



Open-Ended Working Group on the Post2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

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STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF WOMEN CAUCUS

ITEM 4: Potential elements of the structure and scope of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

Thank you Co-chairs, I am Resiatio from Tanzania, speaking on behalf of the CBD Women Caucus.

In submissions received on the scope and content of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, gender was identified as one of the “gaps” in the Strategic Plan and among the issues that could be better reflected in the post-2020 framework. In this sense, it is urgent to guarantee a transformational post-2020 global biodiversity framework. This means that the framework should recognize and enhance the capacity of agency and leadership of women, including indigenous women and women in local communities, girls, youth and elder, in all biodiversity related processes, from conservation to decision-making processes.

To start building this framework in a participatory and inclusive way, we present some entry points directly related to the document of potential element of the structure and scope of the Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework , as results from internal discussions within the CBD Women Caucus, the two gender expert workshops co-convened by Secretariat of CBD and UN Women with the support of many Parties, and as results of the reflections from thematic and regional consultations:

1. The Post2020 GBF (Global Biodiversity Framework) should recognize and enhance women’s agency, voices, engagement and leadership in the post-2020 global biological diversity framework which is essential to ensuring the equitable sharing of benefits from biodiversity conservation. Women have the fundamental right to lead and participate in the conservation, sustainable use and receipt of benefits from biodiversity.
2. It should be rights-based, that means that it must contribute to the fulfilment of women’s rights, particularly those related to biodiversity, guaranteeing the recognition of women as key actors for the accomplishments for the 3 objectives of the Convention.
3. For us, as women from all over the world, it is absolutely urgent to incorporate a stand alone goal that lead the work of the parties to achieve gender equality within the biodiversity sector.
 1. This goal could read as it follows: “Women and girls are fully engaged in decision-making processes related to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and its ecosystem functions and services, and are fairly and equitably benefitting from these.
4. On enabling conditions it is clear that advancing gender equality in the implementation of the CBD and the post-2020 framework cannot be achieved without a clear strategy to allocate adequate and consistent resources and to strengthen institutional capacities, to continually strengthen women’s engagement in CBD processes. Therefore, is essential that resource allocation should include gender-responsive planning, budgeting, and monitoring and evaluation frameworks
5. Establishing clear accountability frameworks at the global, national and local levels is also required. Therefore, we need governments and other relevant stakeholders to put



in place instruments and mechanisms to ensure participatory monitoring and reporting on:

1. i) women and girls' engagement in decision-making in biodiversity conservation and sustainable use;
2. ii) fair and equitable sharing of benefits from the utilization of genetic resources; and
3. iii) differential impacts of biodiversity loss.

This may require moving beyond the existing constraints in collecting gender-sensitive data and encouraging innovative data collection methodologies on key gender-biodiversity interlinkages.

6. As we mentioned during the opening statement, there is a task that could not be postponed or be subjected to availability resources: The current Gender Action Plan should be reviewed, so it could be updated, strengthened, extended and aligned to the Post2020 GBF itself. Thus, there is a need to establish a process for developing and adopting the post-2020 CBD GAP that serves as a tool to implement the post-2020 framework.

To finalize, we encourage parties to **fully commit to gender equality, putting into place concrete actions during the Post2020 process, such as pushing for gender-balanced meetings and guaranteeing the presence and inputs of gender experts all along the upcoming meetings towards COP15, mainly by guaranteeing the effective engagement of women in all Post2020 processes including the next two Working Group, thematic and regional consultations, intersessional meetings, the COP 15, and any other in-presence or virtual discussion platforms.**

Together with gender champions in the CBD process, we, the CBD's Women Caucus, remain at your disposal and are ready to support you in your efforts to articulate and integrate gender perspectives and gender-responsive considerations in the process of developing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. Thank you!