



Women for Climate Justice Contingent



TOOLKIT

Women for Climate Justice Contingent at the Women's March on Washington & Sister Marches

General Group Statement

On January 21, 2017, the day after the U.S. presidential inauguration, thousands of women will gather in Washington D.C. to stand up for our rights, our safety, our health, our families and our communities. A coalition of diverse organizations and individuals will unite and march as a 'Women for Climate Justice' contingent during the Women's March on Washington to stand for the health of our Earth and our global communities. We invite all allies to join us!

We will be sending a clear message to the new U.S. Administration that, as women, many of whom stand on the frontlines of climate change across the U.S. and across the world, we are gravely concerned about the impacts of climate change, and the implications of a U.S. Administration that promotes climate skepticism, advancement of fossil fuels, an extractive economy, racism, bigotry and sexist oppression.

We march to reject the rule of the fossil fuel industry and demand that the U.S. government immediately work toward a just transition to a renewable energy future. We stand as women for climate justice, and March for and demand full respect for climate science and immediate action on solutions to this global crisis. We want our children and all future generations to live in a healthy, just and thriving world.

Women for Climate Justice Contingent Registration Page: **This link leads you to the official registration portal for the Women's March on Washington, and automatically stores your registration as part of the Women for Climate Justice Contingent. Page can be shared widely to invite allies and ensure everyone receives group updates**
<https://www.eventbrite.com/teams/women-for-climate-justice-contingent/1712262/>

Download the statement [here](#).

Key Principles

All efforts in organizing for climate justice invoke a frontlines first principle where women most impacted by climate change/ environmental degradation, including indigenous women, women with disabilities, and women of color, lead in terms of voice and key messages, are equally represented in all aspects of decision-making and prioritized in terms of rally spaces and media spots.

National Organizing

Jan 21. Women's March on Washington, Washington D.C.

- Official page to **register for Women for Climate Justice Contingent** (and the March as a whole): <https://www.eventbrite.com/teams/women-for-climate-justice-contingent/1712262>
- Facebook for Women for Climate Justice Contingent (please share widely and invite others): <https://www.facebook.com/events/237946663307850/>
- General Website for March: <https://www.womensmarch.com/>

Logistics for DC:

March Contingent Meet-Up (Day of March): 9AM Women for Climate Justice meet up at the Holiday Inn - Capitol Hill (550 C St SW); the March begins at 10am, at the intersection of Independence Ave and Third St SW.

Sign-making: On Friday, January 20th from 5PM – 9PM, the Sierra Club will host a space for sign-making and organizing the night before the march (pizza and refreshments will be provided). **Location: Sierra Club DC office, 50 F St NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20001**
Please share with friends and [RSVP here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact: A.Tianna Scozzaro from Sierra Club (805-698-0135) and Osprey Orielle Lake from WECAN (415-722-2104)

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Logistics outside DC/ SISTER MARCHES:

Allies are welcome to use the tools, resources and messaging outlined in this toolkit for their own participation in the march or to organize a climate justice contingent.

- **Website for Sister Marches:** <https://www.womensmarch.com/sister-marches/>
- **Additional information about Sister Marches is available via the Women's March Facebook Event:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/2169332969958991/>

New York 'Women for Climate Justice' contingent – [Sign-up for the NYC Women for Climate Justice contingent here](#). The point person for the NY march is Deirdre Aherne, and the meet-up point for the morning is 1st Ave @ 43rd St - Ralph Bunsch Park. *Contact deeaherne231@gmail.com for details.*

Resources

Print & Take to the March

The below signs have been used by women around the world in marches and rallies to demand climate justice, free for you to re-print and use. Or make your own!!



Read

Just a few key resources elaborating the connections between women's rights, gender equality and environment/ climate, in addition to women led actions and solutions:

- (2016) [Gender and Climate Change: A Closer Look at Existing Evidence](#)
- (2016) [How Young Feminists are Tackling Climate Justice in 2016](#)
- (2015) [Why Women Are Central to Climate Justice and Solutions](#)
- (2015) [Women's Global Call for Climate Justice](#)
- (2014) [Women's Solutions for Climate Change](#)
- (2014) [Women's Climate Action Agenda](#)
- (2014) [U.S. Climate Factsheet: Equality, Action, Gender and Resilience](#)

Messages for Signs

- Women for Climate Justice
- People and the Planet are Not For Sale
- System Change not Climate Change
- We ask for justice, we ask for equality. We are feminists, the climate activists.
- Human Rights NOT Corporate Rights!
- Down with false solutions / People's revolution
- Women will not be mainstreamed into a polluted stream!
- Women for a peaceful and healthy planet!
- Women speak out to defend our land, air and water!
- All issues are women's issues! Protect our planet!
- #ProtectWhatYouLove
- #WaterisLife

Chants

- Hey hey! Ho ho! Patriarchy has got to go!
- Women united will never be defeated!
- Tell me what a feminist looks like, THIS is what a feminist looks like
- What do we want? CLIMATE JUSTICE! When do we want it? NOW!
- The planet, the planet, the planet is on fire / we don't need no pipelines, let the corporations burn
- Frack Wall Street / Not our water
- 1, 2, 3, 4, Climate change is class war / 5, 6, 7, 8, Overthrow the bourgeois state
- Tar sands, coal, and oil / Keep all of them in the soil!

Inspiration

Photos of women organizing for climate justice from around the world:



Video: [Women's Earth Day 2016 Rally in NYC](#)

Video: [Women Speak for Climate Change Justice and Solutions in the Lead Up to COP21 and Beyond](#)

Photos: [Women at the People's Climate March 2014](#)

Photos: [Global Women's Climate Justice Day of Action 2016](#)

Photos: [WECAN- Keep it in the Ground](#)

Photos: [Rally for justice, murder of indigenous woman Bertha Caceres](#)

Photos: [Women, Climate, Peace Rally](#)

Photos: [Women at COP21 Protest](#)

Photos: [WECAN - COP21](#)

Photos: [2012 Women's March at Rio Earth Summit](#)

Facts & Figures

**Suggestion for signage - Bold text can be on one side of a sign & the fact on the other side.*

Women's rights are directly related to frequency of deaths from natural disasters. In inequitable societies, more women than men die from disaster. **Women's rights are human rights.**

After Hurricane Katrina, psychological victimization of women and men increased by 35% and 17% respectively in the six months after the storm and physical victimization of women increased by 98%. **Women's rights are human rights.**

In Malawi, female-headed households are more than twice as likely as male-headed households to report reducing the number of meals they eat as an adaptation strategy in response to climate shocks. **Women's voices must be heard.**

Women as caregivers take on community and family burdens. These increase as climate change increases vulnerability. **Women's voices need to be heard for real solutions.**

In Bangladesh, crop failure and flooding disproportionately increase the rate of migration by women. **Women's voices must be heard for real solutions.**

Female farmers from Latin America tend to plant a diversity of crops, improving household resilience to the effects of climate change. **Women's voices must be heard for real solutions.**

Higher female parliamentary representation equals a higher likelihood of ratifying international environmental treaties. **Women need to be in more positions of leadership.**

The full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples in climate action is critical in finding solutions. **Women's voices must be heard.**

Women & girls are primarily responsible for taking care of the environment in their households and communities. **Women's voices must be heard.**

Of the 49 countries that reduced CO2 emissions between 1990 and 2007, 14 were very high Human Development Index (HDI) countries, 10 of which had higher than average female parliamentary representation. **Women are effective agents of change.**

This contingent is open to everyone. *The toolkit was created collectively by: Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO), Women's Earth and Climate Action Network (WECAN), Sierra Club, 350NYC, Grassroots Global Justice, World March of Women-US chapter, Climate Justice Alliance, INOCHI-Women for Safe Energy, Idle No More SF Bay, Climate Wise Women, MADRE and other leading women's rights and climate change activists.*