Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) recommended a draft decision on this matter for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-sixth session.

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The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 36/CP.7, 1/CP.16, 23/CP.18, 18/CP.20, 1/CP.21, 21/CP.22, 3/CP.23 and 3/CP.25, the Paris Agreement and the Katowice climate package,

Expressing its appreciation for the contributions received from Parties and observers in support of gender mainstreaming work undertaken through the Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan to date,

Acknowledging with appreciation the constructive, ongoing engagement in virtual meetings and workshops, including regional and in support of gender action plan activities A2 and D6, which has facilitated progress and contributed to enhanced and broadened participation beyond the UNFCCC process,

Recognizing with concern the challenges posed by the pandemic as a multidimensional crisis, including the deepening of pre-existing inequalities and resulting climate vulnerabilities, which may negatively impact the implementation of effective gender-responsive climate action, and urging Parties to accelerate their efforts to advance the implementation of the Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan,

Reminding Parties of the encouragement to appoint and provide support for a national gender and climate change focal point for climate negotiations, implementation and monitoring1 and noting that 94 countries have appointed such a focal point to date,

Recognizing that the full, meaningful and equal participation and leadership of women in all aspects of the UNFCCC process and in national- and local-level climate policy and action is vital for achieving long-term climate goals,2

Acknowledging the important role of the enhanced Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan in advancing gender equality and women’s empowerment in the UNFCCC process,3

Noting the secretariat’s participation in the Feminist Action for Climate Justice Action Coalition under the Generation Equality Forum as a co-lead and in line with the gender action plan priority area on coherence,

1. Welcomes the progress of Parties in integrating gender considerations into their nationally determined contributions;4
2. Recalls that the intermediate review of the progress of implementation of the activities contained in the gender action plan is due at the fifty-sixth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (June 2022);5
3. Invites Parties and observers to submit, by 30 April 2022, information of the progress of implementation of the activities contained in the gender action plan, areas for improvement

1 Decision 3/CP.25, para. 11.
2 Decision 3/CP.25, para. 7.
3 Decision 3/CP.25.
4 FCCC/PA/CMA/2021/8.
5 Decision 3/CP.25, para. 10.
and further work to be undertaken, including, as appropriate, information on the impacts of the pandemic on progress, consideration of multidimensional crises that may impact future implementation, and implementation at the national and subnational level;

4. Requests the secretariat to prepare a synthesis report on the submissions referred to in paragraph 3 above, information and recommendations from virtual and in-person workshops and events held between December 2019 and 30 April 2022, and any relevant desk research conducted in preparation for SBI 56;

5. Takes note of the annual reports on gender composition, which highlight the persistent lack of progress in in-person participation, and the urgent need for improving the representation of women in Party delegations and in all bodies established under the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement, and welcomes the strengthened reporting on two case studies, including gender-disaggregated data informing further on the participation of women in Party delegations;

6. Requests the secretariat to explore ways of automating the analysis of gender-disaggregated data on speaking times at UNFCCC meetings in order to continue to strengthen the annual report on gender composition, and to report on its findings at SBI 56;

7. Encourages Parties and constituted bodies to consider the case studies mentioned in paragraph 5 above and promote the full, meaningful and equal participation of women in the UNFCCC process;

8. Reminds Parties and observers of the invitation for submissions on the gender-differentiated impacts of climate change, the role of women as agents of change and opportunities for women by 31 January 2022;

9. Takes note of the report on progress of constituted bodies in integrating gender considerations into their respective workstreams and of their efforts to institutionalize such integration in their work and encourages constituted bodies to continue to strengthen their efforts in this area and promote coordination and coherence in the context of this work;

10. Takes into account the recommendations from the workshop on the role of national gender and climate change focal points and requests the secretariat to prepare [guidelines] [a report] [an informal summary] prior to SBI 56 reflecting these outcomes, taking into account the multifarious, evolving and Party-driven nature of the work and role of such focal points;

11. Invites Parties to consider the recommendations referred to in paragraph 10 above in order to ensure the provision of adequate support and define the specific responsibilities for their respective national gender and climate change focal points;

12. Takes note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs 4, 6 and 10 above;

13. Requests that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

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6 FCCC/CP/2020/3 and FCCC/CP/2021/4.
7 Decision 3/CP.25, annex, table 1, activity A.4.
8 FCCC/CP/2021/5.
9 Decision 3/CP.25, annex, table 1, activity A.2. The workshop was held in two parts: virtually on 22 October 2020 and in person on 1 and 2 November 2021 at COP 26.