

On behalf of Women as a Major Group we would like to support the statement made by the delegate from Fiji. We take this opportunity to reiterate the call for action from the international community, development partners, Major Groups, and Pacific Island countries on the following issues:

- Innovative financing of end-use technologies and fuels that directly meet rural and especially poor women's energy need; particularly for improved livelihoods and income generation activities.
- Increase effective participation of women in decision making positions.
- The integration of environmental friendly approaches in the provision of energy services, particularly as they relate to the use of biomass by women and the impacts on biodiversity.
- Integration of gender sensitive approaches in climate change mitigation and adaptation interventions.
- Capacity development of energy practitioners at different levels and from different institutions in the use of participatory and gender mainstreaming tools in energy planning, implementation and evaluation.