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**Global Women's Climate Justice Day of Action
Announced by WECAN International**

MILL VALLEY, Calif., July 20, 2015 - On Sept. 29, 2015 women across the world will raise their voices to tell stories of the climate impacts felt by their communities, demonstrate solutions, and demand meaningful action on climate change from public officials meeting at the United Nations COP21 climate negotiations in Paris this December.

The 'Global Women's Climate Justice Day of Action' has been called for by the Women's Earth & Climate Action Network (WECAN International) for Sept. 29 due to the United Nations General Assembly taking place in New York City at this time. WECAN International will be on the ground in New York holding a hub action and event, 'Women Speak: Climate Justice on the Road to Paris and Beyond' at the U.N Church Center - wecaninternational.org/wecan-nyc-september-2015

Women across the world are invited to hold decentralized local actions on Sept. 29, including sit-ins at extractive industry sites, marches, educational events, art displays, and direct solution implementation such as planting a community garden.

Global Women's Climate Justice Day of Action stories and mobilization efforts will be woven together via shared images, videos and statements collected from worldwide participants, with #ClimateWomenSpeak and #KeepItInTheGround used to tie women's voices together across media platforms.

As part of the collective day of action women will also gather signatures on the Women's Climate Declaration, a powerful climate justice manifesto written in five languages and signed by leaders including Jane Goodall, Vandana Shiva, Mary Robinson, Jody Williams, and Sylvia Earle. The Declaration, available at wecaninternational.org/declaration, will be delivered with compiled signatures to world governments at COP21 Paris.

"We are seizing the critical time in the lead up to the COP21 UN climate negotiations this December to show world leaders that the time has come to listen to women's calls for equitable, immediate, and bold action on climate

change and the unjust systems that perpetuate it,” explained Osprey Orielle Lake, co-Founder and Executive Director of WECAN International, “On September 29 we invite women to join us as we rise up as a global network of women for climate justice to call forth the world we want for all generations. The time for action is now, nature is not waiting.”

More information about the Global Women’s Climate Justice Day Of Action can be found on the WECAN International webpage, <http://wecaninternational.org/global-womens-climate-justice-mobilization>

Accompanying photo by Emily Arasim

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About WECAN International

The Women’s Earth and Climate Action Network (WECAN International) is a solutions-based, multi-faceted effort established to engage women worldwide as powerful stakeholders in climate change and sustainability solutions. Recent work includes the 2013 International Women’s Earth and Climate Summit, Women’s Climate Declaration, and WECAN Women’s Climate Action Agenda. International climate advocacy is complemented with on-the-ground programs such as the Women’s for Forests and Fossil Fuel/Mining/Mega Dam Resistance, and Regional Climate Solutions Trainings in the Middle East North Africa region and Democratic Republic of Congo. WECAN International was founded in 2013 as a project of the 501(c)3 Women’s Earth and Climate Caucus (WECC) organization and its partner eraGlobal Alliance.