

IMPROVING UNFCCC PROCESS TO SUPPORT PARTIES TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENTING GENDER RESPONSIVE CLIMATE POLICIES RELATED TO MITIGATION AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFER

The challenges and obstacles related to effectively implementing gender-responsive climate policies were discussed in the In session work shop on gender responsive climate policies focusing on mitigation and technology development and transfer 8-9 June. The challenges are often related with:

- Lack of information and understanding of the basic elements and concepts guiding gender-responsive climate policies;
- Lack of political will in promoting gender-responsive climate policies;
- Lack of understanding of the benefits of incorporating gender equality in climate change initiatives;
- Lack of information of concrete steps and best practices in integrating gender equality to local and national circumstances;
- Lack of practical access to and benefitting from the UNFCCC institutions, mechanisms, processes and their modalities to integrate gender-responsive approaches;
- Lack of information on available funding;
- Lack of acknowledgement of UNFCCC mandates in relation to gender;
- Lack of legally binding mandates supporting the national legislation, arrangements, policies, programmes and capacity building.

Following proposals to overcome the challenges were made. Except the last ones these proposals are addressed to the secretariat and in particular to the focal point:

- Provide a **glossary of the central terminology** related with gender equality and gender responsive climate policy on the web page on gender and climate change;
- Provide a **collection of best practices and organize a platform** on gender-responsive climate policies (starting on mitigation and technology development and transfer) either on the web page or creating a portal on the web page. The best practices could showcase the material produced for the in session work shop and then be complemented as the resources allow. Best practices could also contain information on the benefits gained in empowering women for active participation in climate policies and decision-making. Next year in session workshop will contribute new material. Links to specialized websites and publications should be included in UNFCCC platform.
- Develop **guidelines and tools** how to best integrate gender-responsive approach in all relevant programmes of UNFCCC as mandated by the Lima

Work Programme on Gender. The secretariat should also consider how to best assist the Parties to integrate a gender-responsive approach and promote participation of women in the national and local climate policies;

- Organize **updating and briefing sessions** through side events or other type of events for all delegates on specific issues related with gender and climate change. The extensive participation of delegates in the work shop and lack of sufficient time for discussions indicates that there is a need of technical information on various aspects of the link between gender and climate change. These briefings might be short (2-3 hours) and be organized in cooperation with interested organizations and Parties. The mandate for these kind of information sharing activities is provided by the Lima Work Programme on Gender.
- Continue **the capacity building of the female delegates** on the link of gender and climate change, the framework provided by UNFCCC for cooperation and the specific negotiation skills in the UNFCCC process in cooperation with interested organizations and Parties. The mandate for these activities is provided by the Lima Work Programme on Gender;
- Continue **the cooperation and briefing of the chairs and secretaries** of the various **mechanisms and processes** like REDD+, CTCN, TEC, CDM, NAPS, NAPAS, LEG, Adaptation Framework, Capacity building Forum, Article six dialogues, Loss and Damage mechanism etc. of their existing mandates to integrate the gender responsive approach and how to best make progress on it.
- Encourage the **mechanisms and processes to organize briefings** to delegations how they have succeeded in integrating gender responsive approach in their programmes and how they could support Parties in their efforts as well as facilitate the use of their portals and information platforms. The mechanisms and processes should be encouraged in their national and regional activities like expert seminars including technology needs assessments to include the gender responsive approach;
- Consider including funds in the next **proposal for core funds** for the gender reponsive climate policies;
- Encourage **GEF, GCF, AF** and other funds to organize briefings on how to prepare a gender-sensitive application for funds and how to benefit form the activities and services of the funds on gender responsive climate policies;

Finally, all Parties were called to cooperate in developing a **strong Paris Agreement** including clear mandate, which shall guide parties and stakeholders to promote gender equality and ensure the full and equal participation of women in all climate actions and decision making processes through gender responsive climate policies and thus making these policies more effective.