



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

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### **CBD Women Statement on ITEM 8. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

Thank you, Co-chair. I'm Rita Uwaka from Nigeria and I'm speaking on behalf of the CBD Women Caucus.

The CBD Women Caucus is a platform that engages, identifies and support women's contributions to the three objectives of the CBD; with particular emphasis on traditional indigenous knowledge of women and local communities in territories around the world.

We call for the recognition, facilitation and increase of funding support to enhance effective engagement of women in leadership and decision making spaces and processes under CBD from local to global so as to bring into account our concerns.

Addressing the systemic and structural drivers of biodiversity loss is the key to addressing the alarming rate of biodiversity erosion which have social, environmental and cultural consequences with differentiated impacts on women and other marginalized groups. This could be done by dedicating gender-responsive targets with their respective indicators.

We acknowledge those existing indicators as agreed in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which could be complemented by developing other indicators with the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership.

We see the need to document women's historic roles and contributions to biodiversity conservation, particularly their role in sustainable local-based solutions like agroecology and community forest management. This could be done by adopting gender-responsive indicators and by integrating them into the updating of the NBSAPs and the National Reports in a participatory approach. Also, we suggest to develop a reporting guideline on gender and adapt the reporting template to include a dedicated section on women's contributions, which should not be 'optional'.

Women are key players in halting biodiversity loss. But these are associated with high risks resulting from different systems of oppression like intimidation, rape, exploitation of nature, their bodies, livelihoods and territories. Hence, we request a protection mechanism for indigenous women activists and women environmental human-rights defenders.

Women's rights are Human rights and there is no gender justice without women.

Thank you! Mr. Chair

*Singing: gender justice now, gender justice now. Gender justice now, gender justice now.  
What do we want? Gender justice! When do we want it? Now!*