SHE changes climate

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There can be no climate justice, without gender justice.

This short documentary gives voice to those female leaders left absent from global climate negotiations and explores the actions necessary to drive a better future for all.

**The documentary will be available to watch for free on WaterBear, a streaming platform dedicated to the future of our planet, from 8th March.**

Starring, in alphabetical order:

- Atossa Soltani, Director, Sacred Headwaters Initiative
- Catherine Howarth, CEO, ShareAction
- Esmeralda de Rethy, Princess Esmeralda of Belgium, journalist and activist for the environment and human rights
- Farhana Yarmin, Lawyer, Author, Activist, Expert Adviser to Climate Vulnerable Forum
- Joycelyn Longdon, Founder, Climate in Colour
- Orsola de Castro, Founder, Fashion Revolution
- Runa Khan, Founder and Executive Director, Friendship NGO
- Verónica Inmunda Inmunda, CONFENIAE (Confederation of Indigenous Nationalities of the Ecuadorian Amazon)

A film for SHE Changes Climate by Earth Minutes and Visionary Pictures. All carbon emissions from this production have been minimised and offset.
This International Women’s Day, women must wait 136 years before we get gender parity. With the latest IPCC report stating half of the world is highly vulnerable to the impacts of the climate crisis, we say enough is enough. The climate crisis cannot wait for men to act, we need women at the top table now.

@SheClimate, @earthminutes, @visionarypictures and @clim8 invest have collaborated to produce the short film #SheChangesClimate. This documentary provides a platform for 8 incredible female change-makers to speak out about the need for climate change and gender inequalities to be tackled together.

@SheClimate call on world leaders to implement the #GenderActionPlan and deliver on their commitment to promote gender equality in the UNFCCC process.

📢 Join the call for change this International Women’s Day! 📢

Watch and share the film on @waterbearnetwork https://www.waterbear.com/watch/short/62137377d971cb033691c407

#BreakTheBias #IWD22
Watch the short film #SheChangesClimate on #IWD22 to hear from inspirational female change-makers left absent from global climate negotiations.

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Watch on WaterBear now!


@SheClimate #BreakTheBias
Further downloadable assets can be found here:

- **Film Stills**
- **Film Posters**
- **Press Release**
- **Logo**
THANK YOU

Questions? Email hello@shechangesclimate.org
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
We are encouraging people to host their own screening parties, whether it’s inviting a few friends over to watch the film in your living room, or organizing a public event at a community venue.

Important Reminders + Information

- A reminder that you cannot fundraise or charge admission to any SHE Changes Climate Event. Thank you for understanding!

Technical Guidelines

- In order to play from the Waterbear platform, your home or venue must have an internet connection with at least 5 Mbps download speed. You can test the internet speed by visiting a site like fast.com.
- Allow the film to load before hitting play to improve playback.
- If you are hosting a community screening, don’t forget to do a tech check at your venue, with the equipment and internet connection you plan to use for your screening—ideally a week before your event.

- Problems with streaming? Consult the WaterBear Help Center to troubleshoot network connection issues.

Post-Screening Discussion Questions

- What did this film make you think about the future of female representation in leadership?
- Did the film change your ideas about how climate negotiations are run?
- What moments stood out to you in the film as new or surprising?
- What did you see in the film that made you skeptical or concerned about the current governmental process?
- What did you see that made you feel hopeful for the future?

To register to host a free event and find out more about how you can organise your own screening party, email contact@earthmunutes.co.uk
QUOTES FROM THE FILM

- ATOSSA SOLTANI: “When I look at the forest protection movement, when I look at community organisations, when I look at amazing projects that are helping protect forests, the vast majority are led by women.”
- VERÓNICA INMUNDA: “It’s not just for us, it’s important for all of humanity. Climate change is not only affecting us, it’s affecting the whole world.”
- FARHANA YAMIN: “Effective decision-making for me means that, first of all, the people who are affected by a decision take part in making that decision.”
- JOYCELYN LONGDON: “When more women are elected to parliament, stronger environmental bills are passed and they’re enforced more strongly, more strictly.”
- FARHANA YAMIN: “Women are completely at the forefront of climate solutions in everyday life.”
- CATHERINE HOWARTH: “This isn’t a fight that can only be fought by women, it absolutely needs to be men and women coming together.”
- ESMERALDA DE RETHY: “When it is to be seated at the table of negotiations, when it really matters, well, they’re still not there.”
- ATOSSA SOLTANI: “I still have hope that we will wake up and see that we're on the edge of the cliff, because, really, the alternative is unthinkable.”
- RUNA KHAN: "Women are so often portrayed as victims. They do not need quicksand, but a platform on which to stand."
SHE Changes Climate is a global non-profit campaigning organisation, driving awareness of the crucial role of women in accelerating just climate action. Our mission is to enable women in all their diversity, to lead just climate action globally.

We campaign for the equal inclusion of women at top levels of all climate negotiations, and for the speedy implementation of the updated Gender Action Plan (GAP) from COP25 in 2019. Specifically, we call on officials to deliver on their commitment to promote gender equality in the UNFCCC process.

We are committed to ensuring women, in all their diversity, are able to make the critical decisions to save humanity. We do this by influencing governments, raising awareness of inequality and collaborating with other organisations looking for greater equality in climate negotiations.

We spearhead women, the largest excluded party from climate negotiations, with a view to opening the door for all marginalised people.

We are independently funded and have a lean organisational structure. As such, we are small and nimble and can say it as we see it - something most others cannot. We've created a supportive network of thousands from across business, politics, media and social activism. It is our access to this collective power which uniquely places us to secure our mission.
WHY GENDER EQUALITY?

The climate crisis is on our doorstep and it's affecting us all. But the perspectives on, and decisions about, how to tackle it have been made mainly by men, who spoken on behalf of only a fraction of the population. Only 34% of COP26 committees, and 39% of those leading delegations, were women. At the 2021 G7 Summit, there was only one woman amongst the decision makers. For all life to survive on this planet, we need perspectives of all humankind within this sphere; making crucial decisions about our future, the future of our children and the future of every living thing on this planet.

Not only is this fair, but it makes sense too. Research shows that countries with more female parliamentarians have more advanced climate policy and lower recorded emissions. Women are also the most likely change-makers for climate in business, from corporate leadership to consumer products. For example, female investors are almost twice as likely as male counterparts to validate the importance for potential investments, to integrate environmental and social factors into their policies and decisions.

Women continue to be marginalised from the political sphere because of gender stereotypes, lack of access and socio-economic-structural barriers. According to UN Women, more than 150 countries still have laws that discriminate against women. Yet, it’s been proven that diverse boards and leadership teams are more successful leaders. They achieve more robust financial results and can make more inclusive and balanced decisions, from drawing on wider knowledge bases and less polarised experiences.

This is why women are crucial to climate negotiations. We know that women disproportionately suffer from the impacts of natural disasters, severe weather events, and climate change - namely due to the cultural norms, inequitable distribution of roles, resources, and power, especially in developing countries. According to a United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) report, 80% of people displaced by climate crises are women.