

Women Leaders on Climate Change

COP 16 event organized by

The Government of Mexico and The Mary Robinson Foundation – Climate Justice

Monday 6th December 2010, 11.30 -13.00

Monarca Room, Cancunmesse, Cancun, Mexico

Panelists:

- Patricia Espinosa Cantellano, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mexico and President of COP16/ CMP 6
- Christiana Figueres, Executive Director of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- Connie Hedegaard, European Union Commissioner for Climate Action
- Lykke Friis, Minister for Climate and Energy and Minister for Gender Equality, Denmark
- María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, Ministra Coordinadora de Patrimonio (Coordinating Minister of Heritage/Culture), Ecuador

Moderated by:

- Mary Robinson, President of The Mary Robinson Foundation - Climate Justice and former President of Ireland (1990-97) and United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (1997-2002)

The theme of the event was the need to build momentum on addressing climate change urgently as one of the most pressing environmental, economic, social and humanitarian issues of our time. The discussions aimed to highlight and strengthen the role of women leaders in promoting climate justice as a strong, fair and effective approach to climate change. The event was co-organized by the Government of Mexico and The Mary Robinson Foundation – Climate Justice in a context where a growing group of women leaders occupy senior positions in the climate change international negotiations, coming from the Governments of developing and developed countries, and also from the United Nations secretariat. The co-organizers convened women Ministers, negotiators, key civil society figures and senior women leaders to discuss a human-centered approach to climate change that incorporates human rights and sustainable development.

More information can be found at:

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