WOMEN DELIVER AT COP31

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The **31st Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change** (COP31), taking place in November 2026 in Antalya, Türkiye, comes at a pivotal moment for international climate action. Türkiye will hold the COP31 Presidency, while Australia will lead the negotiations.

With a strong focus on moving from climate commitments to implementation, COP31 will put the spotlight on how governments intend to finance, deliver, and be held accountable for commitments already adopted under the Paris Agreement. Key political questions around climate finance, adaptation, just transition, fossil fuels and emissions reductions remain unresolved and will be central to the negotiations.

For Women Deliver, COP31 represents a critical opportunity to ensure that the implementation of global climate commitments advances gender equality, upholds the rights of girls, women and gender-diverse people, and places feminist climate justice at the centre of climate action.

Women Deliver's Focus at COP31

At a time of profound geopolitical rupture, growing inequalities, and escalating climate impacts, global spaces like COP31 remain critical for shaping collective responses to the challenges facing our world. These spaces are not only where States negotiate commitments, but also where political priorities are set, alliances are built, and decisions are shaped. For Women Deliver, engaging in these processes is part of our longstanding commitment to bringing feminist demands into global decision-making.

Building on the vision of the **Melbourne Declaration for Gender Equality**, at COP31 we seek to strengthen collective action across gender equality and climate movements by connecting organizations around shared priorities, aligning political efforts and supporting coordinated civil society action to hold governments accountable for their climate commitments and obligations.

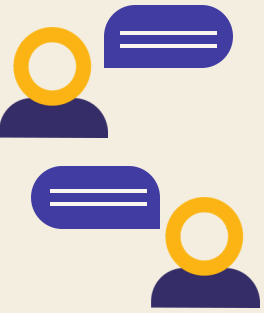
Our Priorities for COP31



Centering States' Obligations and Accountability in Climate Action

The International Court of Justice's unanimous ruling affirmed States' binding duties to prevent environmental harm, protect human rights, and provide reparation for climate-related harm. At COP31, we're building on the Melbourne Declaration to push for accountability and action on these obligations, and support the gender ecosystem in advancing accountability. This includes elevating feminist demands, especially those from the Oceanic Pacific region, from WD2026 to COP31.

As a member of the Women and Gender Constituency (WGC), Women Deliver will follow and engage with the UNFCCC negotiations through the Constituency, contributing to collective advocacy efforts.



Connecting Movements and Strengthening Collective Action

Addressing the climate crisis requires collective action across movements, sectors, and international processes. There is a need for stronger connections between actors working across different areas of climate justice, human rights and international law, particularly as new legal and political processes create additional opportunities for advocacy and accountability.

Building on the relationships and discussions initiated at WD2026, COP31 is a space to bring together feminist, climate, Indigenous, youth and human rights movements around shared climate justice objectives, including actors who do not traditionally engage in feminist climate organizing.

Being a catalytic organization, Women Deliver seeks to contribute to the connective infrastructure of the feminist climate movement, providing spaces and opportunities for these different actors to strategize, coordinate, and advance action that extends beyond COP31, and to explore opportunities collaboration through the Transformation Collective.



Supporting Meaningful Youth Participation and Leadership

Young people are at the forefront of climate action, yet their knowledge and leadership are not always meaningfully reflected in the spaces where climate policies and decisions are shaped. Ensuring that young people can participate, influence discussions, and bring their demands into global processes is essential to advancing real action.

At COP31, Women Deliver will support the participation of two Emerging Leaders, bringing their perspectives and priorities into global conversations.

Key Messages

1 **The climate crisis is an environmental, governance, human rights, and gender justice challenge.** Those who have contributed the least — including girls, women, gender-diverse people, and Indigenous Peoples — often face its greatest consequences. At the same time, fragmented systems can make it difficult for movements to coordinate, respond to changing political contexts, and sustain collective action.

2 **States have binding obligations to address the climate crisis and protect human rights.** These obligations have also been reinforced by the ICJ and States must observe the Advisory Opinion to make decisions in these negotiations. Civil society organizations play a critical role in holding them accountable: working alongside girls, women and communities most affected by climate injustice, they bring their lived experiences, demands and realities directly into advocacy and accountability efforts.

3 **A shared vision is essential to advancing feminist action for climate justice.** The Melbourne Declaration offers a shared political vision in which States fulfil their human rights obligations; feminist movements and civil society have the resources, space, safety and legitimacy to shape policy and hold power to account; and the wider ecosystem aligns its resources, partnerships and influence behind feminist leadership and collective action across areas of work, including climate action.

4 **Collective action for climate justice starts with a common vision for systemic change.** Climate negotiations cannot be disconnected from international human rights mechanisms and emerging legal and political processes. Stronger connections across these spaces, and between the movements working within them, enable movements to build common strategies, reinforce one another's advocacy and advance a more coordinated, intersectional response to the climate crisis.

4 **Gender equality and girls' leadership are central to climate action.** Climate policies must center the needs, rights, and leadership of adolescent girls, recognizing them as key agents of change. The climate sector must embed gender equality and human rights across global, regional, and national climate discussions and policies.

WHERE TO FIND WOMEN DELIVER AT COP31

15 November 2026

Private Roundtable: Re-centering States' Obligations through Political and Legal Frameworks beyond the UNFCCC

Together with People's Climate Diplomacy Program. By invitation only. For further information, please contact egarcia@womendeliver.org.



We will be monitoring the negotiations and supporting advocacy and collective action through our engagement with the Women and Gender Constituency.

We'll also bring COP31 beyond the venue and into our digital spaces. Through social media content and digital campaigns, we'll share updates from the negotiations, highlight the conversations happening on the ground, and amplify feminist voices, perspectives, and demands. Check out our Toolkit and stay tuned!

