



GENDER COP

THE BELÉM GENDER ACTION PLAN

The newly adopted 9-year Belém Gender Action Plan is a concrete step which was urgently needed to better address intersections right at the heart of gender and climate justice and serve those too often forgotten in climate policy and action.

Constructive collaborations & fierce commitments

The WGC has served as a crucial partner in this entire effort, from the workshop in Bonn, to those in Addis Ababa, as well as here during the negotiations at COP30. As WECF, we were honored to be a part of that effort: organizing, meeting and marching.

Beyond staff, we also supported partners to be a part of these engagements, who brought to life the reality that women and girls in all their diversity face in the light of climate disasters. Like Ayesha Amin, from the organisation Baithak in Pakistan, who shared with decisionmakers the reality of those having to give birth after the devastating floods in Pakistan and why Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights should not be an afterthought.

However, the explicit mention of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights was early on placed in brackets, before being deleted from the final version.



What was gained and what was lost

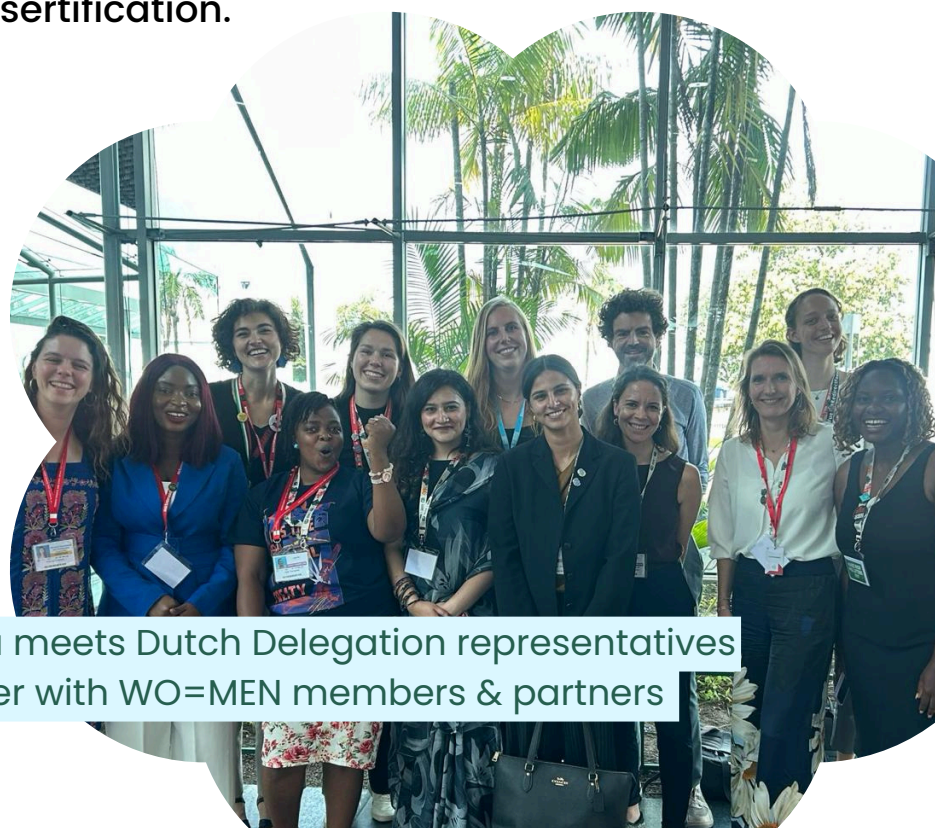
Whilst it is important that we reflect on what was lost from the first draft, it is as crucial that we recognize what has been won. Mentions for example of health, gender and age disaggregated data, care work, violence against women and Women Environmental Defenders have never been a part of the GAP before, and their inclusion are an important step towards actions being more reflective of lived realities.

Beyond inclusive language, we also pushed for the fact that the GAP cannot be implemented without being resourced. Unfortunately, the GAP does fall short in ensuring with certainty that the political commitment the GAP embodies can be fulfilled. Therefore, this remains to be a point of attention in the upcoming years when we will be following the level of implementation of the GAP.

Lastly, we needed this GAP to strengthen coherency across negotiation streams, thematic areas, and UNFCCC processes. As WECF, we stood firm on the inclusion of the Rio Conventions as an opportunity for increasing synergies, and we are glad that the GAP includes an activity to “strengthen cooperation” with - amongst others - the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Convention to Combat Desertification.

In our current reality of increasing backlash against gender, we are proud of what remained and what can be built upon.

We bridged the GAP, now let's get to work!



Ayesha meets Dutch Delegation representatives together with WO=MEN members & partners