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Summary


This report has been prepared at the request of the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth session in order to enable the tracking of progress made towards the goal of gender balance in advancing gender-sensitive climate policy. It contains a breakdown of the gender composition of constituted bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, including the representation of women from regional groups and other Party groupings, and a breakdown of the gender composition of Party delegations to sessions under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol since the publication of the previous report on gender composition in 2013.

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I. Introduction

A. Mandate and background

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP), by decision 23/CP.18, agreed that additional efforts need to be made by all Parties to improve the participation of women in bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, as envisaged in decision 36/CP.7.
2. By the same decision, the COP adopted a goal of gender balance in bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, in order to improve women's participation and inform more effective climate change policymaking that addresses the needs of women and men equally.
3. In addition, Parties were invited by the COP to strive for gender balance in their delegations to sessions under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol.
4. Furthermore, the COP requested the secretariat:¹
 - (a) To maintain information on the gender composition of constituted bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, including information on the representation of women from regional groups;
 - (b) To gather information on the gender composition of Party delegations to sessions under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol;
 - (c) To report such information to the COP for its consideration on an annual basis, in order to enable the tracking of progress made towards the goal of gender balance in advancing gender-sensitive climate policy.

B. Scope of the note

5. This report presents a breakdown of the gender composition of constituted bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, including information on the representation of women from regional groups and other Party groupings, and information on the gender composition of Party delegations to sessions under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol.

C. Possible action by the Conference of the Parties

6. The COP may wish to refer this report to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) for its consideration and for it to take any action it deems appropriate.
7. Parties may use the data contained in this report to inform their decision-making relating to elections of members of the bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol.²

¹ Decision 23/CP.18, paragraph 8.

² Information on the election and membership of the bodies of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol is available at: <http://unfccc.int/bodies/election_and_membership/items/6558.php>.

II. Data on gender composition

8. The data on the gender composition of constituted bodies contained in this report are as at 2 October 2014. The data cover the following:

(a) The gender composition of constituted bodies and the bureaux established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol (see tables 1 and 2);

(b) Information on the representation of women from regional groups and other Party groupings in the constituted bodies and bureaux established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol;

(c) The gender composition of Party delegations to sessions under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol (see table 3).

A. Gender composition of constituted bodies³

Table 1

Gender composition of constituted bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol

<i>Body</i>	<i>Total number of members</i>	<i>Female Chair or Co-Chair/Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Number of female members</i>	<i>Number of male members</i>	<i>Percentage of women in 2014</i>	<i>Change in the percentage of women compared with 2013</i>
Executive Board of the clean development mechanism	10	0/0	2	8	20	0
Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee	10	0/1	4	6	40	0
Compliance Committee facilitative branch	10	0/0	4	6	40	29 ^a
Compliance Committee enforcement branch	10	1/0	1	9	10	-10
Least Developed Countries Expert Group	13	0/0	2	11	15	0
Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention	21	0/-	9	12	43	-9
Adaptation Fund Board	16	0/1	5	11	31	0
Technology Executive Committee	20	0/0	3	17	15	4
Adaptation Committee	16	1/-	4	12	25	5
Standing Committee on Finance	20	1/-	7	13	35	10
Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network	16	0/0	2	14	13	0
Interim members of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts	10	-	3	7	30	-

^a At the time of the publication of the previous report on gender composition the body comprised only nine members.

9. The gender composition of the constituted bodies continues to vary with the representation of women being between 43 per cent in the Consultative Group of Experts

³ The data are based on the UNFCCC membership chart of Convention and Kyoto Protocol bodies as at 2 October 2014, available at <http://unfccc.int/bodies/election_and_membership/items/6558.php>.

on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE) and 10 per cent in the Compliance Committee enforcement branch. Since the publication of last year's report on gender composition⁴, the representation of women in some constituted bodies has increased, for example by 29 per cent in the Compliance Committee facilitative branch, while in some constituted bodies it has decreased, for example by 10 per cent in the Compliance Committee enforcement branch.

10. Only three female delegates were elected as Chair or Co-Chair of a constituted body, while two female delegates were elected for positions of Vice-Chair.

11. Several constituted bodies include a number of alternate members, who play an active role in the proceedings of these bodies. Representation of women as alternate members is as follows:

(a) The Executive Board of the clean development mechanism (CDM) has 10 alternate members,⁵ one of whom is a woman;

(b) The Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (JISC) has 10 alternate members, two of whom are women;

(c) The Compliance Committee facilitative branch has 10 alternate members, one of whom is a woman;

(d) The Compliance Committee enforcement branch has 10 alternate members, two of whom are women;

(e) The Adaptation Fund Board has 16 alternate members,⁶ five of whom are women.

B. Gender composition of the bureaux

12. Given the important role of the bureaux established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, this report also includes their gender composition, even though decision 23/CP.18 does not explicitly require this.

Table 2

Gender composition of the bureaux established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol

<i>Bureau</i>	<i>Total number of members</i>	<i>Number of female members</i>	<i>Number of male members</i>	<i>Percentage of women in 2014</i>	<i>Change in the percentage of women compared with 2013</i>
Bureau of the COP and the CMP	11	3	8	27	-9
Bureaux of the SBI and the SBSTA	6	2	4	33	0
Bureau of the ADP	3	1	2	33	0

Abbreviations: ADP = Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action, CMP = Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, COP = Conference of the Parties, SBI = Subsidiary Body for Implementation, SBSTA = Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice.

13. Two Vice-Presidents and the Rapporteur of the Bureau of the COP and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP)

⁴ FCCC/CP/2013/4.

⁵ As at 2 October 2014 only nine alternate member positions were filled.

⁶ As at 2 October 2014 only 15 alternate member positions were filled.

are female. The Rapporteurs of the SBI and Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) Bureaux are female. The Rapporteur of the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) is female.

C. Gender composition of constituted bodies by regional group and other Party groupings

14. Parties to the Convention are organized into five major United Nations regional groups of member States: African States; Asia-Pacific States; Latin American and Caribbean States; Eastern European States; and Western European and other States.

15. In addition to the five regional groups, the UNFCCC process has several other Party groupings with respect to membership of bodies. Therefore, in order to present a coherent picture of the current situation, this report includes information, as presented in the UNFCCC membership chart of Convention and Kyoto Protocol bodies, on female members of constituted bodies by Party groupings, namely Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties), countries with economies in transition (EIT), Parties included in Annex II to the Convention (Annex II Parties), Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties), small island developing States (SIDS) and the least developed countries (LDCs). The gender composition of the constituted bodies by regional group and other Party groupings is as follows:⁷

(a) The CDM Executive Board has 10 members, of whom two are women: one from the Asia-Pacific States and one from the Eastern European States;

(b) The JISC has 10 members, of whom four are women: one from an Annex I Party, one from an EIT country and two from non-Annex I Parties;

(c) The facilitative branch of the Compliance Committee has 10 members, of whom four are women: one from the Asia-Pacific States, one from the Latin American and Caribbean States, one from the Western European and other States and one from an Annex I Party;

(d) The enforcement branch of the Compliance Committee has 10 members, one of whom is a woman from SIDS;

(e) The Least Developed Countries Expert Group has 13 members, of whom two are women: one from SIDS and one from an Annex II Party;

(f) The CGE has 21 members, of whom nine are women: one from the Asia-Pacific States, two from the African States, three from the Latin American and Caribbean States and three from Annex I Parties;

(g) The Adaptation Fund Board has 16 members, of whom five are women: one from an Annex I Party, one from the Eastern European States and two from the Western European and other States;

(h) The Technology Executive Committee has 20 members, of whom three are women: one from the African States and two from Annex I Parties;

(i) The Adaptation Committee has 16 members, of whom four are women: one from the African States, one from an Annex I Party, one from the Western European and other States and one from LDCs;

⁷ A tabular presentation of these data is contained in the annex.

(j) The Standing Committee on Finance has 20 members, of whom seven are women: one from the Asia-Pacific States, one from SIDS, one from LDCs, one from a non-Annex I Party and three from Annex I Parties;

(k) The Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network has 16 Party members, of whom two are women: one from a non-Annex I Party and one from an Annex I Party;

(l) The Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts has 10 interim members, of whom three are women: two from Annex I Parties and one from SIDS.

D. Gender composition of the bureaux by regional group

16. The gender composition of the bureaux by regional group is as follows:

(a) The Bureau of the COP and the CMP has 11 members, of whom three are women: one from the Eastern European States and two from the Latin American and Caribbean States;

(b) The Bureaux of the SBI and the SBSTA have six members, of whom two are women: one from the African States and one from the Eastern European States;

(c) The Bureau of the ADP has three members, of whom one is a woman from an Annex I Party.

E. Gender composition of Party delegations

Table 3

Gender composition of Party delegations to sessions under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol^a

<i>Session</i>	<i>Total number of delegates</i>	<i>Number of female delegates</i>	<i>Number of male delegates</i>	<i>Percentage of women in 2014</i>	<i>Change in the percentage of women compared with 2013</i>
Nineteenth session of the COP and ninth session of the CMP	4 979	1 783	3 196	36	7
Fourth part of the second session of the ADP	682	252	430	37	2
Fortieth sessions of the SBI and the SBSTA	1 767	680	1 087	38	1

Abbreviations: ADP = Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action, CMP = Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, COP = Conference of the Parties, SBI = Subsidiary Body for Implementation, SBSTA = Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice.

^a Figures presented in table 3 reflect the number of Party delegates who attended respective sessions as at the last day of each session.

17. The figures shown in table 3 indicate that the representation of women has increased at all sessions under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol held since the publication of the previous report on gender composition.

Gender composition of bodies by regional group and other Party groupings

Bodies	Total number of members	Ratio between female and male members in 2014	Number of female members per regional group or other Party grouping																							
			African States		Asia-Pacific States		Eastern European States		Latin American and Caribbean States		Western European and other States		SIDS		Annex I		EITs		Annex II		Non-Annex I		LDCs			
			2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
Executive Board of the CDM	10	2/8			1	1	1	1																		
JISC	10	4/6														1	1	1	1			2	2			
Compliance Committee facilitative branch	10	4/6				1				1	1		1					1								
Compliance Committee enforcement branch	10	1/9	1										1	1												
LEG	13	2/11											1	1					1	1						
CGE	21	9/12	2	2	2	1				4	3					3	3									
Adaptation Fund Board	16	4/12						1	1				1	2		2	1					1	1			
TEC	20	3/17	1	1														2							1	
Adaptation Committee	16	4/12	1	1									1			1	1							1	1	
SCF	20	7/13				1							1	1	2	3						1	1	1	1	
Advisory Board of the CTCN	20	2/18														1	1					1	1			
Interim members of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts	10	3/7													1		2									

Abbreviations: Annex I = Party included in Annex I to the Convention, Annex II = Party included in Annex II to the Convention, CDM = clean development mechanism, CGE = Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, CTCN = Climate Technology Centre and Network, EITs = economies in transition, JISC = Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee, LDCs = least developed countries, LEG = Least Developed Countries Expert Group, non-Annex I = Party not included in Annex I to the Convention, SCF = Standing Committee on Finance, TEC = Technology Executive Committee.