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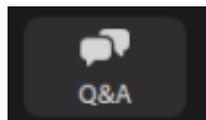
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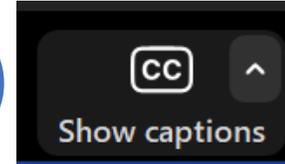
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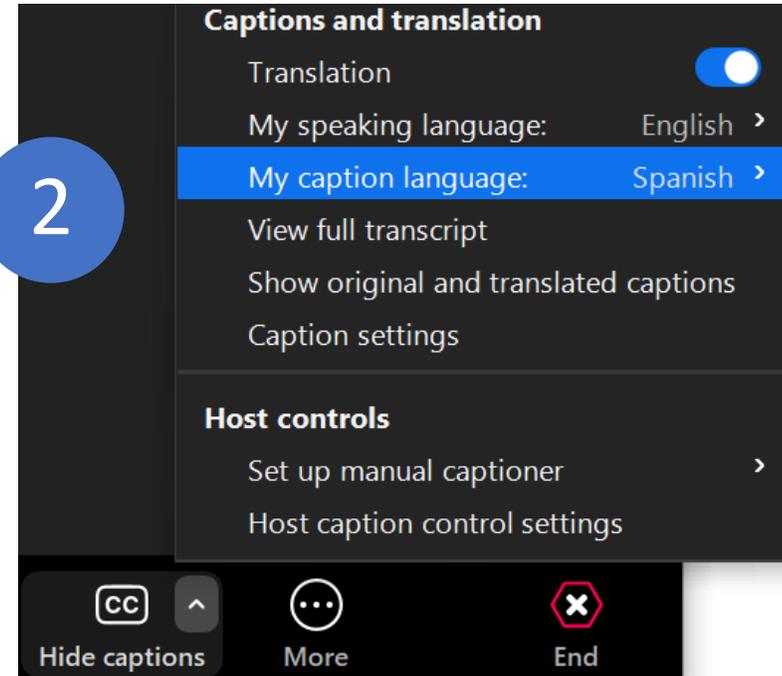
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Agenda



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	Description	Speaker
10 min	Welcome remarks	Wiebke Bender, Gender Programme Officer, UNFCCC
10 min	The Belém GAP in perspective: the path that brought us here and the vision for 2034	Fleur Newman, Action Empowerment Unit Lead Gender, Children & Youth and ACE, UNFCCC
30 min	Unpacking the Belém GAP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Structure, characteristics and principles - Implementing the Belém GAP in 2026 and beyond 	Wiebke Bender and Gabriela Pimentel, Gender Associate Programme Officer, UNFCCC
20 min	Q&A	Moderated by UNFCCC Gender Team
5 min	Closing remarks	Wiebke Bender, Gender Programme Officer, UNFCCC



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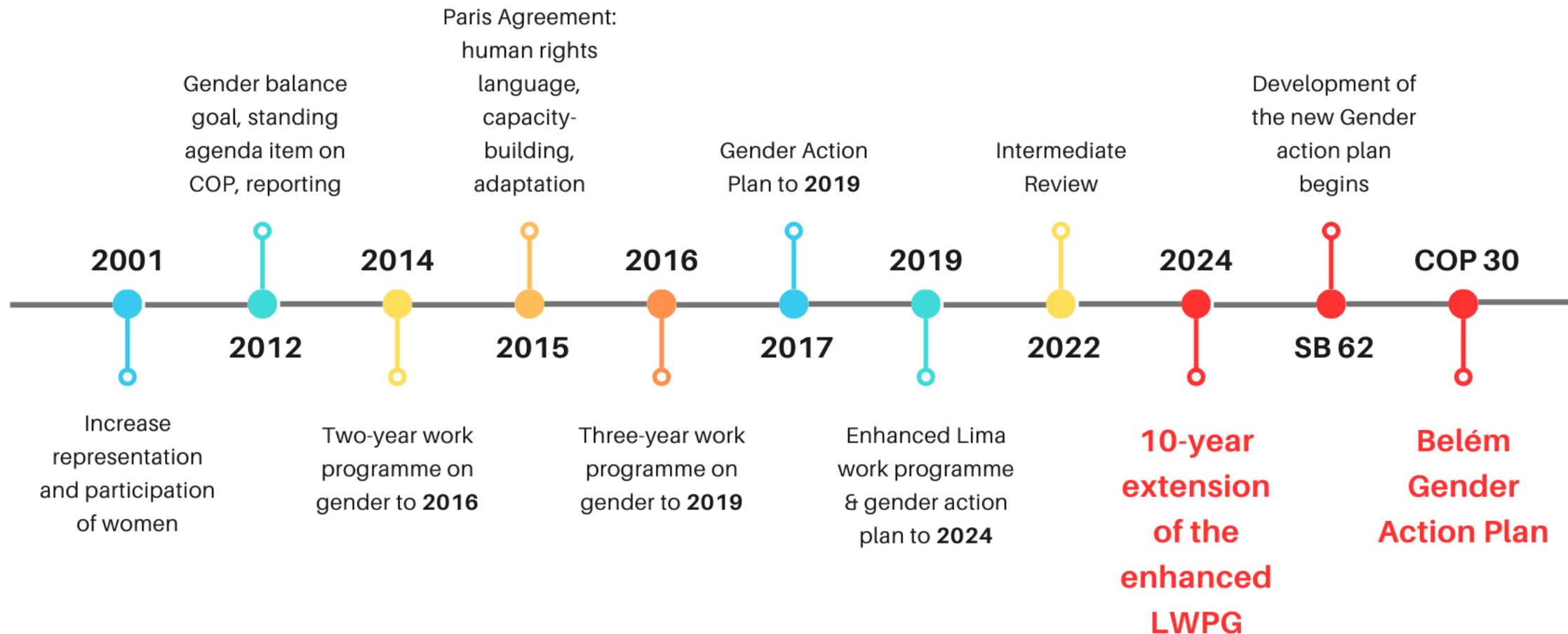


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Gender in the UNFCCC process



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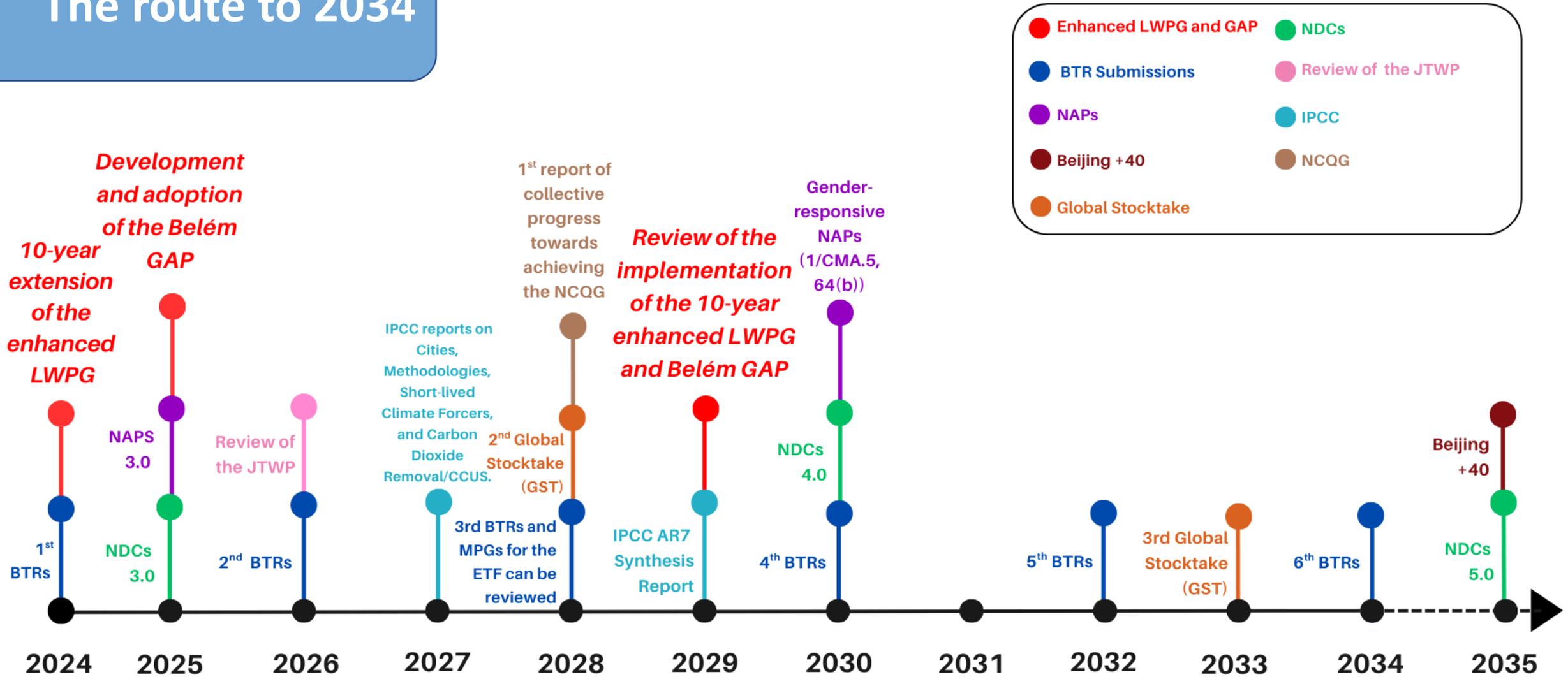


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The route to 2034



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A launchpad for accelerated action by all

- **Shared ambition** of Parties, observers and partners to make gender equality a foundation for stronger, fairer and more resilient societies
- The Belém GAP is a **launchpad for accelerated action by all:**
 - Specific invitations to some UN entities, climate funds, organizations, civil society groups
 - Open invitations



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Unpacking the Belém GAP: Structure, characteristics and principles



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The Belém GAP in a nutshell

- Adopted at COP 30 ([Belém gender action plan](#))
- **Operationalizes the enhanced Lima work programme on gender**
- **2026-2034, mid-term review in 2029**
- Same structure of the previous GAP with **5 priority areas**
- **27 activities and 98 deliverables**
- **Implementation:**
 - **By all stakeholders:** governments, civil society, UN entities, relevant organizations
 - **At all levels,** from local to international

- **Focus on implementation**
- **More structured deliverables**
- **Staged approach**
- **Long-term planning and cooperation for implementation**



All hands needed for implementation!

UNFCCC Process

- Parties
 - NGCCFPs
 - NFPs for ACE
- UNFCCC secretariat
- UNFCCC constituencies
- SBI and SBSTA
- COP Presidencies
- Hosts of UNFCCC events

Constituted bodies and work programmes

- Chairs of UNFCCC CBs, Chairs and facilitators of WP
- GFPs at constituted bodies
- FWG of the LCIPP
- SCF
- Designated national entities under the CTCN and TEC

Financial institutions

- Operating entities of the Financial mechanism
 - GEF
 - GCF
- Adaptation Fund
- Fund for responding to Loss and Damage
- Relevant MDBs
- Public and private financial entities
- Relevant financial institutions
- Private sector
- Philanthropic financial institutions

Relevant organizations...

- IPCC
- Relevant UN entities
- GFPs of the Rio Conventions and Joint Liaison Group
- International organizations
- Academic institutions
- Private sector



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...Relevant organizations

- Civil society organizations
- Grassroots organizations
- Women's groups
- Indigenous Peoples' organizations
- Organizations of women of African descent
- Organizations of Indigenous women, and of women from local communities
- Researchers
- Media
- Communicators
- Technologists
- Gender experts

National stakeholders

- National statistical systems
- National statistical offices
- Ministries relevant to gender and climate matters and those responsible for relevant sectoral and national climate-related plans



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No one-size-fits all approach

“Acknowledging that differentiated impacts of climate change and opportunities for all women and girls, including Indigenous women, women from local communities, migrant women, women with disabilities, women smallholder farmers and women from rural and remote communities, are shaped by multidimensional factors”



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Priority Areas and innovations

A: Capacity-building, knowledge management and communication

- Improved evidence base
 - Multidimensional factors, including role of men and boys
 - National assessments
 - Gender- and age-disaggregated data
- Strengthened the link with six elements of ACE: education, training, public awareness, public access to information, public participation, and international cooperation

National assessment on relevant issues (e.g., health, violence, care)

- Submissions thereon **by March 2027** (A.3.9)
- COP 32 dialogue (A.3.10) and ongoing international/regional workshops (A.3.11)

- ✓ Capacity-building governments
- ✓ Build, strengthen, maintain evidence base at all levels



Priority Areas and innovations

B: Gender balance, participation and women's leadership

- Safety and protection mechanisms, especially women environmental defenders and women engaging in climate action
- Improved monitoring safety and inclusivity of UNFCCC conferences
- Mobilization of travel funds
- Trust fund for participation
- Identification of challenges and barriers

ES to report on:

- ✓ Monitoring framework
- ✓ Cases of harassment

Challenges and barriers – participation and leadership

- Regional workshops **by March 2027** (B.4.1) and reports by May 2027 (B.4.2)
- International workshop at **SB 66** (B.4.3) and development of guidelines (B.4.4)



Priority Areas and innovations

C: Coherence

- Within the UNFCCC architecture:
 - Constituted bodies and work programmes
 - Gender expertise in COP Presidencies
- Internationally, beyond UNFCCC:
 - Rio Conventions and IPCC
- Regionally, nationally and sub nationally:
 - Analyses, assessments and mappings of key sectors and institutions
 - Coordination and coherence mechanisms

Gender-responsive climate policies, plans, strategies and actions

- Analysis, assessment and mapping of key sectors (C.5.1)
- Information in regular reports (C.5.2)
- Regional virtual workshops in 2028 and 2033 (C.5.3)
- Development of guidelines (C.5.4)

Coherence on G&CC across the policy life cycle

- Establishment and fostering of national and subnational G&CC coordination and coherence mechanisms, including identifying key decision makers (C.6.1)



Priority Areas and innovations

D: Gender-responsive implementation and means of implementation

- Improved gender-responsiveness of **climate finance**, with finance entities actively involved
- **Capacity-building** to enhance access to gender-responsive climate finance
- Support for **gender-responsive technologies** and women's leadership in science and innovation
- Implementation across governance levels
- Better **gender- and age-disaggregated data** to inform **implementation**

Collaboration among gender, CC and other entities to advance gender-responsive implementation of climate policies, plans, strategies and actions

- Sectoral and cross-sectoral collaboration mechanisms (D.6.1)
- Collaboration across international forums and events (D.6.2)

Gender- and age-disaggregated data - gender analysis

- Building institutional capacity in national climate systems (D.7.1)
- Global dialogue on gender and environment data to exchange best practices at **COP 32** and **COP 37** (D.7.2)



Priority Areas and innovations

E: Monitoring and reporting

- Voluntary report on mainstreaming gender in climate policies, plans, strategies and actions reflecting multidimensional factors
- Synthesis reports produced by the secretariat to integrate gender considerations
- Voluntary reporting on gender composition of national delegations and technical team supporting the COP presidency and HL Champions

Monitoring and reporting implementation of gender-responsive climate policies, plans, strategies and actions

- Development of guidelines for voluntary reporting - **COP 33** (E.2.3)
- Voluntary reporting through existing reporting frameworks- after COP 33, aligned with **BTRs** (E.2.4)





Unpacking the Belém GAP: Implementation in 2026 and beyond



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Gender at COP 30 – time for implementation

Nearly half of COP 30 decisions **directly** reference **gender**

GCF

- Urges the Board to adopted a new GAP and to **actively contribute to the implementation of activities under the Belém GAP (16)**

GEF

- Integration of gender into all funded programmes
- Continue efforts to deliver strong results for gender equality (*Gender Partnership)

Adaptation Fund

- Welcomes implementation of gender policy, scorecard, encourages continuing efforts
- Policy on safeguarding against sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment

Just Transition Work Programme
Belém Technology Implementation Programme
Global Goal on Adaptation



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Mandates for 2026 – Q1 and Q2

Events at SB 64

- **Workshop on best practices and tools** for strengthening the **role of NGCCFPs** (A.2.1)
- **Expert dialogue** on relevant issues in **gender and age-disaggregated data and gender analysis** (D.5.2)
- Invitation to the operating entities of the **FM, MCFs and NGCCFPs** to engage in an interactive **dialogue on progress in the delivery of gender-responsive climate finance** (D.4.3)

All COP 30 calls for submissions – [Gender and Climate Change Newsletter](#)

Submissions

- Experience in **implementing gender-responsive financial instruments and methodologies**, and available **capacity-building** in this regard (D.1.1) – **by 29 June**
- Best practices of ensuring **full, meaningful and equal participation** and leadership of women, as well as **gender balance** at the national level (...) to inform the gender composition report – **ongoing until November 2034**



Mandates for 2026 – Q3 and Q4

Events at COP 31

- **High-level event on how Parties are engaging all women and girls, men and boys as agents of change for socially just transitions (A.3.8)**
- **In-session dialogue on Gender Day** focused on thematic workstreams relevant to **promoting coherence**, reflecting **multidimensional factors (C.4.1)**

Reports

- **Gender composition report (7/CP. 29, 22(b))** including information requested in deliverables B.2.3, D.1.3, E.1.2)
- Report on **SB 64 workshop (A.2.2)**
- **ES report** to the governing bodies on how cases of **harassment** that are reported to the secretariat at UN Climate Change conferences and events are addressed (B.3.3)
- **Synthesis report** - submissions on experience in **implementing gender-responsive financial instruments and methodologies**, and available **capacity-building** in this regard (D.1.2)



Mandates for 2026 – Ongoing

- Virtual or hybrid **workshops** on gender- and climate-related matters [w/ relevant **regional events**] (A.3.3)
- **Capacity-building** for **NGCCFPs** – Parties (A.1.1, A.2.4, D.7.1)
- **Support the attendance of NGCCFPs at all relevant UNFCCC meetings** – by Parties, relevant organizations, the secretariat (C.7)



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Mandates – highlights for 2027

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- Virtual **interactive dialogue** on integration of a gender perspective - UNFCCC **constituted bodies** and **work programmes** (C.2.1)
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Your turn – let’s join forces for implementation!

Understand the activity’s objectives

Activity	Responsibilities	Timeline	Deliverables/outputs	Level of implementation
D.6 Strengthen collaboration among gender, climate change entities and other relevant entities to advance gender-responsive implementation of climate plans, policies and strategies	Leading: Parties Contributing: civil society organizations, international organizations, academic institutions, relevant organizations, secretariat	Ongoing	D.6.1 Strengthen sectoral and cross-sectoral coordination mechanisms	International, regional, national, local
D.7. Enhance the collection, analysis, dissemination, management and use of gender- and age-disaggregated data for gender analysis, taking into consideration multidimensional factors, to better inform the implementation of gender-responsive climate policies, plans, strategies and actions, as applicable and to the extent they relate to relevant issues	Leading: Parties, relevant organizations Contributing: national statistical offices, academic institutions, national gender and climate change focal points	Ongoing	D.6.2 Collaboration on gender and climate change matters across different international forums and events D.7.1 Building of institutional capacity to collect, manage and use gender- and age-disaggregated data for gender analysis in national climate systems, as applicable	International, regional, national, subnational National, subnational
	Leading: secretariat Contributing: Parties, relevant organizations	COP 32 (2027) COP 37 (2032)	D.7.2 Global dialogue on gender and environment data to exchange best practices	International

Consider if your sphere of engagement aligns with the deliverables’

Identify where your organization is expected to act

Plan action considering the timeline

Plan strategically on how your work can contribute to the deliverables



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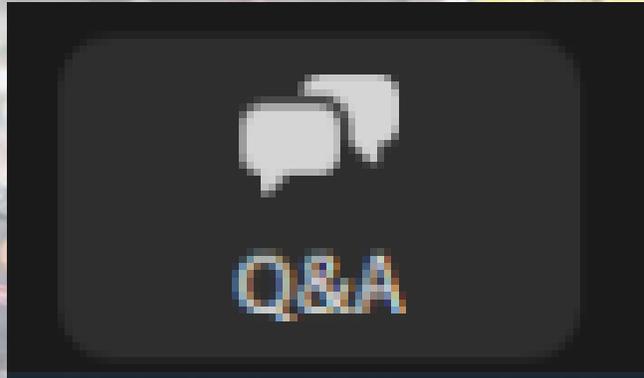
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