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Title: **Gender sensitive responses and gender mainstreaming in answer to climate change**

### **Noting**

Liberal International is convening in Marrakesh parallel to COP 22 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Gender was mentioned UNFCCC Gender decision (36/CP.7) in Marrakesh COP 7 in 2001.

The Government of Morocco at COP 21, hosted “Women: Active and Engaged in the Fight against Climate Change” The events aimed to send a forward-looking message to COP 22

### **Considering**

Linking gender responsiveness to climate action is long overdue, given the overwhelming evidence that women are the majority in several important areas making them more vulnerable to the effects of climate change than men:

They are the majority of the world’s poor and account for 45-80 % of food production in developing countries, the majority of those securing livelihoods based on natural resources which are threatened by climate change, of those using fuel to warm their houses or cook their food, of those making long walks to fetch water.

### **Concluding**

Women not only need to be equally involved, but policymakers need to understand how the gender constructions of their societies are perpetuating the inequalities that make women so vulnerable to climate change.

Gender must be effectively mainstreamed into every aspect of climate action—from adaptation to mitigation to negotiations.

No true solution to climate change will come until women are made full partners in climate action.

### **Liberal International calls its members to urge their governments to:**

Press for gender equilibrium within institutions of the Paris Agreement of COP21 in 2015.

Incorporate gender perspectives and involve women as agents of change in climate change responses.

Emphasize that financing mechanisms must be flexible enough to reflect women's priorities and needs.

Recognize the active participation of women in the development of funding criteria.

Emphasize new technological developments related to climate change should take into account women's specific priorities, needs and roles, and make full use of their knowledge and expertise, including indigenous knowledge and traditional practices. To stress women have equal access to training, credit and skills-development programs to ensure their full participation in climate change initiatives.



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Incorporate gender perspectives into their national policies, action plans and other measures on sustainable development and climate change, through carrying out systematic gender analysis.