Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

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

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 enhanced 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 A.2 and D.6,1 [which has facilitated progress and contributed to enhanced and broadened participation beyond the UNFCCC process] [and noting with concern that while participation has broadened beyond the UNFCCC process as a result of the virtual format of meetings and workshops, some participants, particularly those in developing countries, continue to experience significant challenges in access to and quality of internet connection and the technological equipment required to participate virtually, as well as challenges in developing the capacity to participate virtually],

[Recognizing with concern [the challenges posed by the [COVID-19] pandemic as a multidimensional crisis,] [the devastating impact of the multidimensional and interrelated crises of the past two years, including the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic, the uneven distribution of coronavirus disease 2019 vaccines worldwide, the disruption of food systems and the food value chain, and debt, all of which have resulted in massive human losses and impacts on the health of the planet and also a disproportionate impact on women], including [increasing and deepening pre-existing gender inequalities] [the deepening of pre-existing inequalities [], [including gender inequalities]], [including gender-based violence and girls’ unequal access to education based on gender] and resulting [climate] vulnerabilities, [especially in developing countries,] [particularly for small island developing States and the least developed countries], which [without action will] [may] negatively impact the implementation of effective gender-responsive climate action, and urging Parties to accelerate their efforts to advance the implementation of the enhanced 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 monitoring2 and noting that 94 countries have appointed such a focal point to date,

Recognizing that the full, meaningful and equal participation and leadership of [girls and] 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,3 [and encouraging Parties to include youth and indigenous peoples in their delegations and engage them in their climate actions]

1 Decision 3/CP.25, annex, tables 1 (activity A.2) and 4 (activity D.6).
2 Decision 3/CP.25, para. 11.
3 Decision 3/CP.25, para. 7.
Acknowledging the important role of the enhanced Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan in advancing gender equality and [girls and] women’s empowerment in the UNFCCC process,\(^4\)

[Noting the [secretariat’s participation in the Feminist Action for Climate Justice Action Coalition under the Generation Equality Forum as a co-lead] engagement of Parties and stakeholders, including the secretariat as a co-lead in the Feminist Action for Climate Justice Action Coalition under the Generation Equality Forum] and in line with the gender action plan priority area on coherence,\(^4\)

[Also noting the priority theme of the sixty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (March 2022) (“Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes”)],

1. [Notes some progress] [Welcomes the progress] of Parties in integrating gender considerations into their nationally determined contributions;\(^5\) [and recognizes that gaps remain;]

[1bis Encourages Parties to make greater efforts in integrating gender into nationally determined contributions, national adaptation plans and other national climate-related processes, including by engaging women’s groups and national women and gender institutions in the process of developing, implementing and updating climate policies, plans, strategies and actions;]

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);\(^6\)

[2bis Invites Parties, the secretariat, United Nations entities, other stakeholders and implementing entities, in accordance with their respective mandates and priorities, to take stock of and map progress in advancing gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls in line with the priority areas of the gender action plan;]

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 and further work to be undertaken, including, as appropriate, information on the impacts of the [COVID 19] pandemic on progress, consideration of multidimensional crises that may impact future implementation, and implementation at the [regional, 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 1 December 2019 and 30 April 2022, and any relevant [desk] research conducted in preparation for SBI 56;

[4bis Invites Parties to consider and provide inputs on the technical outline of the review of implementation of the activities contained in the gender action, including a review of the activities undertaken by the secretariat, and recognizes that such a review must include an evaluation of the impact of such activities on advancing gender equality and the empowerment of women at the national, regional and international level;]

5. Takes note of the annual reports on gender composition,\(^7\) which highlight the persistent lack of progress in in-person participation, [the challenges identified to ensure women’s full, equal and meaningful participation in virtual forums,] and the urgent need for improving the representation [and leadership] 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;

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\(^4\) Decision 3/CP.25.

\(^5\) FCCC/PA/CMA/2021/8/Rev.1.

\(^6\) Decision 3/CP.25, para. 10.

\(^7\) FCCC/CP/2020/3 and FCCC/CP/2021/4.
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 [including financial implications] 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 gender-differentiated impacts of climate change, the role of women as agents of change and opportunities for women,\(^8\) by 31 January 2022 [by 31 January 2023];

[\(8\) **Invites** the International Labour Organization to prepare a technical paper exploring linkages between gender-responsive climate action and just transition for promoting inclusive opportunities for all in a low-carbon economy and to submit the paper to the secretariat by 31 January 2022];

9. **Takes note** of the report on progress of constituted bodies in integrating gender considerations into their respective workstreams\(^9\) 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 [taking into consideration the recommendations contained in the report];

10. **Takes into account** the recommendations from the workshop on the role of national gender and climate change focal points\(^10\) and requests [the secretariat to prepare [a menu of options] [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]] [the secretariat to prepare an informal summary prior to SBI 56 for consideration by the Parties, with the aim of preparing voluntary guidelines by COP 27, taking into account the Party-driven nature of the work and the role of such focal points [the secretariat to prepare a report on the outcome and recommendations from the workshop as well as clear guidelines on the function and responsibilities of the national gender and climate change focal points prior to SBI 56, 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;

[\(1\) **Invites** Parties to consider the guidelines referred to in paragraph 10 above and define the specific responsibilities for their respective national gender and climate change focal points;]

[\(1\) **Also invites** Parties to ensure the provision of adequate financial and capacity-building support to facilitate implementation of the responsibilities referred to in paragraph 11 above];

[\(1\) **Acknowledges** recent pledges regarding gender-responsive climate budgeting and financing made by Parties and **urges** Parties to fulfil these pledges];

[\(1\) **Welcomes** the recent pledges for climate finance made by Parties and **reminds** Parties to fulfil all existing climate finance commitments, including by providing more financing for adaptation and as grants;]

[\(1\) **Encourages** Parties to be more explicit about the gender-responsiveness of such climate finance with a view to strengthening the capacity of women and furthering work under the gender action plan in order to facilitate access to climate finance for grassroots women’s organizations as well as for indigenous peoples and local communities;]

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\(^8\) Decision 3/CP.25, annex, table 1, activity A.4.

\(^9\) FCCC/CP/2021/5.

\(^10\) 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.
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.