



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH TOOLKIT

Addressing the Effects of Climate Change on Women Around the World

This Women's History Month is a time for Women and Climate activists around the country to join in the important, overlapping fight for climate justice.

With this year's unprecedented climate disasters like hurricanes in Puerto Rico, Texas and Florida as well as wildfires in the American west, women were hit especially hard. In caring for their families, surviving without adequate resources nor government assistance and even being forced out of their homes, it's clear women and their families faced some of the most treacherous effects of our changing climate. Yet, time and time again, women lack a platform for their voice and policy input when it comes to this global crisis.

But now environmental and women's rights advocates can join to rally around a policy that can help address climate impacts that often and disproportionately fall on women. On Feb. 6, Rep. Barbara Lee of California introduced the [2018 Women and Climate Act](#) with the goal of further researching and easing the burden women take on in the wake of a shifting climate.

This toolkit exists for partners and supporters to initiate a drumbeat on this important issue and promote Lee's legislation that works to address the problem. Over the 2018 Women's History Month, several events will offer a chance to change the conversation in addressing climate change into one that highlights the communities and populations most impacted.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH EVENT LINE-UP

March 1: Women on the Frontlines: Displacement

Community briefing with speakers from UN Women, WEDO and journalists
Wilson Center, Washington D.C.

March 1: Women & Climate Act Briefing

Staff briefing on impact of climate change on women, and opportunities for action
12:30 – 1:30 pm in Room H-144 of the United States Capitol
Washington, D.C.

March 8: International Women's Day Breakfast

Community Briefing on Polling Research
Sierra Club office, Washington D.C.

For more information, contact [A.Tianna Scozzaro](#).



March 12: UN Commission on the Status of Women Organization Event

Sierra Club, World Resources Institute, Conservation International, and World Wildlife Fund
New York, NY

March 21: Environmental Film Festival

Film on women and environment, panelist
Wilson Center, Washington D.C.

For more information about these events, please contact [A.Tianna Scozzaro](#).

HOW TO ENGAGE THIS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH ON THE WOMEN AND CLIMATE ACT:

Topline talking points

These talking points highlight the issue at hand, importance of the 2018 Women and Climate Act and asks to our targets and network of supporters.

Sample LTEs

These sample LTEs can be customized and shared out with supporters of the Women and Climate Act. If you would like help sending your letter or need specific messaging help with asks to your Representative/ Senator, contact courtney.bourgoin@sierraclub.org.

Template op-ed

This customizable op-ed can be used as a launching point to place in a paper as an in-depth explanation of disproportionate climate change impacts on women and

importance of this bill. Op-eds are best when kept at 500-750 words. If you need help with messaging, signers or where to send, contact courtney.bourgoin@sierraclub.org.

Sample social media

Sample social media for Twitter, Facebook and Instagram can be shared with individual supporters and ally organizations. Use #WomenClimateAct to be a part of the conversation!

TWITTER:

Tweet: This Women's History Month, Congress should support the #WomenClimateAct that helps address climate disasters and their disproportionate impact on families, children and women around the world.

<http://sc.org/WomenClimateAct>

Tweet calling for House Cosponsors: With a climate denier in the White House, I'm calling on @ [reptwitter] to cosponsor the #WomenClimateAct. The bill would incorporate women's voices in the planning, design, implementation, and evaluation of strategies to address climate disruption.

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Tweet: If Trump won't act on climate change, Congress should. The #WomenClimateAct will ensure we're better prepared to prevent and respond to the effects of climate change on women in the U.S. and globally. Ask your Rep to sign on!

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Tweet to Senators: @[senatortwitter] The #WomenClimateAct introduced in the House seeks to address the disproportionate impact of climate change on women and families. Will you introduce or support a similar measure in the Senate?

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FACEBOOK:

In the wake of climate disasters like Hurricane Maria, women are called upon to find food and clean water, secure safe housing, and care for loved ones. It's time for Congress to pass the Women and Climate Change Act to prevent and respond to the effects of climate change on women in the U.S. and across the globe. #WomenClimateAct

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Infographic: [Women & Climate Disruption](#)

Blogs:

- [Disaster Risk Reduction 101](#)
- [Feminists at the Forefront: Gender Action at COP23](#)
- [Climate Protections in the Eye of the Storm](#)
- [History Repeated: Striking for International Women's Day](#)

Pictures from Women's/ Climate Marches (for use on social media)

For Promotion:

[Center for American Progress Blog](#)

[The Independent: Women Will Bear Brunt of Survival Tasks as Climate Change Takes Effect](#)

[Popular Science: The UN Climate Panel Needs More Women](#)

[The Guardian: Lack of Women in Energy "holding back fight against climate change"](#)