



## DECLARATION

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Meeting in Tangier  
on 18 and 19 July 2016  
during the MedCOP Climate

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# GENDER AND CLIMATE BY THE MEDITERRANEAN WOMEN

### We have noted that:

- The agreement on climate in the framework of the COPs inadequately integrates the gender approach. Urban and rural women from developing countries are on the first line of defence and are often more affected than men by climate change. This entails the following consequences:
  - Decrease of economic opportunities and worsening of inequalities
  - Increased vulnerability of women from the south in general and of domestic and sub-Saharan female climate migrants
  - Increased gender-based violence
  - Increased health risks and death rates
  - Lack of empowerment in terms of access to education and economic and social resources.
- Women, marginalised in climate issues, are not only victims of the consequences but also actresses of change. Their leadership and contribution are essential to finding concrete solutions.
- The non-integration of gender in the actions for the adaptation and attenuation of climate changes and the absence of women in decisions on climate and adaptation can only worsen their vulnerability. The fight against climate change must involve gender equality and a climate justice respectful of gender issues.

We regret that women are underrepresented in climate negotiations, and that their participation in policy decision-making on climate and adaptation is very low.



We ask for the states to commit to the reduction of conflicts and wars, accelerators of gender inequalities and climate disturbances.

### For the specific implementation of the Climate Action Plan we propose that:



- The issues of financing and change of scale, the ownership and dissemination of safe and sustainable technologies and the establishment of spaces of agreement and decision both at the local and national levels are taken into account.
- The financing, monitoring and assessment mechanisms are accessible at a local level and proactively target women in order to reduce inequalities.
- The technologies for climate transition take into account the needs of women who must be able to access the jobs created.
- The participatory approach must be the basis of the adaptation programmes in order to ensure a sustainable and inclusive development. Moreover, the actions on climate must further articulate attenuation and adaptation because the social issue is inseparable from the technical issues.



### We, Mediterranean women, presidents, vice-presidents, councillors and militants for gender equality, of the national and international NGOs declare that:

- We have started the creation of the RFFDCC (Réseau Femmes Face aux Défis des Changements Climatiques en Méditerranée / Network of Women Faced with the Climate Changes in the Mediterranean) for Mediterranean women through the constitution of a preparatory committee bringing together all women, men and the organisations present at the MEDCOP 2016 wishing to be members;
- We have committed to carry out the implementation of the bodies of the RFFDCC-Méditerranée (RFFDCC-Mediterranean), in accordance with the internal regulations of the said network before October 2016;
- We have also committed to invite the president of the Réseau mondial des femmes parlementaires de la francophonie (REFELA-Afrique) / World Network of Parliamentary Women of the Francophonie (REFELA-Africa) and the members of the Board, during the holding of the seminar for the official announcement of the creation of the RFFDCC-Méditerranée.
- We have committed to support the continuation of the Lima Work Programme on Gender during the COP 22 in Marrakech.

The Euro-Mediterranean Women's Foundation (EMWF) supports the declaration adopted during the MedCOP Climate (Tangier, 18-19 July 2016) by the participants in the "Gender and Climate" workshops and signed by over 200 associations and well-known figures.

At the COP 22 in Marrakech in November 2016, and with the support of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development (MAEDI), the EMWF will actively participate in various workshops in partnership with, among others, the Platform Gender and Development of MAEDI and the RFFDCC - Méditerranée with the slogan: "No water, no emancipation."

The EMWF also supports the initiatives of the Federation of Women's Rights' Leagues in Morocco (FLDF) - Marrakech section that coordinates the local cluster of gender equality actors© under the Axis 1 "Strengthening the capacity of the actors working for equality" of the project "Women for the future in the Mediterranean", funded by the MAEDI. The Axis 1 is coordinated by the European Institute of the Mediterranean, which is the headquarters of the EMWF, and it is part of the project "Developing Women's Empowerment" labelled by the Union for the Mediterranean.

The FLDF raises the awareness of the policy-makers on the impact of climate change on the lives of rural women in the region of Marrakech.

For more information and for consulting the list of the Declaration's signatories you can visit: [www.euromedwomen.foundation](http://www.euromedwomen.foundation)