

WOMEN IN ACTION AGAINST MINING IN ASIA (WAMA)



We are a growing collective of Women Human Rights Defenders, women affected by the threats and negative impacts of extractive operations in our land and forests, indigenous women, women mineworkers, civil society groups and community representatives in Asia.

We raise our collective voices from the lived experiences of being evicted, displaced, abused, tortured, malnourished and facing false cases for standing up for our lands, natural resources, ancestors, spirits and for the future of our children on this Earth.

We demand global, state and corporate accountability for the crimes against women, children and our Mother Earth.

We state that,

-Business operations of extractives in all our lands, in every country where we have our members, have destroyed our environment, livelihoods, health and security, for short-term business profits.

-Corporate violations have not only destroyed our eco-systems but also our right to expression without fear and intimidation.

-Constitutional safeguards are being constantly undermined, ignored, amended and negated to ensure states compete with each other for global ratings on 'Ease of Doing Business'.

-The fast-tracking of business through indiscriminate and irresponsible plunder of natural resources will no longer sustain life on Earth, the ill-effects of which we as women living close to nature are brutally witnessing.

-We witness a complete dichotomy between stated intent and ground operations of corporations via blatant violations in all aspects of human rights and environmental sustainability.





We Condemn:

- The destruction of women's knowledge, ownership and rights to eco-systems and decision-making.
- The unwillingness of states and corporations to commit to transparent and legally binding accountability in doing business.
- The use of political and financial power to change constitutional safeguards that protect human rights and the environment.
- The nexus between international financial institutions, mining corporations, political powers and bureaucracies in undermining the social equity principles in our Constitutions.
- The killings, rape, physical and sexual violence and serious health hazards faced by our women and children from the combined power of this nexus.
- The humiliation of women through over-simplified welfare schemes and gender policies of states, corporations and IFIs as reparation for the irreversible and colossal destruction of extractives, that is irreversible

We Demand:

- 1. That states should review impacts of existing mines based on SDG 5- assessment of achieving gender equality in project affected areas.**
- 2. That Constitutional safeguards for protection of human rights and eco-systems, and regulatory mechanisms that can monitor corporations and their business operations, be effectively implemented.**
- 3. That International Financial Institutions immediately withdraw from and stop financing extractives and related infrastructure, energy and climate financing projects that are only worsening the security of our people and environment.**
- 4. That states, corporations and IFIs take responsibility for clean-up, prevention of violations and rehabilitation of people and ecology in project areas that have destroyed livelihoods and eco-systems.**
- 5. That women do not want voluntary and frivolous doles but to acknowledge, recognise and uphold our due rights, entitlements and control over eco-systems.**
- 6. That states, corporations, IFIs and bureaucracies recognise our wisdom over economic policies and our knowledge to lead global economics.**
- 7. For commitments to be delivered today- that are formal, legal and accountable to national and international courts of law as well as to women's representation of evidence in the customary councils and decentralised governance bodies.**
- 8. That this 8th Forum on Business and Human Rights ends with a legally binding treaty that is inclusive of our demands- together we demand from all our governments that it is**

**TIME TO TAKE ACTION AND DELIVER LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE
COMMITMENTS THAT UPHOLD GENDER EQUALITY AND INTERNATIONAL
HUMAN RIGHTS PRINCIPLES**