



2024 Activities Annual Report

Who are we?

The CBD-WC serves as the women's major group at the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

We are a global platform for all women and girls to advocate for their rights in all issues related to biodiversity and the three objectives of the CBD.

As an independent, self-organised, permanent and sustainable entity, we are guided by a framework of collective ownership, shared leadership, and collaborative action.

What do we do?

Our mission includes driving positive change for gender justice and the empowerment of women and girls in all their diversity in biodiversity-related decision-making spaces at all levels.

We focus on 5 dimensions of action: 1) Community building, 2) Capacity development, 3) Awareness & outreach, 4) Knowledge production and 5) Policy & advocacy.

1. Community Building

Objective:

By the end of the 2024, the CBD-WC will have consolidated its internal structures, and coordination mechanisms to support a cohesive and efficient global platform.

Membership management

- Updated subscription form: Individual & Organisation
- Increased membership up to 700 members from all regions
- Consolidation of standardised nominations process
- 8 internal calls to represent the Caucus in meetings and processes.
- Collective annual evaluation 2024
- Collective planning 2025

Information sharing

- Up to date CBD notifications sharing
- Report back from CBD processes and meetings
- Constant exchange calls to update on events and processes
- Annual activities report
- Annual financial report



Caucus de Mujeres del CBD como integrante individual / **Formulaire d'inscription au Caucus des femmes du CBD en tant que membre individuel**

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If you want to register as organisation, please fill this other form instead: <https://forms.gle/xxbmxU571gseBL81A>



sent: Thursday, September 2, 2024 at 10:21 PM
To: cbdwomenscaucus@cop16.org; cbdwomenscaucus@cop16.org
Subject: Save the Dates: UPCOMING CBD-WC [CALLS](#)

Dear CBD Women's Caucus

I hope this email finds you well!

As the calendar for the next months is going to be a bit packed with different [CALLS](#) with different purposes happening, we wanted to share this email with all the dates and registration links for you to reserve these slots on your agendas.

Along to balance the inequality of time zones, we've made an effort to adjust the meeting times slightly to accommodate participants from different time zones, particularly those from the Pacific and the Americas.

We understand this means that some of you may need to wake up early or stay up a bit later than usual, and we sincerely appreciate your flexibility and understanding. In the spirit of comfort and community, feel free to join in your pyjamas if that helps!

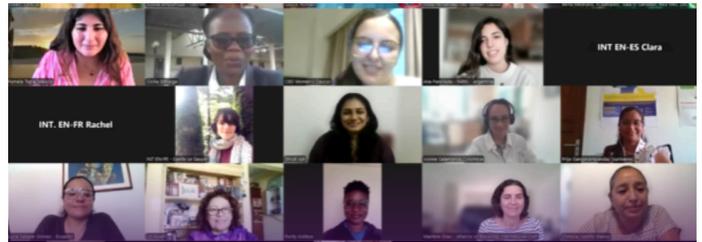
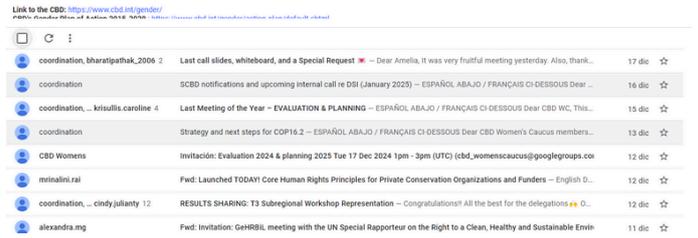
ALSO REMEMBER ALL THESE [CALLS](#) WE HAVE INTERPRETATION ENGLISH-FRENCH-SPANISH TO SUPPORT BETTER ENGAGEMENT.

BEFORE COP16			REGISTRATION LINK
DATE	TIME	TOPIC	
Sept 11	12 to 14 UTC	Women's bimonthly CALL	https://forms.gle/xxbmxU571gseBL81A https://forms.gle/xxbmxU571gseBL81A

Community Building Activities

Internal comms channels

- Regularly maintained non-moderated google group
- WhatsApp groups: Members-only chat, Open chat, Announcements channel
- Six bimonthly meetings (with interpretation to English/French/Spanish)



CBD WC GRIEVANCE MECHANISM - PUBLIC

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Descripción del formulario

Contact details *

Name, surname and contact details of the complainant, including landline and/or mobile phone number, email, as well as valid proof of representation if making the complaint on behalf of an organisation, group or community.

01.WC- Budget Control

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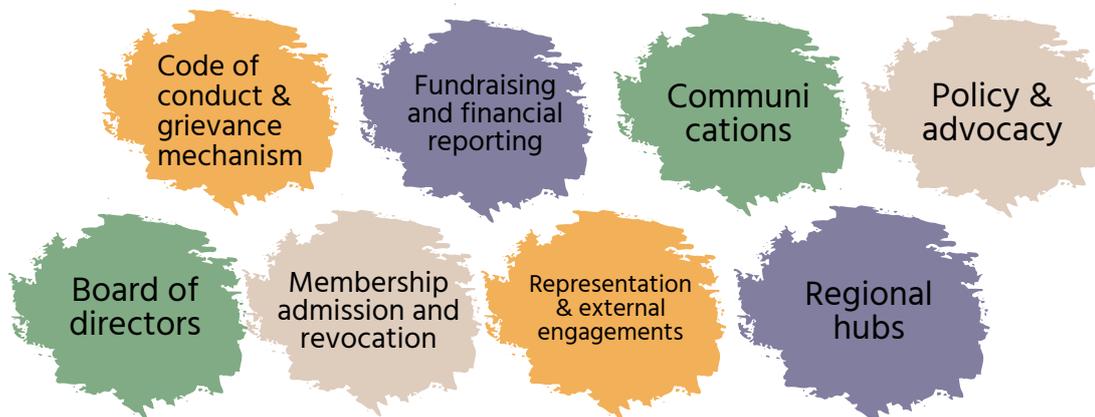
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D	Travel	-	22.353,42	- 22.353,42
E	Events	0,00	94,64	- 94,64
F	Bank costs	976,30	245,11	731,19
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Board

- Monthly meetings
- Submission and reports review
- Selection of nominees
- Fundraising and financial control
- Grievance mechanism
- Internal guidelines based on statutes

CBD WC internal guidelines



2. Capacity Development

Objective:

By the end of the 2024, the CBD-WC will have strengthened the capacities of its members, enabling them to actively participate and effectively advocate in biodiversity-related decision-making processes.

Working team	Knowledge, Practice and Attitudes Survey
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A team focused on capacity development was established. • Leads and members identify general needs • Leads and members met to define objectives and ways of collaboration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced and tested • Pending launching
<p><u>Training: A guide for women & allies to navigate and succeed at CBD COP16</u></p>	
<p>Session 1: Understanding the CBD and its gender-related provisions ENG recording / SPA recording / FRE recording</p> <p>Session 2: Introduction to CBD COP16 and its negotiations processes ENG recording / SPA recording / FRE recording</p> <p>Session 3: Navigating the CBD COP16 website and the negotiation documents ENG recording / SPA recording / FRE recording</p>	

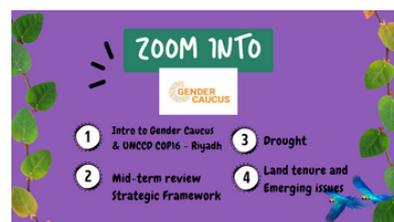
Capacity Development Activities

Preparations towards CBD meetings

- Online internal preps for SBSTTA 26, SBI 4, SBI 5 and COP16
- In person preps for SBSTTA 26, SBI 4, SBI 5 and COP16
- Daily meetings during SBSTTA 26, SBI 4, SBI 5 and COP16

Learning spaces

- Joint session on the Rio Conventions, co organised with the Women & Gender Constituency of the UNFCCC and the Gender Caucus of the UNCCD



3. Policy & Advocacy

Objective:

By the end of the 2024, the CBD-WC will have actively engaged in impactful policy advocacy into CBD-related processes and spaces.

Representation into CBD thematic processes

- Regional Dialogue on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans for countries in the Middle East and North Africa
- Preparatory meeting of the Informal Advisory Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources
- Regional Dialogue on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans for South and East Asia
- Bern III - Conference on cooperation among the biodiversity-related conventions for the implementation of the GBF
- First meeting of the Informal Advisory Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources
- Second meeting of the Informal Advisory Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources
- Third meeting of the Informal Advisory Group on Technical and Scientific Cooperation
- Second meeting of the Technical Expert Group on Financial Reporting
- Third meeting of the Informal Advisory Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources
- Second meeting of the Advisory Committee on Resource Mobilization
- Subregional Dialogue on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans for the Pacific Countries
- Workshop on Target 3 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework for Countries in the Pacific Region
- Subregional dialogue on national biodiversity strategies and action plans for Caribbean countries
- Fourth meeting of the Informal Advisory Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources
- Subregional workshop on Target 3 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework for Caribbean countries
- Fifth meeting of the Informal Advisory Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources
- Regional dialogue on national biodiversity strategies and action plans for francophone and anglophone African countries
- Subregional capacity-building workshop on Target 3 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework for Latin American countries
- Sixth meeting of the Informal Advisory Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources
- Regional Dialogues on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans for Latin America
- Subregional capacity-building workshop on Target 3 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework for South Asia
- Third meeting of the Advisory Committee on Resource Mobilization
- Dialogue on national biodiversity strategies and action plans organized with the European Union Dialogue in the Republic of Moldova on national biodiversity strategies and action plans
- 2024 Biodiversity Capacity-Building and Development Forum



Policy & advocacy Activities

Active delegations at CBD intersessional meetings

Twenty-sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
13-18 May 2024
Nairobi, Kenya

- Preparation and delivery of statements to each agenda item
- Constant participation during contact groups and diverse setups
- Meetings and exchanges with country delegates and Secretariat of the CBD
- Side event: Ensuring a gender-responsive monitoring framework: A critical step towards 2030



2024 SBSTTA 26

Ensuring a gender responsive Monitoring Framework

 **May 13th 2024**
 **13:15 - 14:45 (UTC+3)**
Room 2 floor 2



Policy & advocacy Activities

Active delegations at CBD intersessional meetings

Fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation

21-29 May 2024
Nairobi, Kenya

- Preparation and delivery of statements to each agenda item
- Constant participation during contact groups and diverse setups
- Meetings and exchanges with country delegates and Secretariat of the CBD
- Side event: Enhancing Gender Responsiveness in National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs)
- Celebration of the International Day for Biodiversity
- Co-hosting of the International dialogue on the implementation of the CBD Gender Plan of Action (GPA)

International Dialogue on the CBD's Gender Plan of Action 2022-2030

19 May 2024

09:00 - 13:00
(UTC +3)

Room 10 - Floor 2
UNON, Nairobi



Enhancing gender responsiveness in NBSAPs

May 28th 2024

13:15 - 14:45
(UTC+3)

Room 10 - floor 2
UNON, Nairobi



Policy & advocacy Activities

Active delegations at CBD intersessional meetings

Fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation

16-18 October 2024
Cali, Colombia

- Preparation and delivery of statements to each agenda item
- Constant participation during contact groups and diverse setups
- Meetings and exchanges with country delegates and Secretariat of the CBD
- Panellists at the Open-ended forum for voluntary country review of implementation Agenda item and action: Thematic session 2: national target setting and monitoring of NBSAPs
- Panellists at the 2024 Biodiversity Capacity-Building and Development Forum



Policy & advocacy Activities

Participation in Biodiversity-related Events or Conferences

- 1 GBF Fund Council
- Women's Land Rights Workshop (Germany, July)
- IUCN Regional Conservation Forum
- 2 GBF Fund Council
- Wilton Park event (UK, September)
- Women's National Pre-COP 16 Meeting in Barranquilla, Colombia
- 3 GBF Fund Council

Exchanges and alliances

- CBD Executive Secretary
- Peoples and Biodiversity Unit within the CBD Secretariat
- GEF Gender Partnership
- UN Women
- IUCN Human Rights Centre
- CBD Focal points and regional groups. Gender & Biodiversity Focal points
- WWF, AVAAZ, WEDO, CIAT and others...



Bilateral meetings with Gender and Biodiversity Focal Points



4. Knowledge Production

Objective:

By the end of the 2024, the CBD-WC will have developed discussion papers to contribute to the evidence-based decision-making and advocacy to advance women's rights in CBD processes.

Briefers & position papers

- Policy recommendations for the Twenty-sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
- Policy recommendations for the Fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation
- Policy recommendations for the Fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation
- Policy recommendations for the Sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity
- ["From Agreements to Actions: A guide to applying a human rights-based approach to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework"](#)
- ["Human Rights and Nature: Priorities at COP 16"](#)
- ["Placing gender equality at the heart of the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework"](#)
- Self-assessment guide: "Is my proposition gender blind or gender responsive?" [ENG](#) / [ESP](#) / [FRA](#)

Women POLICY DEMANDS for COP16

IN ENGLISH EN FRANÇAIS EN ESPAÑOL EM PORTUGUÊS

Self-Assessment Guide
My proposition is gender-blind or gender-responsive?

Gua de Autodiagnóstico
¿Mi propuesta es ciega al género o genero responsiva?

Guide d'autoévaluation
Ma proposition est indifférente au genre ou conscient du genre?

PLACING GENDER EQUALITY at the heart of the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Key Highlights

Background

From Agreements to Actions

A guide to applying a human rights-based approach to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

HUMAN RIGHTS AND BIODIVERSITY WORKING GROUP
CLICK FOR MORE INFORMATION (BEST EDITION 2024)

CBD COP16 outcomes from a gender lens

Gender equality is not just about nature—it's about people. And for it to succeed, it must be just.

Challenges and gaps at the COP16: procedural and political barriers

Knowledge production Activities

Submissions to the CBD

- Submission of views related to the work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and its contribution to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
- Views Template Draft knowledge management strategy to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
- Comments on document [CBD/SBSTTA/26/INF/19: Guidance on needs related to implementing the monitoring framework of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework](#).
- Submission of views related to the Headline indicator D.3 on private funding: a background note
- Comments on document [CBD/SBSTTA/26/INF/14: Guidance on using the indicators of the monitoring framework of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework](#)

Webinars

- Women towards COP16: An informative session
- CBD WC Policy recommendations for COP16
- What did COP16 bring for women and girls?

WOMEN TOWARDS COP16

July 16, 2024

Interpretation: Spanish, English, and French

13:00 - 14:30 UTC

Scan to register

An informative webinar organised by

Advancing Gender Justice in Biodiversity

CBD WOMEN'S CAUCUS POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS For COP16

October 4, 2024

Interpretation: Spanish, English, and French

13:00 - 15:00 UTC

Scan to register

Open webinar

What did COP16 bring for women & girls?

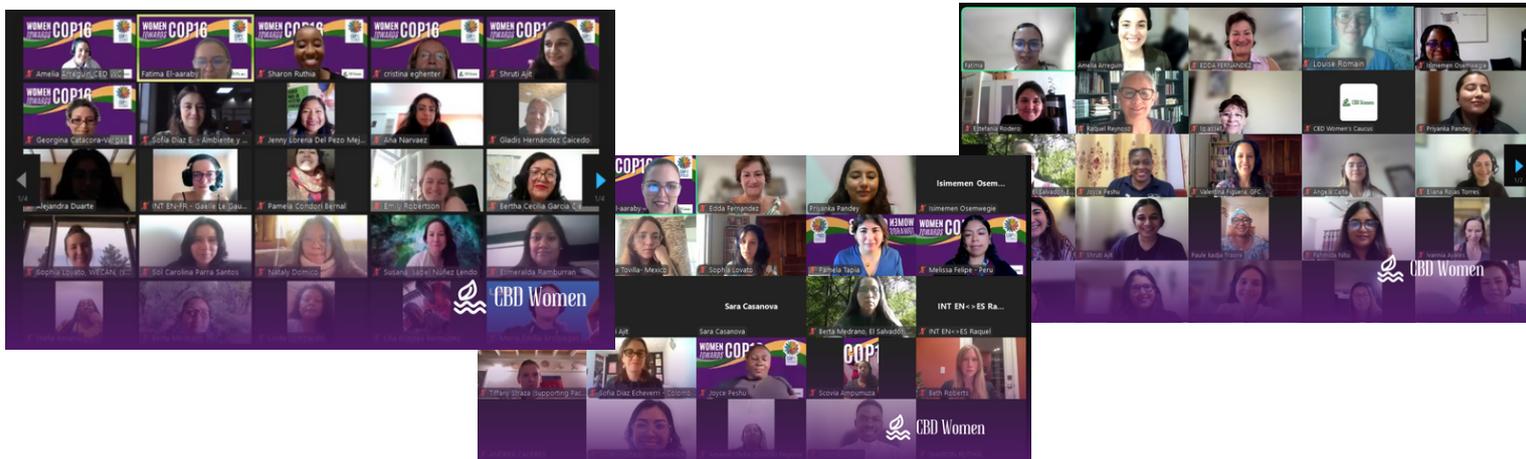
An assessment from a Human Rights Approach

20 November 2024

13:00 - 15:00 UTC

Interpretation to English-Spanish-French

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



5. Awareness & Outreach

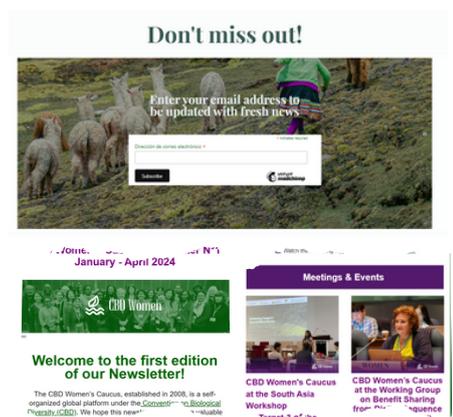
Objective:

By the end of the 2024, the CBD-WC will be widely recognised and visible as a leading major group and prominent advocacy platform for women and girls in biodiversity.

<p>Working team</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A team focused on communications was established. • A comms officer was hired • Leads and members met to define objectives and ways of collaboration
<p>Social media</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launching of social media • Regular creation of attractive and multilingual content • Management of virtual community
<p><u>Newsletter</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBD Women's Caucus Newsletter N°1 - January -April 2024 • CBD Women's Caucus Newsletter N°2- May 2024 • CBD Women's Caucus Newsletter N°3- July-September 2024
<p>Press conferences</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One at SBSTTA 26 and SBI to voice our demands and analysis of the negotiations • Three at COP16, one of each in collaboration with the International Land Coalition



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Awareness & outreach Activities

Advocacy materials

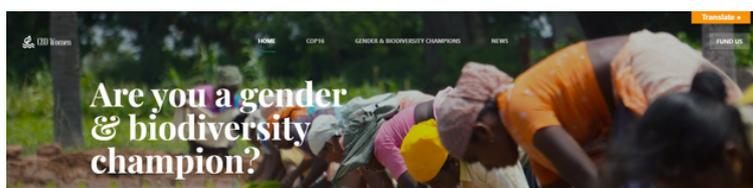
- Banners, stickers, pins and bags in multiple languages
- Flowers present at every negotiation
- Insta frame for engaging pictures
- Useful elements with reduced waste rate

Website

- <https://cbd womenscaucus.org>
- Main hub for information storing and sharing
- Multilingual, fresh and professional
- With key policy content and resources
- Gateway to those interested on the Caucus work

Podcast

- By podcaster Louise Romain, author of "Circle of Voices"
- First series focused on updates from CBD COP16
- Available in [Spotify](#) and [YouTube](#)



The latest



Webinar recap: What Did COP16 Bring for Women & Girls?
 The CBD Women's Caucus recently hosted (20 November 2020) the insightful webinar 'What Did COP16 Bring for Women & Girls? An Assessment from a Human Rights Approach'. The session aimed to provide a comprehensive review of the gender-responsive outcomes of...



Special website

CBD Women's Caucus at COP16

ÉPISODE

Taking an intersectional lens

Gender, Biodiversity & Climate Justice at

COP16

Elisa Morgera



6. Gender & Biodiversity Champions

- The Gender & Biodiversity Champions are agents of change committed to implement the Gender Plan of Action (GPA) under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).
- It brings together leaders from various sectors: national and local governments, intergovernmental agencies, Indigenous Peoples, local communities, civil society, funders, private sector, academia & more!
- By becoming a Gender & Biodiversity Champion, you are committing to lead forcefully to ensure women's rights are upheld in biodiversity policies and financing, and actions.
- [Registration form](#)
- [Dedicated landing page](#)



7. CBD COP16

Policy	<p>Advocated for integration of gender justice provision into all agenda items under negotiations, with a critical focus on Target 23 (gender equality and participation) and the Gender Plan of Action. Pushed for gender-responsive National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and benefit-sharing mechanisms like the Cali Fund. Read here the analysis of the CBD WC policy team on key items.</p>
Women Forum	<p>The Women Forum at COP16, held on October 25 and 29, 2024, in Cali, Colombia, served as a pivotal platform to advance gender-responsive approaches to conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. Organized collaboratively by the CBD Women's Caucus and its partners, the Government of Colombia, and the CBD Secretariat, the Forum addressed critical gaps in achieving Target 23 under the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF). With a key focus on implementing the Gender Plan of Action (GPA), the Forum fostered high-level discussions, knowledge exchange, and collaboration among stakeholders, emphasizing the disproportionate impacts of biodiversity loss experienced by women and girls and their indispensable contributions to conservation and restoration efforts.</p>
Women Pavilion	<p>The CBD Women's Caucus organised and facilitated the Women Pavilion at COP16 which provided a safe and inclusive space for 33 women's organizations to showcase their work efforts in biodiversity conservation and the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF).</p>
Side events	<p>The CBD Women's Caucus organised and co-organized a number of meaningful and impactful side events during COP16 in Cali, Colombia, aimed at addressing critical gender equality and social inclusion issues in the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. These side events focused on topics such as capacity building, gender-responsive monitoring, women's land and ocean rights, and empowering Indigenous women environmental defenders.</p>



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