**Women for Climate Justice- A Call to March in New York City and Around the World**

***September 21st 2014***

**We are calling all women to join our contingent of Women for Climate Justice as we help create a massive Peoples’ Climate March** - the largest climate march in history - on Sunday, September 21st in New York City, two days before heads of state of the world’s nations will meet in a climate Summit at the United Nations.

**To change everything, it will take everyone.**

Scientists warn us that global warming is spiraling out of control and we are running out of time to avoid planetary catastrophe. The time for change is now, not only to preserve the planet for future generations but to ensure a world worth saving- to create a global community where women and girls, men and boys live in peace, harmony and equality- fulfilling their individual hopes and dreams on an ecologically sustainable planet.

**On September 21st, we call on women’s human rights organizations, activists and allies to march with us for climate justice.** March with us to demand a new model of sustainable development. March with us to halt the destructive path towards climate chaos. March with us to deliver more equitable distribution of power, resources, energy, and wealth between countries, between rich and poor and between men and women.

**March with us to proclaim that there can be no climate justice without gender justice**- acknowledging that women, particularly in the Global South, have contributed the least to global warming and degradation of the planet and yet they suffer the most from environmental destruction and unsustainable consumption and production.

As women community leaders, caretakers, and innovators, we have an urgent opportunity to act for transformative change – change for the climate – change for our futures.

**We especially call on you – the diverse, vibrant and energetic women’s human rights community in the United States to join us in New York City on September 21st to change the climate change narrative in this country.**

Climate change is not only a women’s human rights issue in developing countries but also here at home. The United States needs to be a leader in the fight against climate change, to practice environmental justice in its own communities, and to take responsibility for how our actions as a nation affect people around the globe. We must demand the U.S. government acts in order to create a future in which climate protection, human rights and gender equality are realized throughout the world.

**We also call upon women’s human rights and social justice activists around the world to use this unique moment to re-commit and to mobilize for action**- whether you are with us in New York City on September 21st, or in solidarity though actions and statements of resistance and for change in your local communities. **We will march in solidarity with all women on the frontlines around the world to demand action for climate justice and support for community resilience.**

An opportunity for global transformation is within reach, and it will neither start nor end with one day. But we know that when the challenge is greatest, and the moment is right, there is power in taking to the streets. **A brighter future will not be realized unless we demand it,** and our demand will best be heard with all women’s voices in a powerful chorus together.

Join us in New York or in your local community on September 21st, as we join together as women to call for a future for ourselves, our families and our children- as we join together as women to march for climate justice. **Together, we can change everything.**

We urge all women and women’s organizations to share this call with their members, networks and social media.

-***Women’s Table for the People’s Climate March***

**Organizations/ Individuals Joining the Call:**

Women’s Environment and Development Organization (WEDO)

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**To join this call, please e-mail Gina Stovall at** [**mobilize@wedo.org**](mailto:mobilize@wedo.org)

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