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Thanks, Chair

My name is Scovia Ampumuza from Rwanda, speaking on behalf of the CBD Women's Caucus.

Yesterday the need for Guidance on addressing gender considerations in the context of various biomes and thematic issues highlighted the knowledge and scientific-evidence gaps on gender linkages with biodiversity.

And today we see even the same need, following the findings of the assessments in front of us that do not consider fully gender dynamics.

For that, we strongly encourage SBSTTA and indirectly IPBES and IPCC via our delegates to stop the "gender-blindness trend". This is of utmost importance since CBD Parties rely heavily on IPBES scientific input for an evidence-based implementation of the GBF.

In this regard we have two messages:

First, we propose these text additions and changes, regarding document SBSTTA/25/6 on the Values assessment:

- In para 5, replace "~~Encourages~~" with "**Urges**", and after the reference to "indigenous peoples and local communities" add "**women and youth**".
- At the end of para 7.b to add: "**and promote the co-production of knowledge with Indigenous People and local communities, including women and girls**";
- And in para 8, in between "full" and "and effective" to add "**equitable, gender-responsive, inclusive**" to keep coherence with agreed text on Target 22.

For that we ask Parties to show support.

And secondly, overall, given this context, and following Targets 22 and 23, as well as the Gender Plan of Action, there is an urgent need up-to-date, comprehensive knowledge of

women's roles, trends, and challenges in relation to biodiversity to ensure gender-responsive implementation of the GBF and any CBD decisions.

Our ask here is simple yet has not been fully addressed: let us act to fill this essential and long-standing knowledge gap that will provide Parties with relevant information to fulfill their international commitments and national responsibilities.

Thank you

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