

CBD/WG2020/1/3 – POTENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE STRUCTURE AND SCOPE OF THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK.

CLUSTER 4 –CROSS-CUTTING APPROACHES AND ISSUES

Thank you, Chair,

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

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.

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.

We are once again taking this floor to put forth our views and recommendations and we look forward to the support from Parties.

- *It is important to again highlight the need to **align with the SDGs** and approach on treating gender and women’s empowerment as critical cross-cutting components.*
- *We again need to highlight the need to **develop gender-responsive indicators** for the post-2020 framework. **Funds targeted to the development of such indicators would also be important.** 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*
- *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, which would respond to the decisions being taken here in this meeting of the 1st OEWG on the structure of the framework. This is also to support for more dedicated consultation on gender as the post-2020 framework is further developed in the next year.*



- *Key components of a gender-responsive post-2020 framework identified in the workshop were “Recognizing and enhancing women’s agency, participation and leadership”; “Promoting and protecting women’s rights and access to resources”; and “Enhancing and ensuring equitable benefits and human well-being”. Actions related to these different objectives were identified, and can be found in the workshop report.*

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”, can be realized - but only if we all come together, otherwise we will be still the ones that get left behind.

We once again we extend our appreciation and glad to see leadership from Parties, including the Friends of Gender Equality Group on mainstreaming gender in the framework, and/but that 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.

Thank you.