

WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS' PROTECTION IN THE LIMA WORK PROGRAMME

WHAT

- The Lima Work Program on Gender provides a critical opportunity to monitor and address all forms of violence and discrimination targeting women environmental human rights defenders, including those standing up for climate justice.
- A strong outcome can contribute to dismantling the structural, social, economic, and regulatory barriers that hinder environmental defenders' participation in UNFCCC processes.

WHY

- Women environmental human rights defenders are at the frontline of climate action. It is imperative to eliminate, prevent, and respond to all forms of discrimination and violence, including gender-based violence, against women defending the environment, whose vulnerability is exacerbated by gender-based threats, the disproportionate impact of the climate change crisis and the cultural, economic and social obstacles they face due to existing gender inequalities.

OUR DEMANDS

- Clear mechanisms must be established to eliminate, prevent, and respond to gender-based discrimination and violence, ensuring comprehensive protection and support for those standing up for environmental rights, including women environmental human rights defenders.
- The Program and its respective Gender Action Plan must actively ensure safe and inclusive participation while fostering an enabling environment free from criminalization and threats for climate defenders.

