiation,..)
  – **Report impact** on women and communities at/around production sites (farms, factories, mines)
Re-allocate funds to local and sustainable

- Abolishing **perverse subsidies** = cheapest way to sustainable development
- Financing social and environmental protection:
  - **Financial Transaction Tax** (tobin)
- Significant share to **local** community development
  - E.g. allocate 50% of GEF to local level
Transparency, Accountability, Redress

• Commitment to implement Rio Principle 10*

• Assure (women’s) equal access to timely information, effective public participation and affordable justice

* Examples exist a.o. in UNECE Aarhus Convention, Biosafety Protocol as essential elements of capacity-building, in many national legislations in all regions
Apply Precautionary Principle

- Independent **technology assessment** before widespread market introduction, geo-engineering etc.

- Full insurance and financial funds for **nuclear and uranium mining** activities (clean up, decommissioning, waste)

- Legally binding global **framework for chemicals** (and waste)
Aim at gender equality in decision-making

• MDG aims at 30% women in Parliament
• Currently 16% of ministers are female, 6% of heads of state

Speed up, e.g. via legislation:
40% women in company boards (Norway)
30% women in local councils and national government (India and many others)

Aim at 50% in all decision making posts