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Item 6: Resource mobilization

My name is Ana di Pangracio, I am speaking on behalf of the Women's Caucus..

Investing in biodiversity conservation means laying the foundation for a more sustainable future. However, we are not seeing sufficient and bold gender considerations in the financial mechanism documents.

We recommend to explicitly integrate gender considerations and specifically earmark funding to support and empower women and girls as an objective of resource mobilization and financial mechanism. This is necessary in order to implement the Convention in an effective and just manner.

Given the need for urgent action for the post-2020 agenda, as well as the UN Decade on Ecosystem and Landscape Restoration, we support a proposed increased replenishment of the GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP) funding envelope for the GEF-8 cycle, including measurable contributions for grass-roots actions to deliver tangible results for the restoration and biodiversity conservation agendas. The SGP has consistently channeled a high percentage of its CSO-led projects to both women's organizations, Indigenous Peoples, as well as other groups in situations of vulnerability.

We have some concrete text suggestions.

To the Annex of document CBD/SBI/3/6 TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE SIXTH REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM

On section **Methodology**

Para 3. The review shall draw upon, inter alia, the following sources of information:

(d) Information provided by indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth and other relevant stakeholders.

On section **Criteria para 4.**

Add a point l) that would read:

Trend in project financing targeted at indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth

Thank you Madame Chair.