



Celebration of Women's Leadership in Sustainable Development

**June 20, 5:00-7:00pm
Rio+20 Summit,
Rio Conventions Pavilion, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**

In the last ten years, many women leaders have sparked significant progress in ensuring sustainable development policy is gender responsive. From combatting the climate crisis to eradicating poverty, women's leadership has been transformative at multiple levels. This special event will celebrate some of these women leaders with a ceremony to showcase the important advancements these women have spearheaded.

This celebratory event is organized in the memory of Ms. Marie Khan of the CBD Secretariat. Drinks and light fare will be served.

Award recipients – Women will be recognized for their leadership over the last 10+ years. From the Network of Women Ministers and Leaders of the Environment founded ten years ago, to new grassroots solutions to environmental problems, a wide range of awardees will come from diverse regions and sectors, bringing together women from the local to highest decision-making levels.

Invitees - The celebration will bring together over 100 “friends” of the co-hosts and award recipients, including high-level gender stewards and media representatives.

Agenda (5:15 – 6:15pm)

Welcome remarks – IUCN, GGCA, WEDO

Keynote remarks – President Tarja Halonen, Government of Finland

Presentation of Awards: Vision Award, Leadership Award, Advocacy Award, Sustainable Solutions Award, Grassroots Award, and Champion Award (presenters and recipients to be announced)

Closing toast – organizers

