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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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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