Join Women on the Road to Rio+20!

The Rio+20 UN Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) will take place from 13 – 22 of June 2012, in Rio de Janeiro, 20 years after the historic Earth Summit. More than 25.000 representatives of civil society and 100 heads of states are expected to take part in the Ri0+20 summit.

Women's participation in the process and input on the themes and objective are crucial to a successful outcome.

To assure the participation of women worldwide in the Rio+20 conference, the UN works with 2 'organising partners', Voices of African Mothers (VAM) and Women in Europe for a Common Future – WECF. To assure diverse and effective input the organising partners have asked others to join them, and together, as the Women's Rio+20 Steering Committee facilitate the activities of the Women's Major Group.

How to become active?

The Women's Rio+20 Steering Committee is facilitating several ways to make the links among the many women, men, organizations and movements from all corners of the world who want to take action for a gender-responsive Rio+20 summit.

Sign the Women's Rio+20 position statement

The Women's major group has submitted its policy recommendations for Rio+20 to the United Nations on the 1st of November 2011. Over 70 organisations and numerous individual contributors have signed on to the Women's major group submission. Go to this website and sign onto the Women's position statement, the more support the better! http://www.womenrio20.org/

Join our NING interactive internet portal

Become a member of Women on the Road to Rio+20! http://women-rio20.ning.com This is a space to facilitate women's contributions and communications around Rio+20. The discussions and blogs are open to all members and serve as a forum for sharing actions, planning events, etc. Post videos, share photos, connect with old friends and engage with new colleagues.

Be Part of the Official Process

Join the Listserv for Women's Major Group Rio+20 Steering Committee. The listserv is for anyone interested in planning for the official process for Rio+20. The group schedules monthly teleconferences; circulates information about meetings, conferences, policy position papers; and discusses ideas and activities. To join, send an email to Chantal.vandenbossche@wecf.eu

Follow and Like

Follow updates on Twitter and Facebook! And remember, spread the word! Tweet "I'm joining Women on the Road to Rio+20 @Women_Rio20 #RioPlus20 #UNCSD"

Contact information

For contact information and updates on activities see the **Women's Major Group pages** on the official website of the United Nations at: http://www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/majorgroups.html

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