



Women's Environment & Development Organization

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In draft conclusion FCCC/SBI/2011/L.6 of SB34 the SBI invited Parties, and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as relevant stakeholders, to submit to the secretariat, information and views that may be relevant to the completion of the review of the amended New Delhi work programme. It invited the aforementioned entities to submit to the secretariat, by the same date, their views on possible elements of a successor work programme on Article 6 of the Convention.

It must be recognized in the completion of the review of the amended New Delhi work programme that the lack of explicitly considering gender was a significant gap in the programme's activities until the sixteenth Conference of Parties in Cancun (COP 16). The Decision 7/CP.16 invites Parties to enhance efforts to elaborate national strategies and action plans on Article 6 of the Convention by taking into account the gender perspective; by fostering the participation of women in national-level climate change decision-making and women's participation in intergovernmental meetings. This decision clearly demonstrates that enhancing education, training and public awareness on climate change has to take gender considerations into account and to foster women's participation in all climate change decision-making. It has been strengthened by Dec 5.CP/16, which decides that the LEG should provide technical advice and guidance on strengthening gender-related considerations within LDCs.

Therefore, integral in the possible elements of a successor work programme on Article 6 to the Convention are increased women's participation and other gender considerations.

To create a successor programme on Article 6 to the Convention that brings in lessons learned from the New Delhi Work Programme, Parties must consider gender as a cross-cutting issue in all of the activities listed in Article 6 that will enhance education, training and public awareness on climate change. The content of disseminated information on climate change should include socio-economic data that is gender-sensitive and the target groups should include women stakeholders and women's groups. Women should participate equally with men and youth in public awareness, education and information activities. The guidelines, which the secretariat will prepare for national awareness raising activities and regional seminar programmes should contribute to this objective by including the necessary tools to support Parties to integrate gender considerations in their effort to implement article 6 of the Convention.

Areas of focus for a successor program should include:

Funding—ensuring funding mechanisms consider funding opportunities for actions under Article 6; modalities and procedures for funding activities under Article 6 should include gender considerations; such considerations can assist Parties in funding increased participation of women in all intergovernmental as well as national level decision-making processes

Coordinating communication—communications among and with expert groups, committees and other relevant bodies (LEG, CGE, TEC, Adaptation Committee, Standing Committee, GCF Bureau and secretariat, etc.); many of these groups, committees and bodies include some references to gender that will need to be elaborated and coordinated in communications, training and education. This will help to create coordinated messages from these bodies on cross-cutting issues such as gender. Capacity building workshops and trainings for these expert groups, committees and relevant bodies on cross-cutting issues such as gender should be considered in a successor program on Article 6 to the Convention.