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Submission from the Women and Gender Constituency (WGC) in response to the Call for Inputs to the Article 6.4 SBM ahead of its 23rd meeting: Sustainable Development Tool

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Dear Members and Alternate Members of the Article 6.4 Mechanism Supervisory Body,

The Women and Gender Constituency (WGC) is one of the nine non-party stakeholder groups of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Established in 2009, the WGC now consists of 64 official members (women's and environmental civil society organisations accredited to the UNFCCC) and more than 1,000 advocacy networks (organisations and individuals), who are working together to ensure that human rights and gender equality are firmly anchored in all climate actions under the UNFCCC and to challenge the extractive, exploitative and patriarchal economic model which has resulted in the climate crisis.

The WGC welcomes the opportunity to respond to the call for input prior to the Article 6.4 SBM's 23rd meeting from 5-9 October 2026. The WGC's inputs are related to the Sustainable Development Tool (SD tool). This submission comprised our response to the "Information note: Summary of stakeholder inputs received on the draft version 02.0 of Article 6.4 Sustainable Development Tool."

General Comments

Overall, we fully support the inputs proposed for the following sections:

- 2.2. Stakeholder engagement and the A6.4 SD tool
- 2.3 Environmental and social risk assessment, except for paragraph 7(h) where we have reservations on the use of independent satellite earth observation, remote sensing or geospatial information.
- 2.4.4. Element 4: Human rights
- 2.4.9. Element 9: Indigenous Peoples
- 2.4.10. Corruption
- Appendix 2, which includes our proposed input (paragraph 23(b)).

Specific Comments

1. 2.4.5. Element 5: Labour

We support all the inputs proposed by other stakeholders for this element in paragraph 14. We particularly support paragraph 14(f) on prioritising of employment and training opportunities to women, youth, Indigenous Peoples, and persons with disabilities in E5.1 as we had proposed a similar suggestion in our submission dated 17 May 2024.

Our previous proposed text, which may be used as reference:

The proposed activity shall promote education programmes and/or vocational skills for local communities, in particular women and girls in all their diversity, to access labour opportunities created by the proposed activity

2. 2.4.6. Element 6: Health and safety

We support paragraph 15(c), which is to prioritise the usage of integrated pest management and other safer alternatives compared to chemical pesticides application in E.6.4.

3. 2.4.7. Element 7: Gender equality

We support the inputs proposed by other stakeholders for this element in paragraph 16:

- (a) Expand the scope of Element 7 to include gender equality and social inclusion (GESI) analysis, meaningful participation of women and girls in all their diversity, and gender-responsive grievance (especially from sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment), and benefit sharing arrangements.
- (b) Data collection, monitoring and reporting to include gender-disaggregated data for all relevant activity-level SD indicators and environmental and social indicators.
- (c) On prohibition of gender-based violence and harassment in E7.1, we fully advocate and support zero-tolerance against gender-based violence and all types of harassment.
- (e) On strengthening Element 7 to actively promote gender equality as per the CEDAW by creating additional element criteria, we support this in principle. Due to the lack of description we would like to know more about what this entails.

As for paragraph 16 (d), we are unsure what this means and entails: “Include measures and operational examples based on the Belem Gender Action Plan as an annex guideline to the A6.4 SD tool”.