

Draft elements for SBI agenda item 16

Gender and climate change

Informal note by the co-facilitators

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1. Priority areas of the gender action plan

There is broad support for retaining priority areas in a revised gender action plan, with differing views on how they could be configured. One proposal was that the action plan could take on a longer time frame in its next iteration, depending on the scope of activities.

- Capacity-building [and learning]
 - Support expressed for separating capacity-building from knowledge-sharing and communication, reflecting the importance of capacity-building as a means of implementation; could include a reference to technical assistance and coaching
- Knowledge management and communication
 - Support expressed for broadening the scope of this priority area beyond sharing knowledge to knowledge management, including gender-disaggregated data, gender analysis and new forms of communication
- Gender balance, participation and women's leadership
 - Proposal to incorporate this priority area within the gender-responsive implementation priority area so as to address these issues also at the national and subnational level, including for indigenous women, while retaining a focus on these topics in the UNFCCC process
 - Proposal to keep the priority area separate (as it is currently) to maintain its prominence, retain a focus on these topics in the UNFCCC process and strengthen the activities supporting it
- Coherence
 - Support for coherence as a cross-cutting theme that should be implemented across all other priority areas. Support for it being integrated into activities under other action areas, reflecting synergies
 - Recognition that the concept is broader than the UNFCCC process and includes engaging and building linkages in the wider United Nations system

- Gender-responsive implementation
 - Proposal to recognize the importance of the gender action plan’s role in articulating principles of gender-responsive climate policy, including stronger reference to the importance of integrating gender considerations into climate financing, remaining cognizant of the mandates of other agenda items that are responsible for addressing climate finance under the UNFCCC process
- Monitoring, evaluation and reporting [and learning]
 - Differing views on whether to include “learning” or “lessons learned” in the title or to combine learning with evaluation
 - Proposal to retain a reference to the Technology Mechanism
 - Proposal to include monitoring and reporting of the implementation of the revised gender action plan

2. Lima work programme on gender

(Not considered by Parties in detail during informal consultation meetings at the time of drafting; one suggestion proposed reflecting high-level objectives and principles of gender and climate change in a work programme, while holding time-limited deliverables in the action plan)

3. Other proposals from Parties

- Retain the separation of the work programme and action plan, as it enables the work programme to serve as a framework with objectives and collective goals on what is to be achieved, which would then be followed under the programmatic action plan. It should include:
 - Central role of national gender and climate change focal points
 - Implementation of nationally determined contributions
 - A transformative approach with women represented not only as victims but also as agents of change
 - The balanced participation of women and men in the UNFCCC process, including through membership of national delegations and constituted bodies, as well as in the chairing and facilitation of formal and informal negotiating groups
 - Gender-responsive climate policy and increasing women’s leadership and participation in the policy decision-making process
- Combine the Lima work programme and its gender action plan to form a single document/decision, which would encompass both the broader principles and clear activities
- Have shorter comprehensible titles for priority areas
- Have a longer time frame for the work programme and action plan, such as five years; and a maximum of five priority areas under the action plan
- Include short explanations of each priority area to enhance understanding, similar to that set out in the annex to decision 3/CP.23

- Advance in the consideration of the revised gender action plan during the upcoming Pre-COP 25

4. Next steps

- Parties noted the call for submissions from COP 24 on the implementation of the gender action plan, identifying areas of progress, areas for improvement and further work to be undertaken in subsequent action plans so as to inform the synthesis report on this topic to be prepared by the secretariat for consideration at SBI 51
- Invite Parties to include proposed activities in their submissions. Parties may wish to draw on the proposed revised priority areas outlined above