



**CBD Formal SBSTTA24 Virtual Session
SBSTTA24 Plenary 1 (3-4 May)**

3 May, 2021

Agenda Item 3. Post-2020 global biodiversity framework ([CBD/SBSTTA/24/3/Add.2](#))

My name is Ana di Pangrancio and I am speaking on behalf of the CBD Women's Caucus. We want to thank the Secretariat for all the documents as well as for its efforts to facilitate our participation in these sessions.

In reference to the [CBD/SBSTTA/24/3/Add.2/](#) Rev.1, **Para 143, under Target 20** acknowledges the needs for a greater recognition of women, including of IPLCs and youth as leaders and key actors towards biodiversity conservation and sustainable use. However, nowhere do we see any gender guidance or proposal.

Recommendation

Section V: Scope of the Proposed Goals and Targets

Para 151. Gender is an important consideration across the framework and Gender specific actions **should be identified for all targets.** ~~may be particularly relevant for targets 8-11, 13, 15, 19 and 20.~~

While the role of rights holders (IPLCs, Women and youth) in biodiversity conservation and sustainable use has been recognized and supported in several CBD COP decisions, no concrete target is proposed to recognize Indigenous and local community governance rights, including women's governance rights, despite growing scientific evidence that these are effective and necessary approaches to ensure efforts to counter biodiversity loss and are sustainable over the long-term.

The GBF needs a specific target on gender, as recommended by the Women Caucus, since CBD COP 14. A recommendation that saw the support by a number of Parties, including during the 2nd OEWG in Rome, last year. That was a built-up effort from the valuable work of women representatives and the CBD that invested in the development of the Gender Action Plan (CBD COP decision XII/7). As noted in previous discussions, sex-disaggregated data is not systematically collected and therefore GBO-5 as well as IPBES assessments and other scientific and technical information do not fully take into account gender. As such the **importance to ensure sex-disaggregated data is addressed in all headline indicators** that relate to people as suggested by UN Women and UNEP-WCMC.

Furthermore, Target 20 should go beyond participation, to put a focus on advancing gender equality and women's empowerment.



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It is vital to ensure that the post2020 Gender Plan of Action and the GBF are well aligned, to enable a fully transformative and gender responsive implementation of the GBF, in support of the vision of living in harmony with nature.

The updated zero draft also states that the implementation of the GBF will take a – “rights-based approach”, a crucial aspect that we welcome. However, we note that this approach is not well-reflected in the proposed goals, targets or indicators , including in the document (CBD/SBSTTA24/3/Add.2/Rev.1) and the monitoring framework.

We would like to bring the attention of Parties and observers a recent publication on Human Rights and the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework¹, produced by FPP, SwedBio and partners including the CBD Women’s Caucus, which includes text suggestions and indicators to support greater integration of a human rights-based approach into the post-2020 framework. We encourage Parties to review this document (link can be found in our statement posted online for this meeting)

In ending, we would like to join those that have expressed equity and other concerns about virtual negotiations. We also support concerns about the need to avoid regression in the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and CBD decision-making in general. In particular, we very much hope that the significant progress that has been made over the past years in terms of recognizing the rights, role, needs and aspirations of women and girls in biodiversity policy will be fully reflected in the GBF, including in the form of a special target on gender.

We kindly ask Parties that our recommendations put forward in the informal sessions, also be taken on board in development of the CRPs.

We look forward to the support of Parties to our recommendations in the plenaries and contact groups and hope to ensure that gender is truly mainstreamed within the Post2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

Thank you, Chair

¹ Human Rights in the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework: Options for integrating a human-rights based approach to achieve the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity (April 2021)
<https://www.forestpeoples.org/en/briefing-paper/2021/human-rights-post-2020-global-biodiversity-framework-options-integrating-human>



**CBD Formal Virtual Session
SBSTTA 24 – Plenary 2 (23-25 May, 2021)**

23 May, 2021

CBD/SBSTTA/24/4/REV1

Agenda Item 4 – Synthetic Biology

Thank you Mr Chair,

On behalf of CBD Women's Caucus, I will outline a series of concerns and specific details.

- 1) **Synthetic biology is a new and emerging issue for the CBD.**
- 2) There is an urgent need for **an immediate global moratorium on the release of gene drive organisms into the environment. We must have reliable risk assessments** that can be correctly assessed before any release. Currently, **there are no effective risk management or mitigation measures, and no proven ways to control or reverse gene drive organisms.** Therefore, no gene drive application for environmental release should be permitted. Given the unpredictable and very risky potential impacts to people and biodiversity, there should be robust liability rules and a mechanism for redress.
- 3) Ahead of the release of synthetic biology organisms, components or products, **all potentially directly and indirectly affected indigenous peoples and local communities should have the right to free prior informed consent to deny the synthetic biology release if it may negatively impact their natural resources, cultural traditions and knowledge, livelihoods and practices.**
- 4) **We support an MTEG, and believe it is critical that it is widely geographically representative, and includes women, indigenous peoples and local communities, small farmers, and civil society. This inclusive MTEG should perform broad and regular horizon scanning, monitoring and assessment. We echo support that it should assess participatory technology assessment methodologies in order to include looking at socioeconomic and cultural impacts.**
- 5) Lastly, as suggested by the AHTEG on Synthetic Biology, **we reiterate the need for horizon scanning, monitoring and assessment processes to assess and evaluate trends in synthetic biology that include early stages of research, development and applications. As mentioned in the AHTEG, this should include transient modification biotechnologies, which should be addressed by the CBD.**

We invite Parties to support our statement. Thank you Chair



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CBD/SBSTTA/24/5

Agenda Item 5 - RISK ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT

Thank you Chair.

I am speaking on behalf of the CBD Women's Caucus.

Risk assessment and risk management of living modified organisms is key in order to prevent future impacts on biodiversity, nature's contributions to people, and people who depend on them.

In this regard, the AHTEG expertise is an important element to promote actions to identify and manage risks. This task could have a bigger impact, if we also undertake capacity building efforts that allow people with no expertise on biotechnology to contribute to assessing risk and/or promote policies at the national and local level for risk assessment.

We have concrete proposals to the suggested recommendations:

On para 7 ADD women and youth after indigenous peoples and local communities

**On Annex to the draft decision - TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE AD HOC
TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP ON RISK ASSESSMENT**

ADD a new section to read as follows:

“To analyze the relevance of promoting capacity-building efforts and risk methodologies that can be assimilated by non-experts in biotechnology and in a culturally appropriate manner to enhance the capacity to apply risk assessment measures to other sectors of society”.

We also recommend including considerations on local risk perception to living modified organisms with gene drives, focusing on high value biodiversity areas, indigenous people's territories, areas with high endemism, home to endangered species and wild species of high importance to IPLCs, including wild fish species. We agree with the AHTEG members for the need for clear guidance on risk assessment to be developed on living modified fish. This is especially critical in consideration that living modified fish have the potential to spread across national borders, besides other challenges identified, and the implication it could have on biodiversity and for the livelihoods of IPLCs, including women and youth.

Finally, special consideration to women's risk perception, particularly from indigenous peoples and local communities, who have a closer relationship with nature as native seeds keepers and knowledge holders on traditional medicine.



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We have uploaded our statement and look forward to Parties support.
Thank you Chair.



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4 May, 2021

Agenda Item 3. Marine and Coastal Biodiversity

This statement is made on behalf of the CBD Women Caucus.

Marine and coastal biodiversity is a common concern and responsibility and shall be considered as common heritage of humankind. Marine and coastal biodiversity, the species, ecosystems and cultures associated with it, have an intrinsic value and are vital to all life on this blue planet.

An exclusive blue economic interest and inequity in the distribution of its benefits have produced an unprecedented rate and speed of biodiversity loss in the ocean. Climate change, overexploitation, pollution and destruction threatens our planetary survival and human well-being all over the world, and more so on the social, economic and cultural livelihoods, resources and access of indigenous peoples and local communities, including women and girls in all their diversity.

We welcome the growing attention to marine and coastal biodiversity as a cross-cutting issue under the CBD and among the parties as expressed in many statements made in the informal session in February as well as in the previous plenary on item 3 of the formal session.

We have made numerous proposals in preparation of the Thematic Workshop on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (2019), the Second Open-ended Working Group on the Post- 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (OEWG2, 2020) up to the informal session in February 2021.

So far, we do not see our proposals considered carefully and meaningfully in the discussions, much less adequately reflected in the draft.

Therefore we reaffirm the relevance of the critical role of women and girls, their knowledge, their rights and leadership in the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity.

We consider it critical that the rights, concerns and empowerment of women and girls as well as gender equality – as universal values – are adequately reflected under all agenda items currently negotiated, including item 6 and 3. We call on parties to ensure that women and girls are represented equally in all bodies and processes and can contribute meaningfully to and benefit from conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity – in accordance with states' existing commitments.

We will provide more detailed proposals to the respective topics of agenda item 6 in the contact group.

Thank you, Chair



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SBSTTA 24 – Plenary 2 (23-25 May, 2021)**

24 May, 2021

CBD/SBSTTA/24/7/REV1

Agenda Item 7 - Biodiversity and agriculture

Thank you Chair.

I am speaking on behalf of the CBD Women's Caucus.

It is key to include indigenous peoples, local communities and women's knowledge and wisdom in the management, restoration and recovery of soils from agroindustry and other destructive productive activities.

In this line, we have a series of concrete recommendations to Document
CBD/SBSTTA/24/7/REV1

**On Annex II - DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION 2020-2030 FOR THE INTERNATIONAL
INITIATIVE FOR THE CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF SOIL
BIODIVERSITY**

SECTION I. INTRODUCTION

Para 6. ADD **gender roles** to be reflected in the plan, besides local context and other specificities.

On SECTION II. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

Para 9. ADD **women and youth besides** Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, relevant organizations and initiatives, among those this plan aims to support.

On Para 11 b) towards the end of the para, ADD gender roles, so that it would read "*taking into account national circumstances, land-use type, geographic region, **gender roles** and the vulnerability of marginalized communities*"



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On SECTION III SCOPE AND PRINCIPLES

Para 14. ADD “**women and youth**” to relevant organizations, land owners and land managers, farmers, indigenous peoples and local communities and civil society.

On Para 17. ADD **indigenous peoples and local communities, women, youth and civil society**, while ensuring multi-stakeholder participation

On SECTION V. KEY ELEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Para 20 (b) would read: “*Encouraging the use of sustainable soil management practices **and restoration***”

On Element 1: Policy coherence and mainstreaming

ADD **women and youth** to the Rationale, besides indigenous peoples and local communities, and all relevant stakeholders.

Activity 1.6 would read “*Adopt policies that provide economic incentives to producers or property owners that implement practices that promote or increase the biodiversity of the soil, **especially for indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth, in developing countries***”

On Element 2: Encouraging the use of sustainable soil management practices

ADD **and restoration** to the title of the element and ADD **women and youth** to the Rationale.

On Activity 2.1 ADD **restoration** among sustainable practices, and ADD increase **agroecological practices**.

And on Activity 2.4 ADD “**and agroforestry systems**” to the end of that para.

FINALLY



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On Element 3 Research, monitoring and assessment

On Activity 3.7 ADD “women and youth” among those receiving capacity

And on Activity 3.8 ADD “with free, prior and informed consent”

We look forward to Parties support.

Thank you Chair.



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CBD/SBSTTA/24/8

Agenda Item 8 - Programme of work of IPBES

I am speaking on behalf of the CDB Women Caucus.

Less than a decade after its creation, the work and products of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), have proved to be very useful and relevant to the work of the CBD and other Conventions related to biodiversity.

However, it is important to note that rightholders, including indigenous peoples and local communities, women, and youth, have differentiated knowledge and management of nature. On the other hand, they are affected differently by the loss of biodiversity. This reflects the need of a broader analysis of these relationships to propose ways to include and promote the full and effective participation of these major groups in the decision-making process.

In this regard, IPBES following its approved conceptual framework and procedures, could contribute to this task. Specifically, there is a need to explore mechanisms and ways to strengthen gender mainstreaming in the four functions of this platform; in particular in the scope documents of the evaluations that are to be undertaken, and where possible, incorporate the analysis of information on the relationship between different social groups and biodiversity, particularly indigenous peoples and local communities, women, and youth, in order to assess the relevance of the mid-term evaluation recommended by this subsidiary body.

We **RECOMMEND** the development of a **gender task force or the inclusion of gender expertise in already existing task forces so that a gender perspective is mainstreamed in IPBES assessments.**

On document CBD/SBSTTA/24/8, we have some concrete recommendations.

Under “Section, V. suggested recommendations” - Page 8.

Para 6 to insert the words - **include gender considerations.**

Under Para 7, insert the words: to explore options for strengthening cooperation **with relevant rightholders with** regard to data and knowledge, capacity-building, and indigenous and local knowledge, **and explore future cooperation with women and youth;**

Under Para 8, after with the full engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities, **ADD women, youth, civil society and business.**



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On “Annex” Page 9

Para 2 – “promoting and facilitating national science-policy platforms and network” should **include indigenous peoples and local communities, women, and youth** participation and capacity development needs.

Para 4 – ADD, after stakeholders, **“including indigenous peoples and local communities, women, and youth”**

We look for the support of the Parties and to further deliberations.

Thank you Chair



**CBD Formal Session Session
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Agenda Item 9. Biodiversity and Health (CBD/SBSTTA/24/9)

Thank you Mr. Chair

I am speaking on behalf of the CDB Women's Caucus

For a transformative and just recovery, the draft global action plan for biodiversity and health for 2021 -2030 should address and identify key rights-based approach into the elements and the activities presented in the action plan that can truly help in catalyzing the operationalization of the “biodiversity-inclusive One Health Transition” into the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, as identified as one of the principles of the Action Plan.

We would like to present our recommendations to the working document CBD/SBSTTA/24/9, as follows.

On IV. Suggested Recommendations

Para 3 (page 5), ADD - **all** sectors identified in the global action plan for biodiversity and health.

Endorses the global action plan for biodiversity and health annexed to the present decision, and *encourages* Parties to implement this plan, including through the mainstreaming of biodiversity and health linkages into existing and future policies, plans and strategies, as appropriate, and the reinforcement of collaboration among ministries and agencies responsible for **all** the sectors identified in the global action plan for biodiversity and health, with a view to enhancing implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Para 4 (page 5), (a) ADD **including indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth and** other relevant partners.

4. *Invites* the World Health Organization, relevant expert groups and multilateral initiatives:

(a) To support the implementation of the global action plan for biodiversity and health in cooperation with **indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth and** other relevant partners



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We welcome the acknowledgement of a rights based approach and considerations of gender approaches into the action plan in the Annex, however it is not adequately addressed. To save time, we are putting forward a few of our main recommendations.

Section IV: STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES AND RATIONALE OF THE ACTION PLAN

Para 16, (c) **ADD** - “nature-based solutions with ‘ecosystem based approaches’” to align with the principles of the action plan set in the following Section V.

16. The implementation of the aforementioned strategic *operational objectives* will enable and be reinforced by the following strategic *supporting objectives*:

(c) To support capacity-building and ensure allocation of predictable and sustainable funding to policies and programmes promoting biodiversity and health linkages and One Health approaches, with investments aiming to reverse unsustainable anthropogenic consumption and exploitation patterns and promote nature-based solutions with ecosystem based approaches.

V. PRINCIPLES OF THE ACTION PLAN

ADD NEW (g) Social justice and gender equality.

This is one of the guiding principles as identified in CBD/SBSTTA/21/9. We welcome the principle of a rights based approach, but as we still see a lack of gender-responsive elements and actions, hence we want to encourage Parties to retain this principle in the Action Plan.

VI. KEY ELEMENTS OF THE ACTION PLAN

Element 2 : Sector-specific mainstreaming of biodiversity and health linkages (Page 16),

Action area 2.1. Mainstream biodiversity and health linkages through specific sectoral policies

Action Area 2.1, only two sectors have been prioritised (infrastructure (2.1.1) and food systems (2.1.2). There is **no entrypoint in addressing energy and mining sectors** considering their direct impacts on biodiversity and health. This needs to be included in the action plan recognising the associated conflict that may arise, including gender based violence besides others.

We recommend addressing that in **NEW 2.1.3 (Energy) and 2.1.4 (Mining)**



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Action area 2.2. Mainstream biodiversity and health linkages in ecosystem, wildlife and land/sea use management, as well as in the context of climate change and pollution

Action Area 2.2.1 (Land and sea use planning, and ecosystem management)

2.2.1.3 Encourage land reform efforts and enforcement of regulations that avoid human encroachment, while **recognising**, ensuring **governance systems of and** access for indigenous and other local communities, and sustainable, inclusive land use;

In the ongoing pandemic COVID-19, glaring gender disparities are apparent, from the additional burden on women that has impacted all spheres of their lives, from social, cultural, economics besides others. The pandemic has resulted in reports of increased tension contributing to new cases of Gender Based Violence, including many linked with the environment.

We cannot “Recover and build back better” if we do not not bend the curve of inequality and injustice

We welcome Party support to our recommendations.

Thank you, Chair.



**CBD Formal Virtual Session
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26 May, 2021

Document CBD/SBSTTA/24/10

Agenda Item 10 - Invasive alien species

Thank you Chair, I am speaking on behalf of the CBD Women's Caucus.

According to IPBES global assessment, invasive alien species is one of the main direct drivers of biodiversity loss. In this regard, efforts to eradicate, prevent, manage and mitigate the impact of IAS are needed in the short- term, including a gender approach.

We have concrete text suggestions for Document CBD/SBSTTA/24/10

On Annex I METHODS FOR COST-BENEFIT AND COST-EFFECTIVENESS ANALYSIS WHICH BEST APPLY TO THE MANAGEMENT OF INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES; AND RISK ANALYSIS ON THE POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE INTRODUCTION OF INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES ON SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL VALUES

On Para 2 ADD **women and youth**, in addition to indigenous peoples and local communities at the national, regional and local levels.

On Paras 6, 8 and 10 also ADD **women and youth**, in addition to indigenous peoples and local communities.

On Annex II METHODS, TOOLS AND MEASURES FOR IDENTIFICATION AND MINIMIZATION OF ADDITIONAL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH CROSS-BORDER E-COMMERCE IN LIVE ORGANISMS AND THE IMPACTS THEREOF

Section A. Suggested actions for national authorities/border agencies

1. Stakeholder engagement

Para 6 ADD **women and youth** for detection of early incursion, establishment or spread of e-commerce-derived invasive alien species across traditional lands and waters

3. Monitoring and compliance

Para 12 ADD **women and youth**, so that it would read “*and relevant information from indigenous peoples and local communities with their free, prior and informed consent, **women and youth** to inform risk-based inspections and determine if investigation or enforcement action is needed*”



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On Annex III METHODS, TOOLS AND STRATEGIES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES AS IT RELATES TO PREVENTION OF POTENTIAL RISKS ARISING FROM CLIMATE CHANGE AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL DISASTERS AND LAND USE CHANGES

On section A. Prediction

Add a subpara n) to Para 2 that would read “*To identify negative and positive impacts of invasive alien species on biodiversity and ecosystem services arising from climate change differentiated by gender*”

On Section B. Planning and prevention

Para 3 g) would read: “to raise public awareness of changing invasive alien species threats arising from climate change and ~~encourage~~ **include** the participation of - **or engage** - the public and all relevant sectors in response planning, **including indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth.**”

And on Annex V ADDITIONAL ADVICE AND TECHNICAL GUIDANCE ON INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES MANAGEMENT

SECTION B. Advice on management-specific pathways

1. Inter-basin water transfer and navigational canals

Para 11 ADD **women and youth** to relevant organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities and other stakeholders

On SECTION C. Advice on capacity-building activities

Para 25 ADD **women and youth** on training programmes, as well as to the end of Para 27 (j)

Thank you Chair.