

Women for a Change Solidarity Health Foundation & GenEgaliteECCAS Report on Participation at SBI64





OVERVIEW



This report presents insights, engagement levels, and strategic outcomes from the participation of our three delegates from GenEgaliteECCAS – Ms. Ndefon Beatrice (SHF), Mr. Emmanuel Ndabombi (Wfac), and Dr. Zoneziwoh Mbondgulo (Wfac) – at the 64th sessions of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies (SB64) in Bonn, Germany..

At SBI64, the team tracked a wide range of thematic discussions – including Technology, Gender, Adaptation, Agriculture, Just Transition, and Loss & Damage. They also engaged deeply across those topics, speaking at sessions, co-chairing as well as making interventions. They also participated in more than 10 side events, including the Women and Gender Constituency (WGC) daily caucus meetings, Bonn Climate Camp events, the Human Rights Caucus, as well as taking part in bilateral with African Negotiators and Gender Focal Points, Observers' meetings with the High-Level Champions for COP30 (Belém) and COP31 (Turkey), and events hosted by the COP32 Presidency and UNFCCC Gender Unit in-session workshop on best practices and tools for strengthening the role of national gender and climate change focal points (NGCCFP), including reflection on and description of their role and activities; Expert dialogue on relevant issues in gender- and age-disaggregated data and gender analysis; and , Dialogue on progress in the delivery of gender-responsive climate finance.



KEY HIGHLIGHTS



The Opening Plenary -The Era of Delivery

The opening plenary set an urgent tone with the UNFCCC Executive Secretary Simon Stiell calling the global climate fight the most critical collective human endeavour of our time, urging nations to move past rhetoric. This session also marked a unique geopolitical moment as the joint COP31 Presidency co-led by Türkiye as the host and Australia as the Lead Negotiator unveiled its ambitious 10-point Global Climate Action Agenda. While these macro-targets are essential for global mitigation, the true test of their success lies in how they accommodate the needs of developing nations, particularly the smallholder agricultural sectors that feed countries like Cameroon.

Just Transition - Not a slogan but a reality

Core to the deliberation was Just Transition Work Program (JTWP), Belem Antalya Mechanism (BAM), which aims at clearly defining the scope and means in which countries could efficiently and safely transition away from fossil fuel. A challenge affecting most African women's realities. For our people rely on fossil fuel for livelihood and subsistence. Just Transition for the Africa woman doesn't end just with fossil fuel but also about care economy, labour and health.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS [cont.]



Women & Gender Constituency: **Feminist Conclusions for SB64**

Room Nairobi (4), World Conference Center @ June 18, 15:00

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Climate Finance

For years, climate finance has been heavily skewed toward large-scale mitigation projects, leaving adaptation underfunded and largely gender-blind. However, the evolving mechanics of the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG), which targets a core \$300 billion annually from developed nations by 2035, and the operationalisation of the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA) present fresh entry points for feminist advocacy. Through the lens of the newly refined Belém Adaptation Indicators, the international community is finally establishing technical metrics to track whether adaptation efforts are genuinely gender- responsive. for us, we intend to leverage these global frameworks to demand that climate finance flows directly to grassroots, women-led organisations that understand local vulnerabilities better than any distant bureaucrat.

Gender

Though there was no negotiations on gender as this was scheduled for COP31 in Antalya. However, we had 3 mandated events alongside one workshop with relevant stakeholders on Women Environmental Human Rights Defenders (WEHRD), which apparently was the 1st time since the SBIs/COP to have an event with /on WEHRDs.



Reflections

[...] Across nearly all events I attended, a recurrent pattern emerged: despite COP30 in Belém adopting the Gender Action Plan (GAP), this milestone was largely absent from side-event discussions, negotiations and discussion corridors. There was little to no visible engagement from Parties or donor entities linking their deliberations to GAP implementation. It was disheartening to observe that the Belém GAP was only addressed in mandated gender events or sessions organized by WGC members. Climate change knows no border or gender and we cannot continue business as usual. The fight against climate change is inseparable from the fight against gender inequality - **Ndefon Beatrice, Executive Director , SHF**

A significant portion of my engagement was dedicated to mandated & side events focused on the intersection of technology, agriculture & food security as well as unpacking the discourse around the global shift towards an "Era of Implementation". The insights gathered from these negotiations offered a clear mandate for Wfac to refine & expand its climate advocacy & community empowerment initiatives including ways of translating these international frameworks into localized, actionable strategies.

- **Emmanuel Ndabombi, Volunteers Manager, Women for a Change**

Despite progress in climate commitments, gender integration in climate policy still remains a challenge, yet climate change disproportionately impacts women & their communities. For instance, at this year's SBI64, the COP31 Presidency reminded delegates on its 10 global action agendas, guided by three core principles, notably dialogue, consensus & action, aimed at promoting zero waste through circular economy approach, as well as advance green jobs, support food security & engaged and mobilise the needed financial resources, technology & partnership in supporting the action agenda. While it is obvious that when it comes to waste pickers & labour, often women constitute a critical mass of the labour force, I was anxious to understand the presidency's commitment in integrating gender to the action agenda. For we all know that when knowledge is built collectively, climate solutions& actions become more just, effectively & long last - **Zoneziwoh M-W, Executive Director, Wfac**

Recommendations

- 1. Support CSOs as shadow representatives to party negotiators at SBIs/COPs :** Discussion at AIMs at SBI64 was evident that most global south delegates are over laboured and under represented as opposed to rich donor countries who send over 1000 delegates. As such most of the decisions are often in favour of the donor/rich countries who can afford to follow all the negotiation tracks. In an effort to address the limited capacities, ensuring African governments (Cameroon especially), CSOs could shadow the government in some of the negotiation tracks where our parties are never present. Parties should accreditate trusted partnered CSOs with overflow badges so that they can sit in for the parties and report back to the parties. That way our government can get a better understanding/insights on what is happening across all the tracks at these meetings.
- 2. Organise National Climate Week** - Often the public is unaware of these processes, yet the discussions and decisions are meant to protect and improve their lives. A national climate week – run in collaboration with multiple stakeholders, including relevant ministries, environmental groups, and women’s rights organizations would help engage people directly and gather lived insights and perspectives on the issues affecting them.
- 3. Adopt a National Gender Action Plan** - A national GAP is important as it situates the gender agenda in all climate changes discourses and policies both domestically and globally.
- 4. Ensure an inclusive Consultation and Workshops in developing the Assessment Submission-** Activity 3.9 of the Belem GAP expect parties, by March 2027 to submit their national assessment plans on VAWg, Health, Care economy as well as prepare regional workshops around barriers and challenges impeding women’s meaningful participation at all these processes. In better delivering these activity, an inclusive consultative workshop process is paramount

REST IS CARE AND CARE IS JUSTICE



Beyond the negotiating rooms and technical consultations at SBI64, we also took time to breathe in the spirit of Bonn and the Rhineland, a reminder that the work of saving our planet must be matched by care for our body and the joy of living on it. At such we made a visit to the Drachenfels (Dragon Rock), as well as a walk along the timeless River Rhine offered us space for reflection amid the intensity of climate diplomacy, while the grandeur of Cologne Cathedral stood as a humbling testament to faith, endurance, and human aspiration across centuries.

A shared meal of Himmel un Ääd ("Heaven and Earth"), humble potatoes and apples brought together in one dish, was a fitting metaphor for the work of climate justice itself, grounding the earthly and the eternal, the practical and the moral, in a single act of nourishment. While by encountering a peace-themed artworks around the city further reinforced a conviction carried home from Bonn, that genuine, lasting climate action cannot be legislated by good policy alone. It demands a good conscience and strong will and above all, a deep love for humanity and the earth we share. We work hard in the halls of negotiation, but we must also play, rest, and reconnect with beauty and culture, for it is in that balance that we remember why this work matters, and for whom we do it.



ACCREDITATION

Wfac recognizes that the multilateral space is shrinking and women's rights activists and feminists are unable to access these spaces because of the limited accreditation offered to women's rights organisations as well as closing of the civic space away from women's human rights actors. As a feminist organization committed to solidarity and collective impact, Women for a Change (Wfac) continue to use its platforms and accreditation to allocate a portion of its accredited spots to trusted sistas, partners and allies whose participation will strengthen advocacy for gender equality and human rights, globally and locally.

At SBI64, Women for a Change was able to accredit 3 delegates;

- Ms. Ndefon Beatrice (Solidarity Health Foundation);
- Emmanuel Ndabombi, Wfac
- Zoneziwoh Mbongdulo, Women for a Change

All 3 delegates are members of GenEgaliteECCAS



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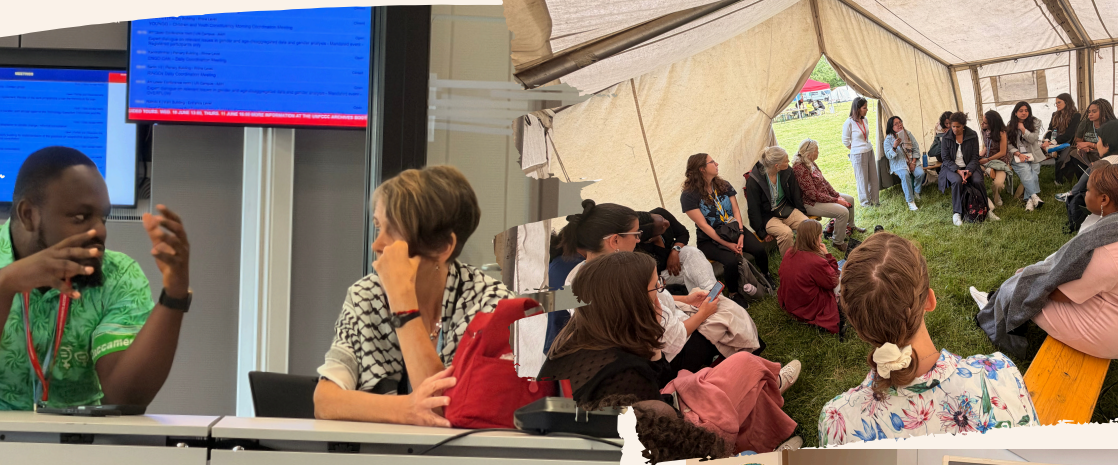
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