

## Informal note by the co-facilitators

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## Gender and climate change

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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, 3/CP.25 and 20/CP.26, the Paris Agreement and the Katowice climate package,

*Acknowledging* the important role of the enhanced Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan<sup>1</sup> in advancing gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls in the UNFCCC process,

*[Reaffirming* **Noting**

*the adopted agreed conclusions of the sixty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women on the priority theme “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”,]*

*[Acknowledging* that the meaningful achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women requires the efforts of both men and women, not of women alone, in decision-making and policymaking roles,]

*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 policymaking and action is vital to achieving long-term climate goals,

*[Noting* that

*to be delivered effectively, gender-responsive climate action requires systematic consideration across relevant workstreams of the UNFCCC process and under relevant agenda items,]*

*[Stressing* the urgency of eliminating persistent historical and structural inequalities, racism, stigmatization and xenophobia, unequal power relations between women and men, discriminatory laws and policies, negative social norms and gender stereotypes, unequal sharing of unpaid care and domestic work, and gender-based violence and of eradicating poverty and disadvantage in accessing resources, social protection systems and public services, including universal health services and quality education, in order to realize gender

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 3/CP.25.

equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, including in the context of climate change,]

*[[Recognizing][Taking into consideration]* that gender inequality coupled with climate change poses a challenge for those in situations of vulnerability or marginalization or in conflict settings and those facing multiple intersecting forms of discrimination based on race, colour, sex, age, language, religion, political, national or social origin, socio-economic, disability or other status,]

*Noting with appreciation* the contributions received in support of the work undertaken since implementation of the enhanced Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan commenced,

1. *[Notes with appreciation* the intended inclusive approach of the secretariat in responding to the challenges arising from the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic through frequent communication with Parties and national gender and climate change focal points and the organization of online workshops fulfilling mandated activities;]

2. *[Recognizes with concern* the unprecedented crisis caused by the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic, the uneven nature of the global response to the pandemic and the pandemic's multifaceted effects on all spheres of society, including the deepening of pre-existing inequalities, including gender inequality, and resulting vulnerabilities, which negatively impacted the implementation of gender action plan, which has negatively impacted the implementation of effective gender-responsive climate action and *urges* Parties to accelerate their efforts to advance implementation of the enhanced Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan]

3. *Notes* the compilation and synthesis report by the secretariat on good practices for integrating gender into the work of the UNFCCC constituted bodies<sup>2</sup> and *notes with appreciation* the work of the constituted bodies in this regard in advancing gender equality and the empowerment of women and contributing to the implementation of the gender action plan, including at the national level];

4. *[[Acknowledges][Notes]* the synthesis report by the secretariat on the dimensions and examples of the gender-differentiated impacts of climate change, the role of women as agents of change and opportunities for women<sup>3</sup> [and *encourages* Parties and relevant organizations to strengthen the use of sex-disaggregated data and gender analysis in implementing climate policies, plans, strategies and action;]

5. *[Welcomes][Notes with appreciation]* the informal report by the secretariat on the in-session workshop on the role and work of national gender and climate change focal points<sup>4</sup> [and, taking into account the evolving and Party-driven nature of the work and role of such focal points, *[also]* *notes with appreciation* the identification of enablers to facilitate the national gender and climate change focal points in carrying out their role, according to national circumstances];

6. *Also [welcomes][notes with appreciation]* the synthesis report by the secretariat on the implementation of the activities contained in the gender action plan, areas for improvement and further work to be undertaken;<sup>5</sup>

7. *Expresses its appreciation* to the International Labour Organization for its preparation of a technical paper exploring linkages between gender-responsive climate action and just transition for promoting inclusive opportunities for all in a low-emission economy;<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> FCCC/SBI/2022/INF.5.

<sup>3</sup> FCCC/SBI/2022/7.

<sup>4</sup> Available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/470342>.

<sup>5</sup> FCCC/SBI/2022/8.

<sup>6</sup> International Labour Organization. 2022. *Just transition: An essential pathway to achieving gender equality and social justice*. Geneva: International Labour Organization. Available at <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/SubmissionsStaging/Documents/202204141910--->

8. [Welcomes the contributions related to gender of Working Group II<sup>7</sup> and Working Group III<sup>8</sup> to the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change];

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10. Agrees to promote the efforts towards gender balance and improve inclusivity in the UNFCCC process by:

(a) [Inviting][Encouraging] future Presidencies of the Conference of the Parties to nominate women as high-level climate champions;

(b) [Inviting][Encouraging] Parties to promote greater gender balance in negotiation meetings under the UNFCCC, including in meetings on gender and climate change;

(c) [Inviting][Encouraging] the secretariat, relevant presiding officers and event organizers to promote gender balanced events and facilitate participation of diverse audiences, including for gender and climate change-related events;

11. [Notes with appreciation the regional focus of the activities undertaken, including workshops and other initiatives that facilitate experience-sharing and knowledge exchange, in the two years since implementation of the gender action plan began;]

12. [Encourages Parties, the secretariat and relevant organizations to continue conducting activities under the gender action plan in a regionally focused manner, as appropriate, including by holding events during regional climate weeks and engaging other relevant stakeholders;]

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14. [Invites Parties to strengthen the gender-responsiveness of climate finance with a view to building the capacity of women and to facilitate access to climate finance by grass-roots women's organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities;][Invites relevant public and private entities to increase the gender-responsiveness of 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 grass-roots women's organizations as well as for indigenous peoples and local communities;]

15. [Also encourages Parties, the secretariat and relevant organizations, in implementing the gender action plan, to fully engage men and boys as agents and beneficiaries of change and as strategic partners and allies in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change;]

16. [Encourages Parties to][domesticate the role and the work of nominated national gender and climate change focal points] within relevant [policy and–decision-making structures][consider the suggestions found in the informal report on the in-session workshop on the role and work of national gender and climate change focal points with a view to strengthen the role];

[16bis Requests the secretariat to support the national gender and climate change focal points to attend the mandated UNFCCC meetings and strengthen their coordination of implementation of climate actions at national level;]

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[ILO%20submission%20-%20Just%20transition%20-%20An%20essential%20pathway%20to%20achieving%20gender%20equality%20and%20social%20justice.pdf](#)

<sup>7</sup> IPCC. 2022. *Climate Change 2022: Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerability. Contribution of Working Group II to the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change*. H Pörtner, D Roberts, M Tignor, et al. (eds.). Cambridge, United Kingdom: Cambridge University Press. Available at <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg2/>.

<sup>8</sup> IPCC. 2022. *Climate Change 2022: Mitigation of Climate Change. Contribution of Working Group III to the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change*. PR Shukla, J Skea, R Slade, et al. (eds.). Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press. Available at <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg3/>.

17. *Invites* Parties, United Nations entities, constituted bodies, implementing entities and other relevant stakeholders to enhance implementation of the gender action plan, including the updates in paragraphs x – x below];

[17bis *Encourages* United Nations entities to cooperate with Parties to integrate and mainstream into their existing policies, enabling mechanisms, and programs, gender- and age-disaggregated data, across all levels of governance, and support Parties to directly apply the best available science in the collection and analysis of datasets embedding the impacts of extreme weather and slow onset events, including displacement and migration, as well as decision support tools on the sectoral impacts of climate change for women, men, and children;]

## Updates to activities

### under the priority areas of the gender action plan

#### A. Capacity-building, knowledge management and communication

18. [*Agrees* to include a dialogue with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, national gender and climate change focal points and other relevant stakeholders on the adopted agreed conclusions of the sixty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women as an additional deliverable/output under activity A.2<sup>9</sup> and *requests* the secretariat to convene the dialogue [before the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties (November 2022)];]

#### B. Gender balance, participation and women's leadership

19. [*Agrees* to include youth, indigenous women[,] [and] local communities, people with disabilities, and [people or groups facing multiple intersecting forms of discrimination] in addition to women in the description of activity B.1;<sup>10</sup>]

#### C. Coherence

20. [*Agrees* to include all members, in addition to new members, of constituted bodies in the context of the deliverable/output under activity C.1;<sup>11</sup>]

[20bis *Agrees* to add a new activity under priority area C and *requests* all UNFCCC constituted bodies and the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism to prioritise the implementation of the enhanced Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan in their existing mandates and work plans and to include in their regular reports under the UNFCCC information on the progress made and the outcomes of that implementation, commencing at the twenty-eighth session of the COP (November 2023);]

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<sup>9</sup> Decision 3/CP.25, annex, table 1. The aim of activity A.2 is to discuss and clarify the role and the work of the national gender and climate change focal points, including through providing capacity-building, tools and resources, sharing experience and best practices, workshops, knowledge exchange, peer-to-peer learning, mentoring and coaching.

<sup>10</sup> Decision 3/CP.25, annex, table 2. The aim of activity B.1 is to promote initiatives for capacity-building in leadership, negotiation and facilitation of negotiation for women delegates, including through webinars and in-session training to enhance women's participation in the UNFCCC process.

<sup>11</sup> Decision 3/CP.25, annex, table 3. The aim of activity C.1 is to ensure that new members of constituted bodies are introduced to gender-related mandates and to the relevance of gender in the context of their work in a consistent and systematic manner.

## D. Gender-responsive implementation and means of implementation

21. [Agrees to add an expert group meeting on priority area D, to be held in [2023] [or] [2024], as a deliverable/output under activity D.1<sup>12</sup> and requests the secretariat to facilitate the organization of the expert group meetings by relevant organizations;]

22. [Agrees to invite the Green Climate Fund and Global Environment Facility to share updates on the implementation of their respective gender policies and on the support that is available to Parties to integrate gender considerations in funded projects as a new deliverable/output under activity D.2<sup>13</sup> with a view to understanding gaps and trends;]

23. [Agrees to include a call for submissions by Parties and relevant organizations on good practices for and lessons learned on governance frameworks at the national and subnational level seen as successful in linking gender and climate change and thus in enhancing implementation of the gender action plan, as well as on the integration of gender into national climate policies, plans, strategies and action, as appropriate, via the submission portal<sup>14</sup> by 31 March 2023 as an additional deliverable/output under activity D.6<sup>15</sup>][Recalls the call for submissions by Parties and relevant organizations to share experiences of engaging women's groups and national women and gender institutions in the process of developing, implementing and updating climate policies, plans, strategies and action, as appropriate, at all levels];

## E. Monitoring and reporting

24. [Agrees to enhance][reporting on the implementation of the gender action plan under priority area E by developing qualitative and quantitative key performance indicators to monitor implementation of the gender action plan, and requests [the secretariat, in collaboration with Parties and relevant organizations] to develop indicators for each activity under the gender action plan for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its xx meeting;]

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[25bis Agrees to include information to support the review of the Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan, referred to in paragraph 10 of decision 3/CP.25 as a new activity under priority Area E, and invites Parties and relevant organizations to make submissions to the UNFCCC on identifying progress categorized by each deliverable/output for each activity of the gender action plan and further work to be undertaken by 31 July 2024, and requests the secretariat to prepare a synthesis report on the basis of the submissions in preparation for the sixty-first session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (November 2024) as deliverables/outputs for this new activity;]

[25ter Agrees to add a new activity under priority Area E and invites Parties to share, as applicable to their national context via submissions to the UNFCCC, their priorities on gender in the context of climate change policy, and any action they are taking to integrate these priorities in the implementation of national and regional climate change policies, plans, strategies and actions, as appropriate, and report on the integration of these priorities in

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<sup>12</sup> Decision 3/CP.25, annex, table 4. The aim of activity D.1 is to share experience and support capacity-building on gender budgeting, including on the integration of gender-responsive budgeting into national budgets to advance gender responsive climate policies, plans, strategies and action, as appropriate.

<sup>13</sup> Decision 3/CP.25, annex, table 4. The aim of activity D.2 is to raise awareness of the financial and technical support available for promoting the strengthening of gender integration into climate policies, plans, strategies and action, as appropriate, including good practices to facilitate access to climate finance for grass-roots women's organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities.

<sup>14</sup> See .

<sup>15</sup> Decision 3/CP.25, annex, table 4. The aim of activity D.6 is to exchange information on lessons learned among Parties that have integrated gender into national climate policies, plans, strategies and action, as appropriate (e.g. information on results, impacts and main challenges), and on the actions that Parties are taking to mainstream gender in any updates thereto, as appropriate.

relevant reports and communications under the UNFCCC as new deliverables/outputs under this activity;]

[25quater *Agrees* to add new deliverable/output to activity E.1,<sup>16</sup> and *invites* Parties to make submissions on factors that undermine the meaningful participation of women and other vulnerable groups, particularly from developing countries, in the UNFCCC process and *requests* the secretariat to examine these inputs and provide recommendations thereon in the annual gender composition report;]

[*Agrees* to add a new activity under priority area E on raising awareness of the support available to developing country Parties for reporting on the implementation of the gender action plan, and *requests* the secretariat to communicate any information about such support via the UNFCCC gender webpages on an ongoing basis until COP 29 (November 2024);]

26. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs x above;

27. *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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<sup>16</sup> Decision 3/CP.25, annex, table 5. The aim of activity E.1 is to strengthen the monitoring and reporting on women in leadership positions within the UNFCCC process in the context of the gender composition report referred to in paragraph 15(b) of decision 3/CP.25 and including through case studies.