

People-Powered Solutions: Connecting Local Communities and Global Challenges

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VERONICA BROWN [a Latina woman with black curly hair and bangs wearing a black turtleneck and a vest, Coordinator, Women's Major Group]: The world we want is a gender-equal world with feminist systems change, where planet and people are prioritized over profit.

BUKY WILLIAMS [an African woman with short blond hair wearing a batik top, Reproductive health and rights lead, Akina Mama wa Afrika]: Where African women and gender-expansive persons can actually live a dignified life.

VERONICA BROWN: The Women's Major Group is a collective of feminists around the world. We're providing a platform for feminists to come and learn from each other, grow in solidarity, and have their voices heard in the sustainable development agenda.

BUKY WILLIAMS: I work for Akina Mama wa Africa. We are a member of the Women's Major Group. And through the Women's Major Group, we've been able to advance what we would consider a Pan-African feminist agenda, not just only at the regional level, but also at the global level. Until African women, girls, and gender expansive peoples are free, no one else is free.

VERONICA BROWN: In an era of backsliding on human rights and growing threats to the multilateral system, it's more important than ever to include girls, women, and gender-diverse people from the Global South. They are frontline responders that really bring out the solutions that we need to advance everything from gender equality to climate change to health.

BUKY WILLIAMS: My hope is that we all wake up and realize that we have a sphere of influence, even if it's your neighborhood, your community, your family, that we all have to contribute.

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