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I am Aijamal from SHAZET, Kyrgyzstan and a member of the Women’s Constituency of AP RCEM. We are composed of a large, diverse group of women’s organisations—we work on diverse issues and diverse contexts in a region with deep inequalities and paradoxes, coming from small island states to populous sub-continents.

We thank you for including major groups and other stakeholders in the paper on the form and function of the APFSD beyond 2015. It says “as far as possible convene major groups and other stakeholders in official preparatory events prior to each session.” However, if APFSD wants to be truly innovative and be an example for effective stakeholder engagement, it has to ensure and institutionalize participation of a diverse group of civil society, social movements, and grassroots groups. APRCEM has expanded the 9 major groups to 17, thus including groups often left behind like people with disabilities, people living with and affected by HIVs, people displaced by conflicts and disasters, LGBTIQ, migrants, older people and urban poor as well as sub-regional groups.

We also welcome point 14.g.ii on the creation of a multi-stakeholder and interagency partnership on the perspective of post-2015 development agenda monitoring and review through the UN Asia Pacific Regional Coordination Mechanism, as partnership and engagement with diverse civil society is critical for development.

On 13. d, on bridging the global to the local, we emphasize national level CSO consultation, including of women’s groups, for effective implementation and monitoring and review of sustainable development agenda.

We would like you to uphold your role as duty bearers of human rights, and to respect, protect and fulfill rights to communications and information, and the wider freedom of expression, speech, movement, and to organise as civil and social movements.

We would like to call for strong, transparent and inclusive accountability mechanisms at the national, regional and global levels in the post-2015 development agenda.

We also would like corporations, including private-public partnerships, as well as UN agencies to be held accountable.
Advancing substantive gender equality among women, men and transgender people and intersex people, achieving women’s human rights, including their sexual and reproductive health and rights, are central to sustainable development. We call strongly for gender justice as part of development justice.