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Happy New Year 2023!

As we start this new year, we bring to you this special edition of 2022 which we have curated to share and highlight some key moments from the Fifteenth Meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP 15) held from 7-19 December in Montreal, Canada.

We have much to celebrate, especially the adoption of the stand-alone target on gender equality in the Kunming-Montreal Biodiversity Framework, and of the post-2020 Gender Plan of Action.

## Win: Stand-alone target on Gender Equality (Target 23) adopted



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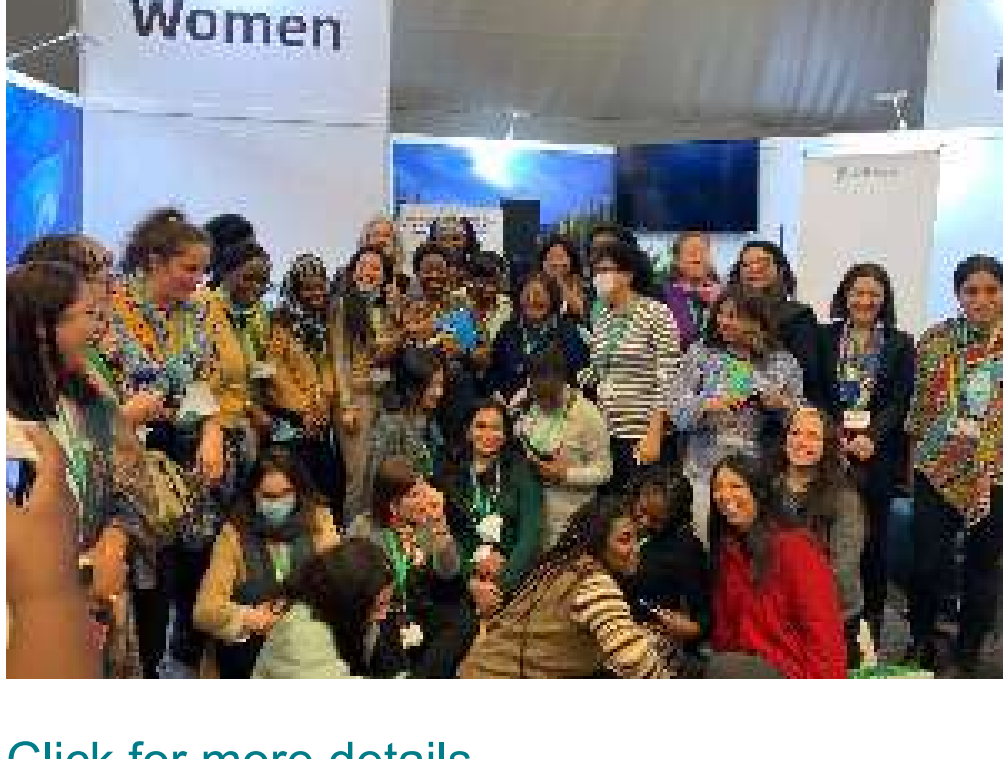
Women made history this CBD COP 15, with the CBD now being the first Rio Convention to have a strong, visible and set agenda to address gender equality and women's rights as it adopted the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (23 Targets), with a stand-alone target on gender equality as Target 23. It also mentions women and girls in Target 22, in addition to the post-2020 Gender Plan of Action. The CBD is also the first multilateral environmental agreement to have a Gender Plan of Action, and in the preamble text recognizes the vital role that women play in conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

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## Events

### Women's Hub



The Women's Hub hosted different gender and biodiversity events from 8 to 18 December. The events were organized by various Women's Caucus Members, UN Agencies and others and covered information sessions, consultations, training, and wellness sessions. The Hub saw a wide range of audiences and was instrumental in collaborative work and strengthening of networks.

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### Gender Day



Through Women4Biodiversity's initiative, COP 15 had a dedicated Gender Day, "Weaving Human Rights and Gender Equality in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework," held in two parts on 10 and 12 December 2022. The event hosted panels discussing various topics like human rights, gender-responsive financing, and youth and biodiversity issues. It

also had a photo exhibit and a wall for art and messages.

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### Photo Exhibit #SheShapesBiodiversity



The best five photos and ten finalists of Women4Biodiversity's 'She Shapes Biodiversity' photo contest were showcased at the opening of "Weaving Human Rights and Gender Equality in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework" on 10 December last year. The photo contest aimed to recognize women's contributions to the environment.

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### High-Level Ministerial Segment



On 15 December, a High-Level Ministerial breakfast on Gender and Biodiversity was organized by the Secretariat to the Convention on Biological Diversity. It was hosted by the Ministry of Environment of Finland, in collaboration with the CBD Friends of Gender Equality Group, and co-Chaired by the Ministries of Canada

and Malawi and UN CBD Women's Caucus. This was the first High-Level Ministerial event organized at the CBD Conference of Parties (CBD COPs).

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### Other Events



Women4Biodiversity and UNCBD Women's Caucus organized various events at COP 15. One of them was the side event "Ingredients to Operationalize the Post-2020 Gender Plan of Action" on 9 December last year. Speaking at the event were representatives from

Women4Biodiversity, UNCBD Women's Caucus, FARN Argentina, CoopeSoliDar RL, ICCA Consortium,

Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights, Global Environment Facility, and Canada.

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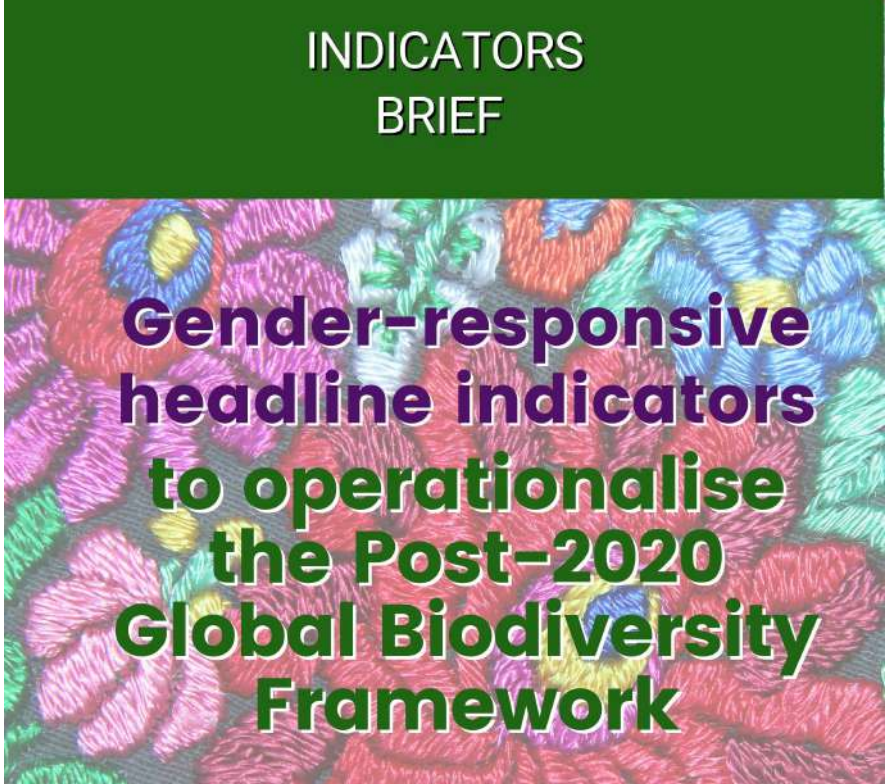
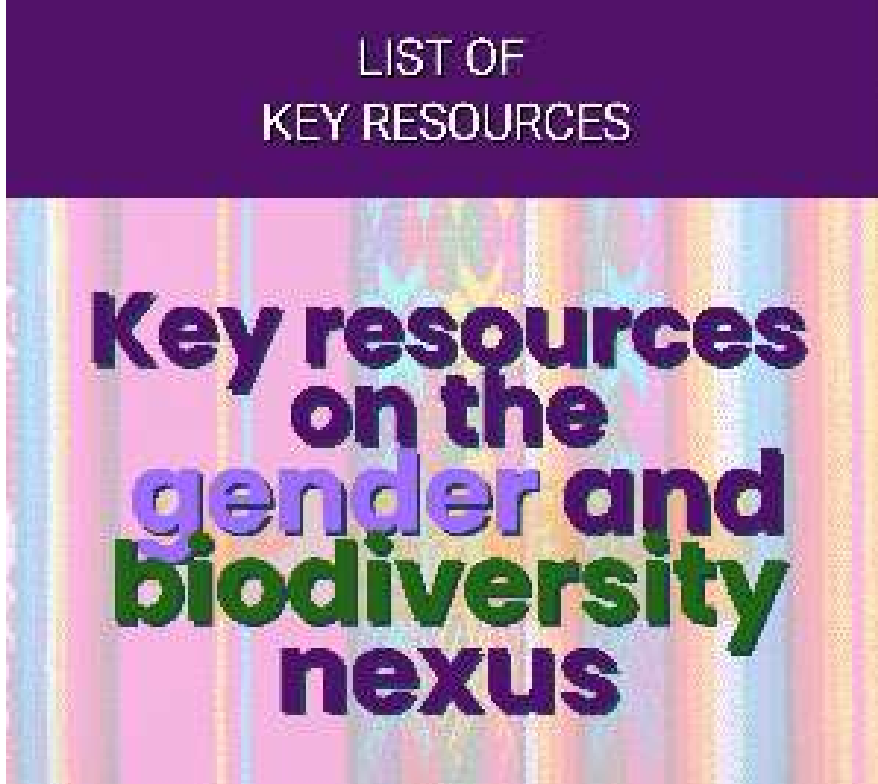
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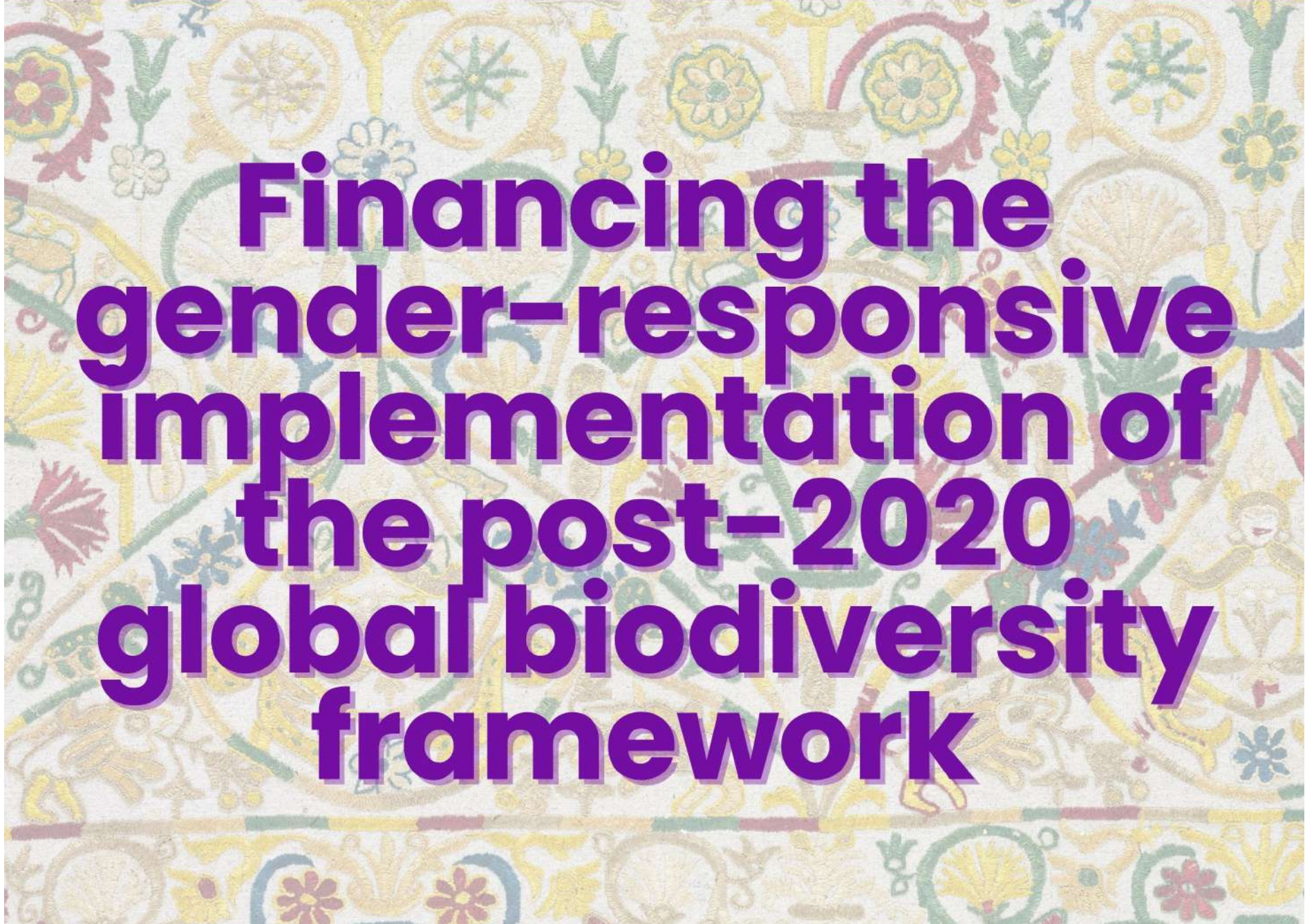
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## Press Conference & Media Coverage



To increase further awareness on gender-responsive biodiversity policy, Women4Biodiversity held "Biodiversity For Her: A press conference on gender equality in environmental policy at COP 15" on 13 December last year. Different media organizations covered the press conference and other participation of women in COP 15.

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