

UNFCCC Negotiations Skills & Technical Language Training

Hosted by the Women Delegates Fund Friday to Saturday, 4–5 November 2016 Radisson Blu Marrakech Carré Eden 5:30pm – 9:00pm

Distinguished Delegates and Colleagues,

WEDO, the Women's Environment and Development Organization, in partnership with the UNFCCC Secretariat, and with the support of the Government of the Netherlands, is pleased to invite you and/or your fellow delegates to participate in a two-evening workshop- covering negotiation skills and technical language training- on behalf of the Women Delegates Fund (WDF) Programⁱ.

This two night series will focus on drafting text for interventions, decisions and other written outcomes of the negotiating process, with the aim of strengthening the participants' capacity to participate effectively in the negotiating process. The training will include experiential learning through a mock negotiation exercise and provide a set of tools and materials that participants can utilize in upcoming UNFCCC meetings. Beyond the training, we aim for these two nights to provide a space for engaging with other women delegates.

In 2014, Parties to the UNFCCC, via Decision 18/CP.20, established the Lima Work Programme on Gender, which reinforces the goals of the WDF by encouraging Parties and observers to support: *building the skills and capacity of their female delegates to effectively participate in UNFCCC meetings via training on, inter alia, negotiation skills, drafting of legal language and strategic communicationⁱⁱ.*

Participants who can most benefit from this training will be newer women delegates with limited experience in the UNFCCC negotiation process (0-1 years); experienced delegates who are interested in honing their negotiation skills; delegates interested in broadening their network of delegates working in the UNFCCC.

There is no fee to join this training but space is limited. To apply for a place, please complete this form, <u>https://goo.gl/forms/zZZubz9jAgOa734J3</u> by Monday, 31 October 2016.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to e-mail Prachi Rao, prachi@wedo.org.

Yours sincerely,

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¹ The Women Delegates Fund was founded in 2009 to promote women's leadership in climate change decision-making by providing travel support, capacity building and networking opportunities to women, particularly from Least Developed Countries (LDCs), to join and effectively participate on their national delegations at the UNFCCC.

http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2014/cop20/eng/10a03.pdf#page=35.