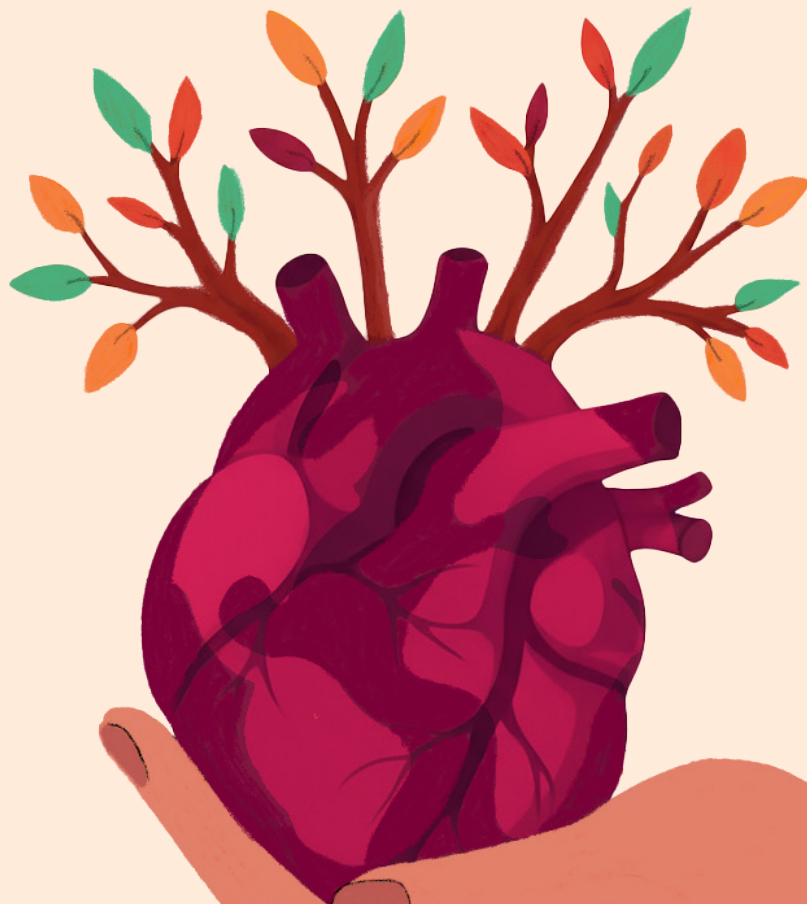


Linking Feminist Economic Alternatives and Climate Justice

Issues and demands for feminist and climate
activists at COP30





What are Feminist Economic Alternatives?

Feminist Economic Alternatives include a wide range of initiatives that

1

Center care and the collective wellbeing of people and the planet over profit

2

Challenge the extractive, patriarchal, colonial, heteronormative and white supremacist systems fueling the climate crisis

3

Are informed by and address the needs of frontline communities most impacted by the climate crisis

4

Build and weave networks rooted in dignity, interdependence with nature and solidarity across movements

They offer concrete pathways towards just transitions by aligning Paris Agreement goals with equity, justice and redistribution





Why do Feminist Economic Alternatives matter for COP?

196 defenders were murdered 🌐

in 2023 for resisting deforestation, pollution and land grabs led by extractive industries. 43% of those killed were Indigenous Peoples and 12% were women. Communities are paying the price.

\$2.7T Global military spending 🌐

in 2024 yet states in the Global Majority only pledged \$300 billion to tackle the climate crisis.

1,773 fossil fuel lobbyists

in attendance at **COP29** 🌐 — more than the 10 most climate vulnerable nations. COP processes have been captured by the same corporations driving the climate crisis.

False solutions dominate



Carbon markets undermine the Paris Agreement by allowing private corporations to **emit 1.5-2.5 Gigatonnes of greenhouse gases** 🌐 annually by 2050.



Feminist economic alternatives restore ecosystems and should be at the center of the **Just Transition Work Programme** 🌐



A Snapshot of Feminist Economic Alternatives

From rural women-led farmer collectives to solidarity economies, here are concrete alternatives that exist within key sectors outlined in the **COP30 Action Agenda** 🌐

Agriculture

False solution

Agribusiness drives deforestation which is responsible for **12 to 20% of global greenhouse emissions** 🌐.

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Nous Sommes la Solution (NSS) 🌐 unites 500+ rural women's associations across 7 West African countries. They practice **agroecology** 🌐, seed sovereignty, and sustainable farming — reaching **tens of thousands of smallholders** 🌐. Agroecology can **lower the incidence of landslides** 🌐 by 48%.

Food system

False solution

Four agri-food corporations 🌐 control over 75% of the global grain trade, undermining food sovereignty.

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In Brazil, women farmers and **quilombola** 🌐 communities organize solidarity markets that support hundreds of families with direct sales, ensuring both income and food security. During the **COVID-19 pandemic** 🌐, the **Quilombola Farmers Cooperative** 🌐 distributed 330 tons of food, to about 45,000 people in crisis.

Energy

False solution

Production of minerals, such as lithium could increase by **nearly 500% by 2050** 🌐, to meet the growing demand for renewable energy technologies, driving land grabs and displacement.

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Shine Collab 🌐 supports women-led, community-driven renewable energy systems tailored to the needs of territories hosting the minerals. In Bikita, Zimbabwe, women resist displacement from lithium mining and reject dispossession by affirming their role in deciding how energy is used and distributed to serve thousands of households.



Forest, Oceans, Biodiversity

False solution

The establishment of state protected areas and conservation zones are violently dispossessing Indigenous people of their lands. As of 2018 an **estimated 8 to 136 million** 🌐 have been displaced in areas under protected status.

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Indigenous communities are the best custodians of their land and protect biodiversity. Deforestation on Indigenous lands is **17 to 26% lower than on unprotected land** 🌐. In Peru, Indigenous women protect about 1 million hectares of forest in the Amazon through **community-led forest monitoring** 🌐 initiatives.

Cities & Infrastructure

False solution

More than **1 billion people** 🌐 across the world live in informal settlements in cities around the world, lacking access to basic services like water and sanitation. Yet **only 3.5% of global climate finance** 🌐 is targeting the needs of the urban poor.

Feminist Alternatives

The **Movimento dos Sem-Teto do Centro, MSTC** 🌐 (The Homeless Workers Movement), composed of over 2000 members, converts abandoned spaces into housing for low-income workers, children, women, adults, the elderly, migrants and refugees in São Paulo, Brazil. The **Ocupação 9 de Julho** 🌐 (9th of July Occupation), a project of the MSTC, provides food and shelter to **over 122 families** 🌐 in the city center.

Human & Social Development

False solution

In 2024, the 50 most climate vulnerable countries **spent 15.5% of government revenue** 🌐 to service external debts. This limits government spending on climate adaptation and critical public services for women and girls.

Feminist Alternatives

In Telangana, India the **Deccan Development Society** 🌐 works with women's associations in 75 villages that are regenerating thousands of acres of land and setting up alternative food distribution systems including grain and seed banks to restore their communities and ensure food sovereignty. They also run childcare centers and special schools that support nearly 900 children in their communities, with a focus on girls' education.



Key Demands

Our recommendations build on feminist contributions from movements around the world including the **Rabat Roadmap** 🌐, **ESCR-Net** 🌐 and the **Women and Gender Constituency** 🌐 demanding climate solutions grounded in economic, social, environmental and gender justice

Recognize Feminist Economic Alternatives as climate solutions and finance them

1

Direct climate finance to grassroots, gender-responsive and Indigenous solutions and ensure all funds are grants, not loans.

Integrate agroecology, solidarity economies, and community-driven energy into adaptation frameworks, food systems policies, and just transition roadmaps.

2

Divest from false solutions

Phase out carbon markets and offsets and invest in agroecology, solidarity economies, and feminist-led transitions.

3

End corporate capture of COP

Ban corporate actors including fossil fuel firms and lobbyists from UNFCCC spaces and end corporate sponsorship at COP.

States and UN bodies must establish clear and binding conflicts-of-interest rules to protect against corporate influence on policy-making processes.



4

Restructure the global financial architecture for effective climate financing

International Financial Institutions are complicit in the debt crisis and must be held accountable.

International Finance Institutions should not be responsible for delivering climate finance.

5

Divest from militarism

States must divest from military spending and direct funding towards public services and systems of care for communities most impacted by the climate crisis

6

Scale up public finance for climate through progressive taxation - including taxing big polluters - and through unconditional debt cancellation.



**Feminist Alternatives,
Not False Solutions at
COP30**