

SBI in-session workshop

**To further develop ways to enhance the
engagement of observer organizations**

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Women and Gender Presentation

Session II: Proposals for new means of participation

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Online Consultation System

▶ Features

- ▶ Online forum on important agenda items
- ▶ Providing a limited amount of space for input from each Party and Observer grouping on specific items

▶ Purpose: Enhance interaction and debate

▶ Benefits

- ▶ More flexibility for input from Parties and stakeholders to present ideas
- ▶ Immediate access to the various opinions on a certain topic

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Gender Advisory Group

▶ Purpose

- ▶ Respond to the need for more gender expertise in this process in order to implement gender provisions
- ▶ Highlight need for addressing the gender dimension in new text and provisions
- ▶ Ensure coherence and collaboration with existing institutional settings on gender

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Gender Advisory Group (cont.)

- ▶ **Financial implications**
 - ▶ **Should not go at the expense of the Secretariat's budget**
 - ▶ **Small additional funding required from Parties committed to gender issues**
- ▶ **Women & Gender is looking forward to feedback on this idea**
- ▶ **Seeking consultation with interested Parties and Secretariat**

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Further Proposals

- ▶ **Representatives of civil society should be involved as observers in the UNFCCC Bureau**
- ▶ **This is common practice in some other international processes, and would make the process more open**

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