



**Human Rights Council – 58<sup>th</sup> Session**  
**Annual panel discussion on the adverse impacts of**  
**climate change on human rights:**  
***Facilitating just transitions in the context of***  
***addressing the adverse impacts of climate change***  
***on human rights***

**Oral Statement**

M. President,

As we know, climate change exacerbates pre-existing inequalities, including gender inequalities. In particular climate change increases the already disproportionate share of unpaid care work shouldered by women and girls.

A just transition therefore cannot ignore care. It must explicitly recognise and address the disproportionate impact that climate change and environmental degradation have on the unpaid family care work undertaken by women, in particular mothers. Ignoring this dimension risks reproducing and deepening the very inequalities a just transition seeks to eliminate.

We at Make Mothers Matter endorse the call from UNRISD and the Just Transition and Care Network to place care at the heart of climate and economic policies<sup>1</sup>. A truly just transition must not only include care — it must be care-centred.

This requires nothing less than a profound transformation of our economic and social systems. These must be redesigned to first serve the well-being of both people and the planet, uphold human rights, and embed equity, inclusion, and sustainability. Central to this transformation is the recognition and valuing of care work as fundamental to our economies and societies.

In other words, there can be no just transition without a shift from a care-less to a care-full economy.

Thank you

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<sup>1</sup> See <https://www.unrisd.org/en/library/publications/care-work-in-the-just-transition-providing-for-people-and-planet>