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**Grassroots Feminist Organizations Demand Accountability and Action for Global Gender Justice**

*Newly Launched Feminist Accountability Initiative Will Complement the United Nations' Generation Equality Forum to Connect Funding and Commitments to Community-Led Advocacy*

**New York, NY; March 9, 2023:** The United Nations' Generation Equality Forum's (GEF) drove \$40 billion of commitments toward gender equality. New analysis from a collection of feminist organizations worldwide highlights a lack of data transparency and accessibility in GEF data, plus a significant divide between current commitments and the on-the-ground needs of feminist groups and movements.

The groups' *Feminist Accountability Framework* is an actionable plan to help move the Generation Equality Forum from promises to action. It summarizes the feminist organization' findings to date and outlines a three-part plan of gathering additional data, receiving community feedback, and supporting evidence-based and community-led advocacy.

22 organizations from Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America, and the Caribbean are co-designing the *GEF Feminist Accountability Framework*, which launches on March 9 in New York during the United Nation's 67<sup>th</sup> Commission on the Status of Women. The groups' *Feminist Accountability Framework* lays out an actionable plan to help move GEF's agenda, thousands of commitments, billions of dollars, and multiple stakeholders, as well as GEF's own accountability standards, from theory and promise to practice and action.

**Quotes from the Feminist Accountability Initiative for the Generation Equality Forum**

"Feminist movements and youth remain the backbone of gender justice today, and that's why through this initiative we are facilitating an inclusive and transparent accountability process co-created and led by feminist movements and grassroots organizations from the Global South," said Emilia Blancarte Jaber, Global Advocacy and Accountability Lead, Global Fund for Women.

“Feminist accountability looks at the grey areas. It’s about ensuring that we are not being extractive. It recognizes the interlinkages to human rights and that contribution comes at a cost. It recognizes that data is cognizant of different types of knowledge and that resources need to be invested to move beyond usual forms of data collection,” said Memory Kachambwa, FEMNET Executive Director, Feminist Accountability Co-design Group Member.

“We need accountability, not excuses,” said Deepshikha Ghosh, The YP Foundation, Feminist Accountability Co-design Group Member.

“Feminist accountability is about transforming power at the heart of it. It is about who accesses what, what’s the learning objective, what questions we are asking, and who is informing that particular question,” said Jac sm Kee, Co-funder, Numun Fund, Feminist Accountability Co-design Group Member.

***About the Feminist Accountability Initiative for the Generation Equality Forum (GEF):***

*The Feminist Accountability Initiative for the Generation Equality Forum (GEF) is co-created and led by feminist movements and grassroots organizations in the Global South and facilitated by Global Fund for Women. The co-design group has engagement across all GEF Action Coalitions as well as expertise in grassroots mobilization; community-led processes; data collection and analysis; communications; and advocacy, with local, national, regional, and global perspectives. The initiative is funded by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Open Society Foundation, Ford Foundation, and Children’s Investment Fund Foundation.*

Groups involved include: African Women’s Development and Communication Network (FEMNET), Girls For Climate Action, International Youth Alliance for Family Planning (IYAFF), Gender Mobile Counselling Initiative, Initiative Pananetugri pour le Bien-être de la Femme (IPBF), Key Affected Population Health and Legal Rights Alliance (KESWA), Nala Feminist Collective, from Africa; Articulação de Organizações de Mulheres Negras Brasileiras (AMNB), Asociacion civil Iniciativa latinoamericana por los datos abiertos (ILDA), Odara Instituto da Mulher Negra, Criola, Red de Salud de Las Mujeres Latinoamericanas y del Caribe, Revista Afirmativa, Fundacion de Accion Social e Integral Mujeres de Asfalto, from Latin America and the Caribbean; Young Feminist Europe, from Europe; Numun Fund, Asia South Pacific Association For Basic And Education (ASPBAE ), Diverse Voices and Action (DIVA) for Equality, Gender and Development for Cambodia (GADC), The YP Foundation, Women with Disabilities Development Foundation (WDDF), from Asia-Pacific.; and six-steering committee members: Athena Network, Batonga Foundation, Fós Feminista Restless Development, The Asian-Pacific Resource & Research Centre for Women (ARROW), Women’s Environment & Development Organization (WEDO).

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