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## CSW Official Side Event – Accelerating progress on the BPfA on women and the environment through a care centered just transition

**Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> 3:00 - 4:15 pm (EST)**

**Venue: UNHQ Conference Room 12**

**Simultaneous translation available** (English-Spanish)

**Country co-sponsors:** Brazil and Philippines

**Co-Organizers:** IDRC, UNRISD, Oxfam Canada, AVINA, with the support of the Global Alliance for Care.

The main focus of the sixty-ninth session will be on the review of the implementation of the [Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action](#) (BPfA) which flagged 12 key areas where urgent action was needed to ensure greater equality and opportunities for women and men. The BPfA addressed “the environment” in several ways, including through the recognition that women play a vital role in developing sustainable consumption and production patterns, **on** women's leadership in environmental issues for better governance and conservation outcomes, building mechanisms to assess and address how environmental policies impact women and on the need to elevate women's perspectives into policies and programs. In 1995 the BPfA recognized the gender bias in our world's androcentric manner of economic and social organization and pointed to caring for people and planet as a transformative solution “[a] transformed partnership based on equality between women and men is a condition for people-centered sustainable development.”<sup>1</sup> Since then, the scale of the climate crisis has required multiple UN treaties to rally support for climate action such as the Kyoto Protocol, the sustainable development goal (SDG) 13, the Paris Agreement. However the same glaring gender exclusions noted in the BPfA persist, a global framework to address climate action in a just and feminist manner is that of a just transition [CR1]. How can we

<sup>1</sup> Beijing Platform for Action 1995. [Link](#).

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ensure that a just transition is framed in a way that progresses the goals laid out in the BPfA 30 years ago and that truly supports gender equality? What additional actions are needed?

Emerging evidence suggests that climate change and environmental degradation increase and intensify women's and girls' unpaid care, domestic, and communal work due in part to the increased frequency and intensity of extreme climate events and the reduced availability of natural resources such as food, fuel and water. Displacement and health impacts of climate change and environmental degradation also increase unpaid care work. Climate related disasters reduce the supply of care services, disrupt infrastructure, transportation, and communication systems. Moreover, climate change and natural disasters exacerbate existing gender, economic and geopolitical inequalities and vulnerabilities in the care economy, as they more severely affect poor, rural, and marginalized groups.

At the same time, women are leaders in climate action. Many of their responsibilities, such as composting, gardening, or caring for water sources and biodiversity are critical in collective well-being and central to community care work which is undervalued even though it greatly contributes to communal resources and resilience. These care responsibilities also increase women's time poverty as they curtail women's availability to participate in climate decision-making and limit opportunities for them to engage in green jobs fostered by the low-carbon transition.

Given the interdependence of the care and climate crises, it is increasingly evident that they need to be addressed together and that an integrated approach would accelerate progress on both fronts. This session will discuss how investing in care systems advances key BPfA goals around gender equality, women's economic empowerment, gender-based violence, women's health and more. It will point to how care and climate action are both a social and economic imperative and crucial for climate resilience and sustainability, and a key action to accelerate progress on the BPfA.

This session will unpack the care and climate nexus discussing recent action research being undertaken by the Climate and Care Initiative with the support of Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC) on a care-centered transition. The session will elevate voices of ecofeminist and grassroots organizations and movements from the global south that are developing practices at the intersection of care and climate and facilitate a discussion with policymakers and climate experts to develop recommendations and inform deliberations on the COP30 Brazil and ensure that it accelerates progress on the BfPA.

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Time	Section
3:00 – 3:05 pm	<p><b><u>Welcome</u></b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Ana Moreno</b>, Technical Secretary, Global Alliance for Care</p>
3:05 – 3:13 pm	<p><b><u>Opening remarks</u></b></p> <p><b>Carolina Robino</b>, Senior Program Specialist at Canada’s International Development Research Centre</p>
3:13 – 3:15 pm	<p><b><u>Panelist presentation</u></b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Natália Mori Cruz</b>, Head of the Social Participation and Diversity Office of the Ministry of Integration and Regional Development, Government of Brazil</p>
3:15 – 3:45 pm	<p><b><u>The civil society on the Climate &amp; Care Nexus</u></b></p> <p><b>Sitabile Dewa</b>, WALPE Executive Director Zimbabwe  <b>Marcela Gonzalez</b>, Leader at the National Platform for People Affected by Heavy Metals in Peru  <b>Perpetual Ofori-Ampofo</b>, President, GRNMA Ghana  <b>Dionéia Ferreira</b>, Instituto de Ação para o Desenvolvimento Sustentável do Sul do Amazonas – ASA Brazil</p>
3:45 – 3:47 pm	<p><b><u>Presentation of panelists</u></b></p>
3:47 - 4:07 pm	<p><b><u>The government on the Climate &amp; Care Nexus</u></b></p> <p><b>Carolina Miranda</b>, Project Manager at the National Secretariat for Care and Family at the Ministry of Social Development and Fight Against Hunger, Government of Brazil</p>

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	<p><b>Ms. Anette Baleda</b>, Deputy Executive Director of the Philippine Commission on Women, Government of the Philippines</p>
4:07 – 4:09 pm	<p><b><u>Presentation of panelists</u></b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Ana Moreno</b>, Technical Secretary, Global Alliance for Care</p>
4:09 - 4:15 pm	<p><b><u>Closing remarks</u></b></p> <p><b>Francisco Cos Montiel</b>, Senior Research Coordinator, Gender Justice and Development at UNRISD  <b>Agnieszka Raczynska</b>, Regional Program Manager at Fundacion Avina</p>