



TOUS ENSEMBLE
POUR LE CLIMAT
cop21.gouv.fr #COP21

JOIN OUR APPEAL AT
www.femmesetclimat.fr

Supporting women in addressing climate change: Why we are committed

At COP21* in December in Paris, an agreement must be found to limit climate warming and its many negative impacts. The importance of women's contribution in combating climate change must be fully recognised at the conference. Politicians, artists, members of associations and citizens commit to achieve that goal through this appeal.

Climate change has even more serious consequences for women than for men in developing countries

On a daily basis, climate change affects poor women more severely than men: the scarcity of natural resources such as water and wood is lengthening the distance to collect them, increasing women's working time and making their living conditions more precarious. And when a climate disaster occurs, they are more vulnerable because they have been less prepared: 80% of the victims of the cyclone Sidr in Bangladesh, and 61% of the victims of Nargis in Myanmar were women and girls. In disaster areas, healthcare and access to contraception are often wiped out, further hindering their capacity to space out births, a prerequisite for their empowerment.

Recognising women as actors in addressing climate change

Despite these obstacles and the discriminations they suffer, women are striving to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change impacts. They are innovating on all continents by applying conservation agriculture (which reduces the needs for water and fertilisers and captures carbon), by installing adapted irrigation and drinking water reservoirs, and by creating complete waste recycling lines...

And yet their actions, often undertaken locally, are undervalued and too rarely funded. Little known players of this combat, women are barely involved in decisions taken nationally or at international negotiations. Women will be all the more efficient as they become empowered and fully exercise their rights.

COP21 must represent a decisive and concrete step forward by incorporating gender equality commitments in the Paris Agreement and in future strategies and funding.

We demand:

- ▶ The integration of human rights and gender equality in the Paris Agreement, the promotion of women's contribution and strengthening of their participation at all levels in addressing climate change.
- ▶ Concrete implementation of these commitments by ensuring that the projects and funding devoted to addressing climate change promote gender equality and women's empowerment.

* 21st Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Upon the initiative of:

With the contribution of:

With the support of:



List of signatories:

Inger ANDERSEN, Director General IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature)

Hirofumi ANDO, Professor Nihon University, Former Deputy Director of UNFPA, Japan

Marie ARENA, Member of the European Parliament, Belgium

Suzanne BABICH, Professor, Associate Dean, Indiana University, United States

Marie-Noëlle BATTISTEL, Member of the French National Assembly

Colette BENOUDJI, Coordinator of the Association Lead Tchad

Annick BILLON, French Senator

Jerôme BIGNON, French Senator

Jean-Luc BLEUNVEN, Member of the French National Assembly

Gilles BŒUF, Professor, Pierre and Marie Curie University, Paris

Irina BOKOVA, Director-General of UNESCO, Paris

Oristelle BONIS, Publisher iXe Editions, Paris

Jean-Louis BORLOO, Former Minister of Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and territorial Planning

Corinne BOUCHOUX, French Senator

Aminata Takoubakoye BOUREIMA, Economist, Ministry of Planning, Niger

Danielle BOUSQUET, President of the High Council for Gender Equality, France

Kheira BOUZIANE-LAROUSSE, Member of the French National Assembly

Sérénade CHAFIK, Egyptian feminist militant, writer

Yves CHARBIT, Professor emeritus of Demography, Paris-Descartes University, France

David COLEMAN, Professor of Geography, St John's College, Oxford, United Kingdom

Marion COTILLARD, Actress, France

Roland COURTEAU, French Senator

Catherine COUTELLE, President of the Women's Rights Delegation of the French National Assembly

Pascale CROZON, Member of the French National Assembly

Frédéric DARDEL, President Paris-Descartes University

Tom DAVIS, Professor emeritus University of Birmingham, United Kingdom

Sébastien DENAJA, Member of the French National Assembly

Mame Mbayame Guèye DIONE, Member of the National Assembly of Senegal, Deputy President of the Health, Population and Social Affairs Committee

Issa Mardo DJABIR, Member of the National Assembly of Chad, President of the Parliamentary network for Population and Development

Loraine DONNEDIEU de VABRES-TRANIE, Lawyer at the High Court, Paris

Marie-Annick DUCHENE, French Senator

Anne-Marie DUCROUX, President of the Environment Division of the French Economic, Social and Environmental Council (CESE)

Jean DUPOUY-CAMET, Professor, Parasitology and Mycology, Cochin Hospital, Paris

Stefan ECK, Member of the European Parliament, Germany

Mercedes ERRA, Founder of BETC, Executive President of Havas Worldwide

Antoine FLAHAULT, Co-director of the Virchow-Villermé Center, Paris-Sorbonne University, France

Irène FRAIN, Writer

Aurélië GAL-REGNIEZ, Executive director of the Association EquiPop (Equilibres et Populations), France

Joëlle GARRIAUD-MAYLAM, French Senator

Clara GAYMARD, President and CEO of General Electric France

Etienne GÉRARD, Director of Research, IRD, CEPED, France

Yannick GLEMAREC, Assistant Secretary-General, Deputy Executive Director Policy and Programme, UN Women

Brigitte GONTHIER-MAURIN, French Senator

Alain GOURNAC, French Senator

Gwenaëlle GROVONIUS, Member of the National Assembly, Federal Parliament of Belgium

Édith GUEUGNEAU, Member of the French National Assembly

Elisabeth GUIGOU, Member of the French National Assembly, President of the Foreign Affairs Committee

Sylvie GUILLAUME, Vice-president of the European Parliament, France

Christophe Z GUILMOTO, Director of Research at the IRD, CEPED, France

Reiko HAYASHI, Director Department of International Research and Cooperation, National Institute for Population and Social Security Research, Tokyo

Claudine HERMANN, Honorary President of the French Association "Femmes and Sciences"

Anne HIDALGO, Mayor of Paris, President of the AIMF (International Association of Francophone Mayors)

Zezi Aoua IBRO, Member of the National Assembly of Niger

Michaëlle JEAN, Secretary General of the International Organization La Francophonie

Chantal JOUANNO, President of the Women's Rights Delegation, French Senate

Jean JOUZEL, Climatologist, glaciologist, Director of Research at the Center for Atomic Energy (CEA), France

Axel KAHN, Honorary President of the Paris-Descartes University, Geneticist, France

Ilona KICKBUSCH, Director of the World Health Programme at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

Nicole KIIL-NIELSEN, Former Member of the European Parliament, France

Jean-François KOBIANE, Professor, Director of the Institute of Higher Studies on Population, Burkina Faso

Conchita LACUEY, Member of the French National Assembly

Pascal LAMY, President emeritus, Jacques Delors Institute, France

Corinne LEPAGE, President of Women in Europe for a Common Future (WECF)

Arnaud LEROY, Member of the French National Assembly, President of the Working Group on Climate Change

Alphonse MACDONALD, Former Director UNFPA Geneva

Arielle MALARD DE ROTSCCHILD, President of CARE France

Didier MANDELLI, French Senator

Valérie MASSON-DELMOTTE, Paleoclimatologist, Director of Research, CEA, France

Hervé MAUREY, French Senator, President of the Sustainable Development Committee

John F. MAY, Professeur Georgetown University, Visiting Scholar Population Reference Bureau, Washington

Linda McAVAN, Member of the European Parliament, President of the Sustainable Development Committee, United Kingdom

Pierre MEDEVILLE, French Senator

Michelle MEUNIER, French Senator

Leslie MOCH, Professor Michigan State University, United States

Françoise MORVAN, President of the French Coordination for the European Women's lobby

Dr. Brigitte MUHLENBRUCH, President European Platform of Women Scientists EPWS, Bonn

Maria NOICHL, Member of the European Parliament, Germany

Philip OGDEN, Professor of Geography, Queen Mary University of London

Efstratia OKTAPODA, Professor Compared Literature, Paris-Sorbonne University, France

Maud OLIVIER, Member of the French National Assembly

Monique ORPHE, Member of the French National Assembly

François PAQUIS, General Inspector of the Ministry of national Education and Research

Cyril PELLELAT, French Senator

Christian de PERTHUIS, Professor of Economics, Director of the Climate Economics at Paris-Dauphine University, France

Véronique PETIT, Professor of Demography, Paris-Descartes University, France

Françoise PICQ, Researcher, National Association of Feminist Studies, France

Sirpa PIETIKÄINEN, Member of the European Parliament, Finland

Teresa RIBERA, Director of the Institute of Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDR)

Roland RIES et Christel KOHLER, Strasbourg's Mayor and Member of the City Council in charge of implementing the Climate Action Plan

Young-Lee RIM FUSTER, Former President of the Association of Korean Women in France

Florence RODHAIN, Economist, Montpellier II University, France

Liliana RODRIGUES, Member of the European Parliament, Portugal

Barbara ROMAGNAN, Member of the French National Assembly

Nafis SADIK, Former Director of UNFPA

Maina SAGE, Member of the French National Assembly

Gérard SALEM, Honorary Professor University of Paris Ouest Nanterre, France

Dicko Belco SAMASSEKOU, Member of the National Assembly of Mali, Member of the Pan-African Parliament

Marie-Christine SARAGOSSE, President of France Media Monde

Rainer SAUERBORN, Professor UniversitätsKlinikum Heidelberg, Germany

Janet SCEATS and David Ian POOL, Professors Waikato University, New-Zealand

Véronique SEHIER et Carine FAVIER, Co-presidents of the Family Planning Centers in France

Mari-Liis SEPPER, Gender Equality and Equal Treatment Commissioner Estonia

Claire SERRE-COMBE, Co-spokesperson of the Association Osez le féminisme

Lewis SIEGELBAUM, Professor Michigan State University, United States of America

Nouzha SKALLI, Member of the Chamber of Representatives, Morocco

Boubacar SOW, Special Advisor to the Executive Director of IFORD, Cameroon

Kenichi SUDO, General Director, National Museum of Ethnology, Japan

Mohammedali TAHA, Member of the Council of Representatives of Iraq

Marc TARABELLA, Member of the European Parliament, Belgium

Sylvaine TURCK-CHIEZE, President of the Association Femmes and Sciences, France

Sophie VERNAY, Founding Member of Financi'Elles, Administrator of CARE France

Miyoko Tsujimura YOKOYAMA, Professor in Law, Meiji University, Tokyo

Cécile ZAKRI, Professor, Paul Pascal-CNRS Research Centre, Bordeaux University, France

Patrick ZYLBERMAN, Professeur History, Higher Studies Institute in Public Health, Paris