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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)

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

## Speakers

### Moderators & Opening Remarks

#### **Ana B. Moreno – *Technical Secretary, Global Alliance for Care***

Ana B. Moreno is a social anthropologist and journalist with over 30 years of experience in public policy, international development, and sustainable local development projects. She specializes in defining and implementing collaboration platforms and multi-stakeholder alliances, participating in intergovernmental processes, and designing advocacy and outreach strategies for sustainable development and resource mobilization. She has served as Coordinator for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and the UN-Habitat World Urban Forum (2012-2018). Additionally, she has held key positions with the **Barcelona City Council**, Spain's **Ministry of Industry, Tourism, and Trade**, and the **Ministry of Economy and Finance**.

**Carolina Robino – *Senior Program Specialist, International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada***



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Carolina Robino is a Senior Program Specialist at Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC), working within the **Sustainable and Inclusive Economies** division. She manages innovative action research on women's economic empowerment, entrepreneurship, and addressing systemic barriers to gender equality. She leads IDRC's programming in Latin America and the Caribbean on **the care economy, care systems, and the care-climate nexus**.

With over 20 years of experience in international development, evidence-based policymaking, and gender equality, Carolina holds a PhD in Development Studies from Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (South Africa) and a Master's in Social and Political Studies for Latin America from Universidad Alberto Hurtado (Chile). She also holds an Economics degree from Universidad de la República (Uruguay) and is fluent in Spanish, French, English, and Portuguese.

***Natalia Mori – Head of Social Dialogue and Diversity Bureau, Ministry of Integration and Regional Development, Brazil***

Natalia Mori is a sociologist with a Master's degree from the University of Brasília. She has dedicated most of her professional career to advocating for **women's rights**, pushing for **egalitarian laws**, securing federal resources for women, and strengthening the **self-organization of feminist movements** in Brazil and Latin America. Since early 2023, she has been heading the **Social Dialogue and Diversity Bureau at the Ministry of Integration and Regional Development**, focusing on inclusive policies and participatory governance.

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## **Panelists: Civil Society on the Climate & Care Nexus**

***Sitabile Dewa – Executive Director, Women's Academy for Leadership and Political Excellence (WALPE), Zimbabwe***

Sitabile Dewa is a **women's rights activist and advocate for gender equality** in Zimbabwe. As the **Executive Director of WALPE**, she focuses on increasing women's political and economic participation, leadership training, and fostering gender-responsive policies.



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**Marcela González – Quechua-Speaking Leader, National Platform of People Affected by Heavy Metals, Peru**

Marcela González is a **Quechua-speaking leader** of the **National Platform of People Affected by Heavy Metals, Metalloids, and Other Toxic Chemical Substances in Peru**. She coordinates **collective action among affected communities and women in the Southern Macro Region**, a key area of the mining corridor where major extraction projects are expanding due to the energy transition.

She is also part of the **School of Quechua Women Affected by Heavy Metals**, an initiative led by **Oxfam, CooperAcción, and Human Rights Without Borders**, which educates communities on the **health impacts of heavy metals, caregiving work, and the role of fiscal policy in environmental justice**.

**Perpetual Ofori-Ampofo – President, Ghana Registered Nurses and Midwives Association (GRNMA), Ghana**

Perpetual Ofori-Ampofo is the **President of the Ghana Registered Nurses and Midwives Association (GRNMA)** with 26 years of experience in Ghana's health sector. A **Registered Nurse and Nurse Educator**, she holds a **Master's in Public Health** and is a **Foundation Fellow of the Ghana College of Nurses and Midwives**. She is also a **Fellow of the West African Postgraduate College of Nurses and Midwives**, a member of the **Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing**, and a **Global Nursing Leadership Institute Scholar**.

With nearly two decades of experience in **trade unionism**, she has championed the strengthening of trade unions, social protection for public sector workers, ethical migration, and the rights of workers, women, and adolescents. She is the immediate past **Chairperson of the West African Health Sector Unions Network (WAHSUN)** and the **Ghana PSI National Coordinating Council of Public Services International (PSI)**.

**Dionéia Ferreira – Instituto de Ação para o Desenvolvimento Sustentável do Sul do Amazonas (ASA), Brazil**

Dionéia Ferreira is a community leader dedicated to **promoting sustainable development and socio-environmental justice in the Amazon region**. Through **ASA Brazil**, she works to **strengthen grassroots initiatives, protect local biodiversity, and enhance community resilience** in the face of climate change.



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## Panelists: Government on the Climate & Care Nexus

**Carolina Miranda – Project Manager, National Secretariat for Care and Family, Ministry of Social Development and Fight Against Hunger, Government of Brazil**

Carolina Miranda specializes in **social policy and care systems**, working at the Ministry of Social Development to design and implement **national strategies for caregiving and gender equality** in Brazil.

**Anette Baleda – Deputy Executive Director, Philippine Commission on Women, Government of the Philippines**

Anette Baleda is a **policy advocate for gender equality, social protection, and economic empowerment** of women in the Philippines. She serves as **Deputy Executive Director of the Philippine Commission on Women**, focusing on legislative frameworks and programmatic strategies to promote gender-responsive policies.

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## Closing Remarks

**Francisco Cos-Montiel – Senior Research Coordinator, Gender Justice and Development, UNRISD**

Francisco Cos-Montiel is a **Senior Research Coordinator** in the **Gender Justice Programme at the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)**. Previously, he was a **Senior Research Officer at the United Nations University's Institute on Globalization, Culture and Mobility** and served as **UN Women's Economic Advisor** for the Asia-Pacific Regional Office, focusing on **macroeconomic and microeconomic analysis, gender equality, and socio-cultural barriers to human agency**.

Before joining the UN, Francisco worked in public service in **Mexico and Canada**. At Canada's **International Development Research Centre (IDRC)**, he led the **Growth and Economic Opportunities for Women (GrOW)** initiative, a five-year research program



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generating **cutting-edge evidence on women's economic empowerment, gender equality, and economic growth in Asia and Africa.**

Francisco holds a **PhD in Gender Studies** and an **MSc in Social Policy and Planning in Developing Countries** from the London School of Economics. He speaks **Spanish, French, English, Portuguese, and Italian.**

**Agnieszka Raczynska – Regional Program Manager, Fundación Avina**

Agnieszka Raczynska is an **expert in human rights, advocacy strategy development, social movement strengthening, and multi-stakeholder collaboration.** She has worked in both international and Mexican civil society organizations and later transitioned to philanthropy, where she has supported projects aimed at **strengthening civil society organizations, fostering dialogue, and promoting collaborative spaces.**

Her work experience has enabled her to engage with **grassroots organizations, civil society groups, authorities, and the private sector,** promoting **best practices, accountability, and inclusion of vulnerable populations in decision-making processes.** She holds a **degree in International Relations from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM)** and a **Master's in Human Rights and Democracy from FLACSO.**