



## **OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK**

**August 27-31, 2019, Nairobi**

### **CBD Women Statement**

#### **ITEM 5. FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME of THE OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP AND ALLOCATION OF TASKS TO OTHER INTERSESSIONAL BODIES AND PROCESSES**

##### **Thank you Chair**

**My name is XXX delivering this Statement on behalf of the Women Caucus.**

In **2008** the CBD became the first multilateral environmental agreement to have a Gender Plan of Action.

In **2014**, CBD COP 12 welcomed the [2015-2020 Gender Plan of Action](#) , reaffirming its objectives and updating to align with the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

In **2018**, CBD COP 14 CBD adopted [Decision 14/18 on Gender Plan of Action](#) emphasizing the need to address gender considerations in the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and in line with the gender targets of the Sustainable Development Goal

.....and here, **now almost at the end of 2019**, we are struggling for representation, recognition of the contributions that, we, women play as important stewards in safeguarding biodiversity.

**That is why we stress the need for the following recommendations for the Future Work Programme:**

- **Support funding for women representatives and other rights-holders to ensure their full, effective and meaningful participation in all upcoming events** that have been listed in the Annex, and others that are to contribute to the Post 2020 framework. Without women, being there - in person and providing their contributions, the development of the Post 2020 GBF will not be complete.
- When preparing and planning for upcoming meetings, ensure consideration of gender perspective, including inviting women's organizations, agencies and representatives Indigenous peoples' and local communities and youth **in the**

panel to share their experiences and to support the framing of the discussions in a more inclusive, transparent manner to enhance partnership.

- We request **additional funds/support to engage diverse Parties and stakeholders** to build on the recommendations of the expert workshop in New York, to develop proposals for possible gender targets, actions and indicators, This is also to support more dedicated consultations on gender as the post-2020 framework is further developed in the next year, and to provide inputs to SBI3 on gender mainstreaming.
- In response to reflections and needs identified on the **development of gender-responsive indicators** for the post-2020 framework. **Funds targeted to the development of such indicators are important.** We urge you to make use of relevant gender-responsive indicators that have been agreed under the Sustainable Development Goals framework, there are at least 80 and many relevant to the consideration of the GBF. A process needs to be established to develop the indicators over the next year, if they are meant to be developed in line with (and not after the adoption of) the post-2020 framework<sup>1</sup>.

The CBD has a relatively long and substantial history of recognizing the links between advancing gender equality and effectively meeting its goals. The **preamble of the Convention highlights the vital role of women in biodiversity conservation and sustainable use, as well as the importance of women’s full participation at all levels of policymaking and implementation.**

We are here, reaching out and inviting all of you to join hands in recognizing and enhancing women’s agency, participation and leadership for biodiversity. We are and will be your strong partners in the realization of the vision 2050 of “ Living in Harmony with Nature”, - but only if we are accepted at the table, as full partners - otherwise we will still be the ones that are left behind”.

We once again extend our appreciation for the leadership from Parties, including the Friends of Gender Equality Group, on mainstreaming gender in the framework. Consistent and focused attention is needed to ensure the framework is not gender-responsive in name only, but actually supports a more inclusive, participatory and integrated approach to implementation. An approach that is also aligned with countries’ efforts to achieve the SDGs. We also extend our thanks to the leadership and value of UN Women’s contribution to this process.

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<sup>1</sup> There are 80 SDG indicators that are gender-responsive and many of these are relevant for consideration in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. See [gender-relevant SDG indicators \(UNSD, 2018\)](#).

Thank you.