



Summit of the Future Action Days Side Event

[Title of Side Event]

Advancing Feminist Climate Justice and the Women, Peace and Security Agenda to Build Resilient Societies

[Date, Time, Location]

Friday, September 20, 2024

3:30 PM to 5 PM

UN Women Headquarters

220 East 42nd Street New York, NY 10017 -- 19th Floor Conference Room

Organized by: *[list of organizing partners]*

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Action Coalition on Feminist Action for Climate Justice (FACJ)

Compact on Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action (WPS-HA)

Background on the event (one paragraph)

Climate change impacts exacerbate risks to peace and security, placing additional strain on already vulnerable populations. Understanding gender roles, norms and power imbalances are key to both reducing vulnerabilities and seizing opportunities to advance gender equality, resilience and peace. The event aimed to explore how to effectively promote women's leadership, participation and protection to foster gender-responsive relief and recovery, and leverage the WPS agenda to address the security risks and challenges that climate change poses. Representatives of the *Action Coalition on Feminist Action for Climate Justice (FACJ)* and the *Compact on Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action (WPS-HA)* convened by UN Women under the Generation Equality initiative, such as the *International Development Law Organization (IDLO)*, the **Engajamundo** youth organization, the **Women for a Change** NGO from Cameroon and the **Global Network of Women Peacebuilders** came together to explore potential of intersecting areas for joint action to advance gender transformative goals across peace and security and climate mitigation and adaptation policies and programs, supported with adequate financing.

Key Issues discussed (5- 8 bullet points)

- Commonalities of long-term **war** (in Central Africa particularly) and climate-induced disasters causing multiple layers of challenges (displacement, food insecurity, etc.)
- Shrinking of **livelihoods** options due to climate change (agriculture with dominant presence of women in an informal manner) fuels conflict, GBV and child marriage (especially in critical contexts across this intersection such as South Sudan, Afghanistan, Somalia, Bangladesh)
- Sustainable peace for women must take into account **conflict drivers** that – understanding the gendered dimensions of **climate security risk**- mainstreaming adequate methodologies scaling up solutions
- Fighting against the **erosion of rights, shrinking of civic space** and support the enforcement of rights of women, including indigenous and trans women (legal aid/ legal empowerment) , including Brazil and Colombia

Key recommendations for action (5 - 6 bullet points)

- Concretize synergies across feminist action for climate justice, women, peace and security and humanitarian action with a focus on effective **policymaking, programming and financing**→ build climate-resilient societies and prevent conflict in the long run by empowering local women's organizations
- Involve grassroots women leaders (including youth) for peace and their global networks for coordinated planning taking into account local realities → meaningful participation in **WPS National Action Plans** and climate resilience planning, **strengthening existing networks**
- Laws, policies and dispute resolution mechanisms need to be people-centered, helping women to **respond to and withstand shocks** (including community-driven land dispute resolution, DRR, natural resources management, peacebuilding etc.) → capacity development programmes, **localization** agenda, promote good governance
- Enhance **joint action** to help build a network of Feminist Action for Climate Justice Action Coalition and Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action Compact **stakeholders**, including in the context UNFCCC COP 29 and Beijing +30.
- This effort will culminate in a **dedicated event by the FACJ and WPS-HA Action Coalition's government and grassroots leaders** to take stock and consolidate action along this intersection at the 69th Session of the Commission of the Status of Women (**CSW69**) in 2025.

Webpage to find more information:

- [Compact on Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action \(wpshacomcompact.org\)](https://wpshacomcompact.org)
- https://commitments.generationequality.org/sites/default/files/2022-08/feminist_action_for_climate_justice.pdf
- [About – Engajamundo](#)
- [Climate Justice | IDLO - International Development Law Organization](#)
- <https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/sof-global-network-women-peace-input-zero-draft-pact-for-future.pdf>
- [Home - Women for a change, Cameroon \(wfaccameroon.org\)](https://wfaccameroon.org)