



# Women's Environment & Development Organization

**Feedback on the organization of the 4<sup>th</sup> Dialogue on Action for Climate Empowerment and views on the agenda for the 5<sup>th</sup> Dialogue, which will focus on climate change education, training and international cooperation on these matters**

The Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO) welcomes the invitation of the SBI to relevant UNFCCC observer organizations to submit its views on the organization of the 4<sup>th</sup> in-session Dialogue on Article 6 of the Convention "Action for Climate Empowerment" (ACE) and views on the agenda for the 5<sup>th</sup> in session Dialogue (FCCC/SBI/2016/L.15 paragraph 7).<sup>1</sup>

The Doha Work Programme on Article 6 of the Convention (15/CP.18) included a request to the SBI to organize a dialogue with Parties as well as representatives of bodies under the Convention, experts, practitioners, and stakeholders. The purpose of this dialogue was to exchange ideas and share experiences, best practices, and lessons learned in relation to the implementation of the Doha Work Programme. Furthermore, the COP (15/CP.18, paragraph 10) decided the following two areas of focus for the dialogue with international cooperation being a cross-cutting theme: a) education and training b) public awareness, public participation, and public access to information.

It is critical to ensure the incorporation of gender as a cross-cutting issue in all levels of climate policies and climate action, especially in spaces where best practices and lessons learned are being shared at the decision-making level. In order to achieve the ultimate objective of the Convention and for the effective implementation of adaptation and mitigation actions, ACE must address the disproportionate impacts of climate change on women and girls and indigenous peoples and promote the following:

- Full and equal participation of women and girls and indigenous peoples in all climate actions
- Gender-responsive climate change policy and action including on climate finance, technology and scientific research on gender and climate change as well as gendered analysis and data collection
- Gender-just climate programs and solutions (technical, non-technical, and transformational)

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**Feedback on the organization of the 4<sup>th</sup> Dialogue on Article 6 (ACE):**

WEDO puts forth the following feedback in regards to the 4<sup>th</sup> Dialogue on Article 6 (ACE): The structure of having working groups seems to be effective and foster more in-depth dialogue. More time should be allotted to working groups as well as to discussions about lessons learned. The presentations on good practices cover a wide range of topics, including one on gender. However, for future dialogues, WEDO recommends the inclusion of more than one presentation on gender in the context of public awareness, international cooperation, fostering public participation, and access to information and/or ensure that several presentations highlight gender as a cross-cutting issue.

**Views on the Agenda for the 5<sup>th</sup> Dialogue on Article 6 (ACE):**

WEDO puts forth the following suggestions to be included in agenda for the 5<sup>th</sup> Dialogue on Article 6 (ACE):

- Overall, gender should be a cross-cutting issue in all aspects of the 5<sup>th</sup> Dialogue on ACE.
- In terms of topics to be included, WEDO welcomes examples of:
  - 100% renewable energy projects that are democratic and highlight the urgent need to transition away from fossil fuel based economy, phasing into 100% safe, decentralized, gender-just, environmentally friendly and nuclear free energy. There is need to ensure that transitions to a new energy economy include equal opportunities for both women and men to participate in job trainings and employment;
  - Women's full and equal participation in all climate actions (design, planning, and implementation of climate actions);
  - Gender-responsive climate change policy and action including on climate finance, technology and scientific research on gender and climate change as well as gendered analysis and data collection;
  - Gender-just climate programs and solutions (technical, non-technical, and transformational);
  - Effective capacity building and training programs for women, youth, and indigenous peoples in terms of technical advocacy, leadership development, and project implementation;
  - Communications platforms, tools and technology on gender-responsive climate policies and action.
- In terms of international cooperation, WEDO welcomes a discussion on the cooperation among practitioners, decision-makers, and stakeholders as well as cross sectoral coordination on ensuring that all climate policies and action are gender-responsive.