

Campaign “Women demand just and effective climate protection: our message to the politicians”

*A campaign by the Working Group Women in the Forum for Environment and Development
in cooperation with **genanet** – Focal Point Gender, Environment, Sustainability*

The threat of climate change and its effects all over the world were presented dramatically before our eyes in the last couple of weeks by reports from the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change). If we do not act immediately, it will be too late and the consequences irrevocable – this, in essence, is the message.

From June 6 to 8, 2007 the G8 Summit will be taking place in Germany, and climate protection will be at the top of the agenda. This is a good thing, but we fear that the results of the summit will not be enough to meet the demands of the situation.

Of the heads of the G8 (+5) states, only one is a woman. We believe, however, that effective climate control is possible only with the widespread involvement of women. Climate protection and climate change are not just matters of technology and economics. Rather, they are closely tied to justice: justice between rich and poor countries, between those living today and future generations, but also within generations and nations. And gender equality plays a role in each of these aspects.

It is women and their will for change that will make a difference!

In order to make women’s voices heard at the G8 Summit, we call upon women all over the world to declare their messages to the heads of the G8 (+5) states:

- Send us your message. (It can be in any language, but should also have an English translation attached if it is not in English, Spanish, or French.) Please add your name, age and country.
- If possible, send us a photograph of yourself as well (at least 300 dpi resolution).
- Or take a piece of paper, write your message down, take a photograph from you with the message and send us the photo.

With your messages and photos, we plan to create an exhibit at the Alternative Summit of the Civil Society, which will take place in parallel to the official G8 Summit. And of course we will also forward them to the heads of state and call upon them for a response.

For International Women’s Day, **genanet** carried out a similar campaign whose results can be seen at (www.genanet.de/fotoaktion.html) and serve as an inspiration to us. The campaign was a great success. We hope that for the G-8 Summit even more women will raise their voices, make themselves visible, and exert their influence on politics.

Send us your message by May 16, 2007, to women-climate@genanet.de

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