



Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
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ITEM 6. SUSTAINABLE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

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Thank you, Madam Chair

My name is Eunice – I am a Maasai Women from Kenya,, and I am speaking on behalf of the CBD Women Caucus.

We would like to thank the Secretariat for putting together such a comprehensive document on “Sustainable Wildlife Management”, for carrying out an analysis of the gender aspects of the **voluntary guidance for a sustainable wild meat sector** and for noting the lack of reference to gender and women’s issues in the voluntary guidance acknowledging the clear implications for gender equality and the role of women.

The number of gaps identified (Section 7, Para 32 (a - f), are right on and the aspects and context it provides are welcomed.

Recommendation:

We request SBSTTA not only to take note of the present report and associated information documents, but **to identify next actions to fully reflect, address and integrate the gender gaps identified** into the voluntary guideline for a sustainable wild meat sector.

To share quickly, Points **(a-f)** as in the documents

- a. ***Promoting a participatory process for inclusive wildlife management***
- b. ***Ensuring equitable land rights and control over resources***
- c. ***Applying model of co-management of wildlife resource between communities and the State***
- d. ***Managing wildlife at the community level***
- e. ***Providing alternatives for food and livelihoods***
- f. ***Decreasing availability and demand for unsustainably produced wild meat.....***Local, national and global enforcement and legal efforts also need to take into account the gender dimensions of the wildlife trade.

We thank our colleague, Caroline Behe from ICCA to have shared the **world vision of Inuit** and could not have better showcased the intricate relationship between indigenous peoples and the landscapes – you cannot separate one from the other. WE fully support the recommendations that she has presented and hope that those can also be taken onboard as part of this Statement.

We **welcome the proposal by Finland** and look for their support to this Statement in hopes that **this is complementary to some of the actions that they have called**



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for. We also thank Parties who recognize and support the role of indigenous peoples and relevant stakeholders, including women.

This is also taking into view that one set of guidelines might not fit all, so the need for a complimentary guideline could be developed, but be guided by a set of Principles and enabling conditions are in place that are reflected of an inclusive of full and effective participate of IPLCs and is gender-responsive.

We look forward for Parties to support our Statement.

Thank you, Chair