



CSW66 Girls Statement

We, the girls of the 66th Commission of the Status of Women **and Girls**, see climate change as a global emergency for girls. Climate change worsens long-standing inequalities for us, including violence, and jeopardizes our access to education, economic security, and health. We call on Member States to take immediate action today.

As the severity of natural disasters increases, so does climate migration and displacement, increasing girls' physical and emotional vulnerabilities. We must examine climate change's disproportionate effect on girls, especially those from rural and indigenous communities.

We urge Member States to:

- Create disaster resilience programs, invest in disaster-resilient hospitals, homes, schools, and shelters, and
- Ensure girls' equal access to nutritious foods, clean water, menstrual products, and proper sanitation facilities.

Economic insecurity from climate change forces girls into unpaid domestic labor like caregiving and fetching water, hindering their ability to learn, complete their educations, and build careers. Without economic security and access to the formal economy, girls are at risk for increased violence.

Member States must equip girls with the skills we need to problem-solve and help lead on the climate crisis. This includes:

- Ensuring our educational opportunities are equal to that for boys
- Implementing programs that focus on STEM subjects, emphasizing green skills and adaptable agricultural practices, and
- Creating community driven climate resilience initiatives with girls as a key partner.

Member States must also hold those entities, which emit large amounts of carbon dioxide, accountable for causing climate change. This means compelling them to reduce emissions and rectify the damage that has been done.

Girls must be at the forefront of all policy creation and decision-making. Together, we can eradicate stereotypes about girls' ability to lead, listen to girl activists, and encourage girls to take up leadership positions. We call on Member States to partner with us to produce girl-specific solutions to the climate crisis.

You are responsible for supporting girls and ensuring that we are equipped with climate-adaptation resources and educational opportunities. We expect these responsibilities and commitments to be fulfilled without delay.