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ITEM 3. INFORMING THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL EVIDENCE BASE FOR THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK (CBD/SBSTTA/23/2)

[CBD/SBSTTA/23/2/Add.2/CBD/SBSTTA/23/2/Add.4](#)

Thank you, Chair. I am speaking on behalf of the CBD Women Caucus. Reflecting on, SBSTTA/23/2/Add.2 (10). **“Greater equality and empowerment of women and girls, as called for in Goal 5, would therefore have a positive effect on biodiversity by affording women greater influence in its use.”**

SBSTTA/23/2/Add.4 (Section A, point k) states, **“The consideration of gender is limited to a reference to women in the context of vulnerable groups in Aichi Biodiversity Target 14.** There is no target on gender issues generally or the role that women can play as agents of change”.

In reference to CBD/SBSTTA/23/INF6 & 17 a proposal for a gender target and gender-responsive indicators reflective of the SDGs process, and of the various discussions and submissions that have been contributed to the process of developing the Post2020 GBF, we look for support from Parties to take on board the following (this was also in doc INF6¹, a bit modified):

-- **Target on Gender**, enriched through the expert workshops on gender where we participated and contributed back this year in New York (April) and Nairobi, August, as follows:

By 2030, governments and other relevant stakeholders (academia, private sector, international organizations and implementing entities) have put in place instruments and mechanisms to ensure, monitor and report on: i) equal access to biological resources ii) fair and equitable sharing of benefits from the utilization of genetic resources, and iii) women and girls’ equal engagement at all levels of decision-making in support of the objectives of the Convention. Then we would like to add the following: [**and all levels of decision-making that affect the role of women as custodians of biodiversity and managers of natural resources.**]

INF/17 also has a list of recommended indicators to go with it. (we will not list it in the delivery of the Statement, but will submit it in writing).

On reporting, when being further developed, we request for the **strengthening and developing reporting guidance on ‘gender equality’ as one of the core elements in the preparation of**

¹ CBD/SBSTTA/23/INF/6: Annex, Targets Proposed, Cross-cutting Issues “Gender” (Pg.27).



NBSAP, followed by a process to monitor the integration of gender responsive policies in the implementation stage, including in the new data reporting tool for MEAs - DART as being discussed to build synergies for reporting.

In 2012 a short document on the Rio Conventions and Action on Gender was published: The brochure² put collectively together **takes a closer look at the goals, objectives and opportunities relevant to the integration of gender into each of the three Rio conventions.** This brochure may still be a good **reference** to go back to reflect the achievements that have taken place since 2012. In the implementation of their mandate, the UNFCCC and UNCCD have systematically and consistently addressed and incorporated gender issues and both processes have used their Gender Action Plans as implementation mechanisms, and CBD should follow suite.

We sincerely thank the CBD Secretariat, UN Women, Canada, Malawi, Japan, Sweden and others and Co-Chairs of the OEWG and Friends of Gender Equality for your support and for carrying forward our aspirations for a rights-based approach and inclusive proposal for the Global Biodiversity Framework and the vision 2050.

We urge, Friend of Gender Equality lead by Canada and Malawi to push this request forward and invite other Parties to join hands to make this a reality to ensure that, we - the women from all walks of life are not left behind. Without this consideration, **even the fulfillment of the SDGs will be in jeopardy.**

We, women are a collective of voices from the global south and north, from communities to the urban, having different faiths and background, diverse knowledge systems and different professions - and as a collective - we believe - Gender is NOT Plan B.

If we are build stronger ambitions for the vision 2050 of living “Harmony with nature” and aspire to align with the sustainable development goals, we then need to use that as a baseline and reach that bare minimum that the “2030 Development Agenda” holds, including considering a stand alone goal on gender for the post2020 GBF.

We also stand ready to partner with you to share experiences, knowledge and learn from each other and, going forward, we hope to continue collaboration together to pave a better path for the next wave of young people, including young women who are the one will reap the benefits of what we sow now. That is what a transformative agenda should look like.

Thank you.

² https://unfccc.int/resource/docs/publications/roi_20_gender_brochure.pdf