**Intervention by the Women and Gender Constituency**

**SBI Closing Session Nov. 16, 2013 Poland Warsaw, internal gender conclusion**

Dear all,
please find attached the original (long) version of the intervention and the shorter one, adapted to two minutes and to the situation, that the intervention was delivered before the conclusions of the SBI chair on gender and climate were adopted.

Constituencies were given the possibility to deliver their interventions quite early.

Shortly after the session was suspended until 10pm - and, following the webcast

 Discussing a new paragraph in the gender and climate conclusions....

Cheers
Ulrike

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1. the allocation of resources in the trust fund should incentivize delegations to improve their gender balance and gender capacity.
2. additional funding for participation of gender advocates should be provided
3. funding for a regular gender specialist in the UNFCCC secretariat to follow up on the gender decision and the outcomes of the gender workshop must be allocated. Therefore, we urgently call upon Parties for additional funding for a supplementary budget earmarked to increase gender capacity in the UNFCCC secretariat.

Despite this progress, we are concerned.

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Be now inspired to walk the talk on gender AND climate change!



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