

# FEMINIST FOSSIL FUEL FREE FUTURE

A call for alternative development models to ensure new, gender-just, economic, political and social relationships in a world free from climate change.

We want to hear **YOUR** ideas and your examples to build a feminist manifesto for climate justice. Share your vision for a Feminist Fossil Fuel Free Future (5Fs) with us.

**What elements are required to build a Feminist Fossil Fuel Free Future?**

**Where have you seen shifts that both prevent or address climate change and deliver more gender equitable power?**

**What do we need to make a feminist fossil fuel free future a reality?**

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**A CALL FOR ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT MODELS TO ENSURE NEW, GENDER-JUST, ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS IN A WORLD FREE FROM CLIMATE CHANGE.**

Climate change poses the largest threat to human rights, and indeed to human existence, that humanity has faced. To address it, we need to profoundly and radically transform our neoliberal model of development that has framed the global economic and political order in the last three decades. Climate change will force change. We can choose to change in ways that are more equitable and just for women and communities or we can continue on a path of destruction and a dystopian future of gross violations, inequality and, ultimately, annihilation.

## Some initial ideas to start the conversation...

**1.** A Feminist Fossil Fuel Free Future requires a **just and equitable transition** of the economy and employment. Just transitions generally imply a shift from jobs in carbon polluting industries to decent jobs in sustainable, clean and renewable industries. Yet, to be fair and equitable, this **transition must also challenge the gendered-division of labour**, which places women in often low waged, insecure and informal subsistence and service industries. This just and equitable transition should challenge the foundations of paid labour so that both paid and unpaid care and domestic work, mostly assumed by women, is valued and redistributed. This requires reducing hours of paid work, allowing growth of community, expansion of the commons and enhanced democratic engagement.

**2.** Transitioning from dirty to clean energies won't be enough for the future we want to take place. We need to challenge the very structures of power that gives big corporations control over our resources, **energy systems and democracy**. This is precisely what has caused the climate crisis, when private interests and profits matter more than the respect of human rights or the conservation of the Earth and the environment. We need energy and resource democracy, where local people, particularly women, are able to make decisions over the use of local resources and the best way to fulfil their needs.

**3.** Industrial agriculture is one of the main drivers of climate change. It pushes farmers off their land, causes enormous environmental impacts and maintains profound unequal food distribution systems. We need to reclaim the power from big agribusinesses to give it back to small food producers and encourage **agroecological farming practices**. Agroecology delivers multiple benefits, from retaining bio-diversity and limiting the utilisation of chemicals fertilisers to enabling food sovereignty, increasing the capacity of soils to sequester carbon and improving food quality and health benefits. Women are more likely to use agroecological methods while less likely to have well paid roles in agro-business.

**4.** The fight against climate change cannot be impeded by commercial interests. **All trade rules within and outside the WTO that prevent climate action must be dismantled**. This includes stopping the negotiations of free trade agreements that diminish the ability of states to regulate in the interests of the environment and public good. It also means ending Intellectual Property rules that prevent technology sharing and access to affordable health and resource goods.

**5.** The market is sexist. **Investments in the commons** have positive redistributive as well as climate impacts. Public transport, public green space, publically funded seeds and shared equipment, public housing can all be designed to deliver both climate and gender impacts.

**6.** To allow governments to invest in the commons we need a **Global Tax Body that can end tax competition and evasion**. **Innovative sources of public finance** should be adopted such as a global financial transaction tax, the redirection of military budgets, additional taxes on arms trade, extractive and shipping industries, the elimination of tax havens and tax evasion from transnational corporations and wealthy individuals. Redistributive taxes support gender equitable outcomes.

**7.** The idea of a **Social Wage** could have large benefits for the climate and for gender equality. A social wage would allow paid employment to be better distributed and give people more time to contribute to the work of living sustainably and equitably.

**8.** Histories that make women more responsible for family and community care mean that when women are collectively involved in decision making, decisions tend to result in more community and environmentally positive decisions. And when women are involved in climate related decision making, their power and position in communities is strengthened. **Gender equitable participatory democracy** is therefore core to a Feminist Fossil Fuel Free Future!