This statement was co-created by SHE Changes Climate and partners and reflects the vision of many diverse voices of all the women leaders and men who took part in the online Summit on 4 November, declaring an emergency and raising climate ambition.
Our Vision

Powered by SHE Changes Climate and our many partners around the world, we facilitated an Ambition Leaders' Summit to help achieve a 50:50 Vision where women, in all their diversity, are active participants in climate decision making. The Summit was global and inclusive with nearly 200 speakers and close to 900 views online. We’re calling for women to represent 50% of a new leadership model that moves us faster towards a sustainable future.

WE MUST BE BOLD IN WHAT WE’RE REALLY ASKING FOR – FOR CHANGE.
WE NEED TO STAND UP AND ASK FOR IT.

JANET SALISBURY
- FOUNDER, WOMEN'S CLIMATE CONGRESS

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Our Mission

At the Summit, we came together as ONE Team on ONE Earth to help Women Declare Emergency. We have collated urgent recommendations and actions to be considered by Heads of States and Government, Ministers, Delegates and all Leaders attending COP27.

There is no time to waste. We must raise climate ambition if we want to achieve the United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development goals by 2030.

The Summit showcased the positive impact of women-led climate action and solutions.

We are more powerful when women and men, in all their diversity, come together to build a movement for collaborative climate action and systemic change.

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Urgent actions and recommendations for the COP27 Presidency and the UNFCCC

"LOSS AND DAMAGE IS NOT SIMPLY A GEOPOLITICAL LOSS, IT'S THE LOSS OF YOUR PLACE OF BEING. YOUR PLACE OF BIRTH, YOUR CULTURAL IDENTITY."

SHARON BHAGWAN ROLLS
REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE, SHIFTING THE POWER COALITION & PACIFIC ISLAND FEMINIST ALLIANCE FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

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Policy and political leadership

- Ensure 50:50 representation in the COP Presidency leadership, at every level of climate decision-making

- Appoint COP Co-Presidents: a man and a woman to co-chair and preside over every future COP

- Climate champions: appoint a woman and a man

- We must see women as lead negotiators

“IF WE SET OUT TO TACKLE THE CLIMATE CHANGE CHALLENGE AS WELL AS THE GENDER EQUALITY CHALLENGE THEN WE NEED TO RADICALLY CHANGE THE WAY THAT WE - GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS - WORK.”

DELPHINE O
FRENCH AMBASSADOR FOR WOMEN, SECRETARY GENERAL FOR THE GENERATION EQUALITY FORUM, (BEIJING+25)

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Energy and a just transition

- Phase out fossil fuels - oil, coal and gas - with immediate effect
- Ensure a just transition towards decentralised energy supply that is local and renewable
- Make sure new international cooperation and a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty complements the Paris Agreement

“THE SMALL AND MANY COMING TOGETHER CAN BEAT THE MIGHTY AND THE FEW”

BILL MCKIBBEN
AUTHOR, EDUCATOR, ACTIVIST, AND FOUNDER OF THIRD ACT AND 350.ORG

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Finance sector

- Develop collaborative financing mechanisms and build community on the ground, to break down existing silos

- Foster cooperation between the public and private sectors on climate finance

- We need to make sure that 50% of venture capital funding is dedicated to women-led teams

- Scale up localised solutions designed by women for women - to unlock full potential and opportunities

- Implement debt cancellation for the most vulnerable countries

“WOMEN ARE ALWAYS STEPPING INTO THE GAP
AND BRING THOUSANDS OF OTHER WOMEN WITH THEM”

CAREY BOHJANEN
FOUNDER OF THE RALLYING CRY

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Forest, food and nature

- Value biodiversity, make sure nature is at the center of our society and economy
- Develop healthy societal ecosystems, listening to all voices (including women, youth, and indigenous people) as active participants in the systemic transformation of society

“PEOPLE IN THE MARGINS HAVE A LOT TO TEACH US ... WE NEED TO CENTER NATURE IN ALL OF THESE CONVERSATIONS”

ATOSSA SOLTANI
FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT AMAZONWATCH; GLOBAL STRATEGIC DIRECTOR, SACRED HEADWATERS INITIATIVE

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Peace and law

- Make sure women and men lead, equally, in peace negotiations, because women empowerment, peace and conflict resolution, and climate adaptation are inextricably linked

- Make Ecocide a crime in International Law

“WE NEED INVESTMENT IN THE LEGAL INSTITUTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT”

MALINI MEHRA
SECRETARIAT CEO OF GLOBE LEGISLATORS

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Local solutions & power of people

- Set up separate funds for 'local' feminist organisations that aim to build adaptive capacity of community members, especially the marginalised groups like women, non-binary people, and indigenous communities.

- Foster inclusion and investment in the healthcare sector to make it resilient to handle the impacts of climate disaster.

"WE MUST WORK IN THE CONTEXT THAT EVERYTHING IS LOCAL AND GLOBAL. WHATEVER POLICY IS IN PLACE AT THE NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL LEVEL, THE SUCCESS OF IMPLEMENTATION IS TESTED AT THE LOCAL LEVEL."

JUDY LING WONG
HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE BLACK ENVIRONMENT NETWORK

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Planetary health

- Respect planetary boundaries to avoid tipping points - reducing carbon emissions, phasing out fossil fuels, restoring ecosystems forest and oceans

- We need to design and implement a global regeneration plan that is broken down to the local level

- Planetary health is dependent on societal diversity, which means including diverse voices as active participants in decision making around the future of planetary health

"BY INVESTING IN GENDER EQUALITY, EVERYONE WINS. WHEN WE EMPOWER WOMEN, WE HELP TO PROMOTE PLANETARY HEALTH."

NICOLE DE PAULA
FOUNDER OF WOMEN LEADERS FOR PLANETARY HEALTH

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Oceans, loss and damage

- We need to recognise small islands and developing states are being adversely affected by climate change and face unavoidable effects of it incurring both economic and non-economic costs.

- Design and immediately implement a finance mechanism for loss and damage payments.

- Make sure the health of the land mirrors the health of women and children and implement policies that protect the most vulnerable.

"Too often the systems we live in require us to mould ourselves into an extractive, patriarchal model of leadership. There are feminist leadership models that value power sharing, intuition, community care."

Kahea Pacheco
Director of Women's Earth Alliance

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THE CLIMATE CRISIS IS A LEADERSHIP CRISIS.

THE TIME FOR IMPLEMENTING THE 50:50 VISION IS NOW.
WE CAN ONLY ADDRESS THIS PLANETARY EMERGENCY BY WORKING TOGETHER.

WOMEN AND MEN TOGETHER.

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