



# Dialogue with UN Women, National Gender and Climate Change Focal Points and other stakeholders – implementation of the GAP



# Agenda



Times are approximate

Time	Session I: Policy and Coordination
10:00- 10:10	Welcome remarks
10:10 – 11:10	Gender and climate change in key international policy frameworks and mapping of synergies
11:10-11:50	Alignment and coordination for implementing gender and climate change mandates at the national and international level
11:50-12:55	Interactive discussion – World Café format
12:55 – 13:00	Wrap up – morning session
Time	Session II: Opportunities for collaborative efforts and activities on key gender and climate justice issues
15:00- 15:15	Welcome and report back session I
15:15 – 17:05	Interactive discussion – World Café format
17:05 – 17:50	Report back
17:50 – 18:00	Closing remarks

# Welcome remarks

- **Ina Parvanova**, Director, Communications and Engagement Division, UNFCCC
- *Moderator:* Fleur Newman, Action Empowerment Unit Lead, UNFCCC

## Gender and climate change in key international policy frameworks and mapping of synergies

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- **Venge Nyirongo**, Intergovernmental Specialist (Climate Change, Sustainable Development and the Rio Conventions), UN Women
- **Sakhile Silitshena**, Head of Science, Policy, and Governance, CBD
- **Miriam Medel**, Chief of Global Policy Advocacy and Regional Coordination Unit, UNCCD
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# Gender under the UNFCCC





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## Gender Action Plan



PRIORITY AREA A

Capacity-  
Building,  
Knowledge  
Management &  
Communication



PRIORITY AREA B

Gender  
Balance,  
Participation &  
Women's  
Leadership



PRIORITY AREA C

Coherence



PRIORITY AREA D

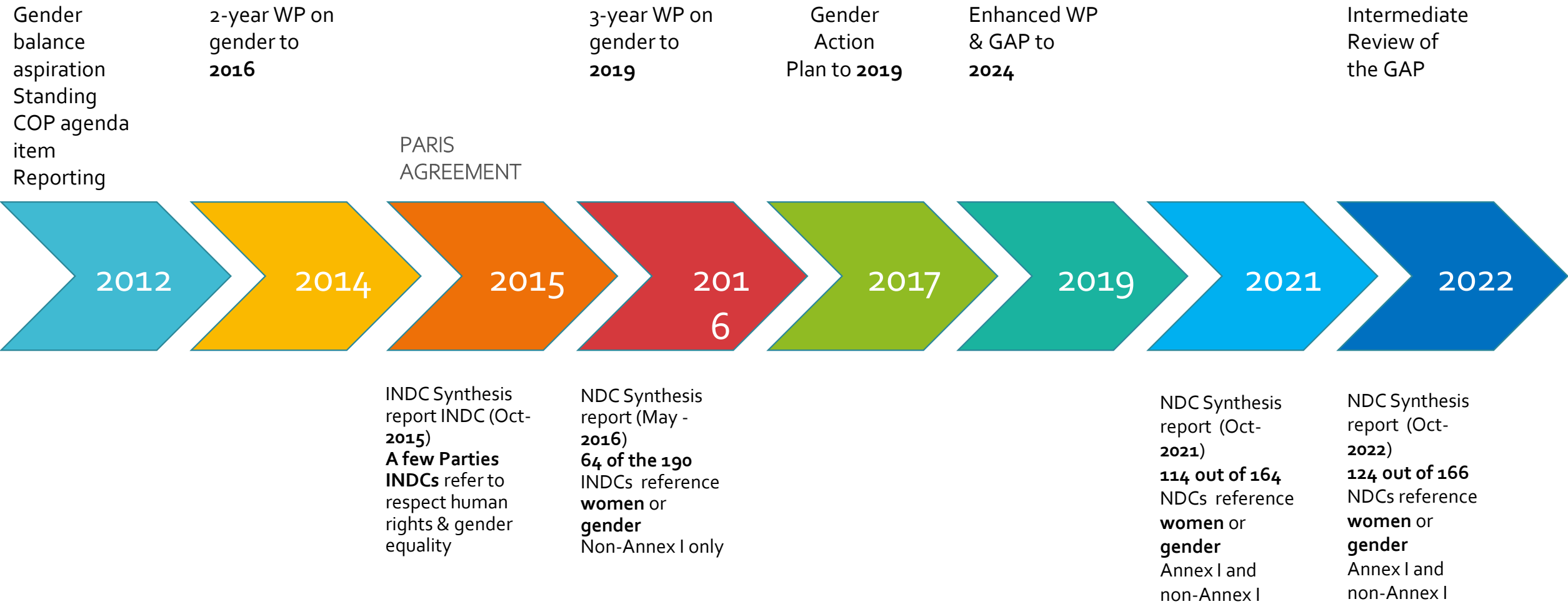
Gender –  
Responsive  
Implementation  
& Means of  
Implementation



PRIORITY AREA E

Monitoring &  
Reporting

# Gender agenda item in the UNFCCC process





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# Policy Frameworks for the Implementation of the UNFCCC Gender Action Plan

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Venge Nyirongo, UN-Women

# CSW 66

## 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

**First-ever CSW** interrogating the negative impacts of climate change and disasters on gender equality and women's empowerment

Provided **recommendations through Agreed Conclusions (ACs)** for implementation and follow-up by governments and other stakeholders

**[Para 62]** Calls for governments at all levels and as appropriate, with the relevant entities of the UN system and international and regional organizations, and invites civil society, inter alia, women's organizations, youth-led organizations, feminist groups, faith-based organizations, the private sector and national human rights institutions to take action.



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# Normative Frameworks/Inter-governmental

**Human rights:** “Failure to take measures to prevent foreseeable human rights harm caused by climate change, or to regulate activities contributing to such harm, could constitute a violation of States' human rights obligations.”

- HRC and GA resolutions on the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment (A/RES/76/300 in the GA; A/HRC/48/13 in the Human Rights Council)
- CEDAW:
  - (1) guidelines for govts to talk about how CC affects women and girls;
  - (2) GR #37 (2018) provides grounds to apply linkages between human rights and the gendered impacts of climate change
- The gender and climate nexus is being reported/mentioned through the UPR cycles of the HRC

## Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action

- Critical Area of Concern on “Women and the Environment”: commitments associated with the gender-climate nexus
- Beijing+25: provided a stronger link to the 2030 Agenda; highlights progress on gender equality in the context of the negative impacts of climate change

## 2030 Agenda

- Monitoring the gender-responsiveness of climate-oriented SDGs and Targets
- UN-Women Periodic reports on gender equality in the context of the SDGs

## UNFCCC and the other Rio Conventions

- Implementation of the respective action plans for gender equality
- Synergies across the gender action plans

## Commission on the Status of Women & Other Inter-governmental Bodies

- 66th Session on Climate, Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction Policies and Programmes: first dedicated Session although previous CSWs have addressed climate change
- Climate change has been discussed in the Security Council since 2007, but there has not yet been a resolution.

# The GAP and CSW 66

## Capacity building, knowledge

- **Para 62c:** Respect and fulfilment of existing commitments and obligations under the international instruments on climate change
- **Para 62i:** Integration of gender perspectives into the design, funding, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes
- **Para 62kk:** Bridge the digital divide including the gender digital divide
- **Para 62l:** Strengthen coordination and gender mainstreaming across sectors and all levels of government
- **Para 62m:** Strengthen the capacity of national gender equality mechanisms at all levels, especially in LDCs and SIDS
- **Para 62ss:** Strengthen the capacity and coordination of national statistical and data production offices and government institutions
- **Para 62tt:** Support and fund research and analysis to better understand impacts

## Gender balance, participation and women's leadership

- **Para 62cc:** Participation and leadership in rural areas
- **Para 62dd:** Rights of indigenous women/girls.
- **Para 62h:** Integration of a disability-inclusive and gender perspective
- **Para 62o:** Participation and leadership at all levels of relevant decision-making bodies and processes
- **Para 62q:** Protection and promotion of the rights of all women and girls with disabilities, and their participation

## Coherence

- Although CSW66 ACs mention several key normative and policy frameworks, it does not refer to their coherence
- By focusing on coherence, the GAP is instrumental in filling this gap to guide gender-responsive implementation at critical policy intersections

# The GAP and CSW 66...cont./d

## Gender-responsive implementation

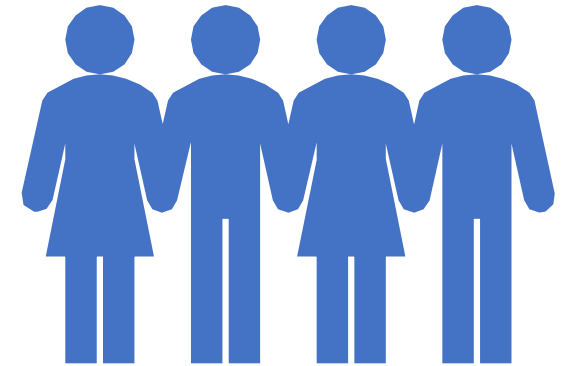
- **Para 62m:** Strengthen the capacity of national gender equality mechanisms at all levels, particularly in LDCs and SIDS
- **Para 62s:** Leverage and strengthen the full, equal and meaningful participation of women and the influence of all women and girls and encourage sharing and learning
- **Para 62x:** Commitment for increased gender-responsive investment

## Monitoring and Reporting

- **Para 62g:** Ensure the full, equal, effective and meaningful participation, representation and leadership of women, at all levels of decision-making bodies and processes, and set specific targets and timelines to achieve gender balance
- **Para 62p:** Accountability for the full, equal and meaningful participation and leadership of young women
- **Para 62i:** Integrate gender perspectives into the design, funding, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes at the national, regional and international levels

# What UN-Women is Doing in Response

- CSW66 a strong reference point for the organization's work on the gender and climate nexus
- Strengthening internal coordination on and taking stock of our global work on climate
- Strengthening regional and national capacities on gender and climate
- Implementing policy work and programmes on the gender and climate nexus at regional and country levels, e.g., climate-resilient agriculture; data and statistics
- Continuing to deepen support to the three Rio Conventions
- Developing a climate strategy



Thank You!



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# Gender Plan of Action

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Sakhile Silitshena Koketso  
Head of Science, Policy and Governance  
Bonn, June 6, 2023



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# Gender Plan of Action

- Adopted at COP 15 through decision 15/11

The GPA *recognizes*:

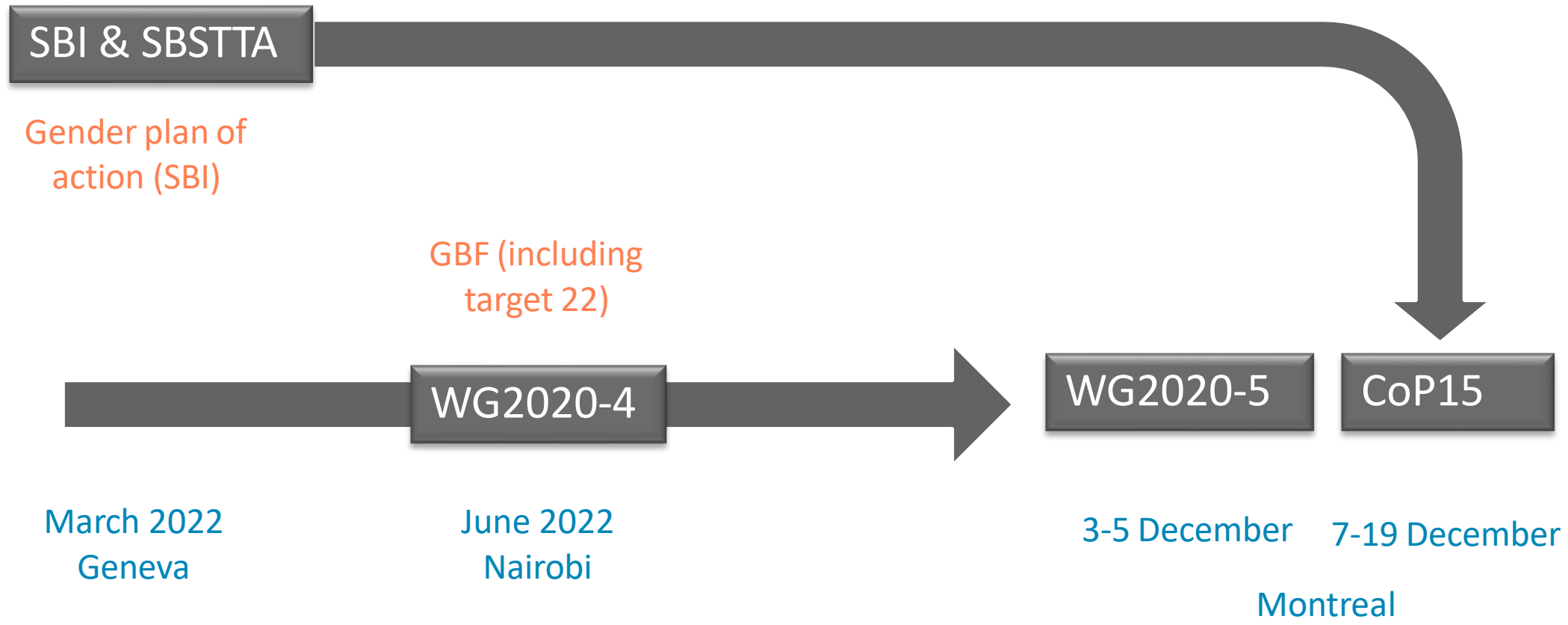
- The importance of advancing efforts to achieve **gender equality and women's and girl's empowerment to ensure the effective implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework ( KMGBF)**
- That the full and effective participation and leadership of women in all aspects of Convention processes, particularly in policy and action at national and local levels is vital

The GPA *invites*:

- Relevant organizations of the **United Nations family and other international organizations and initiatives to support coherent gender responsive implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, through identifying synergies and drawing on relevant experience from related processes;**



# Timeline



# Structure of the plan

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- Purpose
- Modalities
- Expected Outcomes
- Objectives
- Indicative Actions
- Possible Deliverables
- Proposed Timelines
- Responsible Actors



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# Expected Outcome 1-Objectives

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## *Proposed Objectives:*

- Increase all women and girls' rights to ownership and control over land and access to natural resources and to water, to support the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity
- Ensure equal access for women to resources, services and technologies
- Ensure gender equitable access in relation to access and benefit sharing instruments, as appropriate
- Promote women's empowerment and entrepreneurial opportunities in biodiversity-based supply chains and sectors
- Identify and eliminate, prevent and respond to all forms of gender-based discrimination and violence



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# Expected outcome 2-Objectives

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## *Proposed Objectives:*

- Increase opportunities and strengthen participation and leadership of women at all levels of action, engagement and decision-making
- Enhance the meaningful and effective participation and leadership of women in Convention processes
- Integrate human rights and gender equality considerations into national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs)



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# Expected Outcome 3 – Objectives

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- Develop national capacity to produce and use gender and biodiversity data, including relevant data disaggregation
- Strengthen evidence base, understanding, analysis of gender-related impacts of implementation of post-2020 KMGBF
- Support access to information and public participation of women's organizations, networks in implementation and reporting of post-2020 KMGBF
- Ensure coherent gender responsive implementation of post-2020 KMGBF
- Ensure reporting on gender responsive implementation
- Allocate adequate human and financial resources





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Roundtable:  
Alignment and  
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mandates

- **Eunice Dus**, Papua New Guinea (*Moderator*)
- **Venge Nyirongo**, UN Women
- **Verania Chao**, UNDP-Climate Promise
- **Elisa Oezbek**, Germany
- **Jackline Nekesa Makokha**, Kenya

# World Café: Session I

- **Groups 1 – A and B**: Which government actors and institutions should ideally be involved to ensure alignment and leveraging of frameworks relevant for gender and climate change?
- **Group 2 – A and B**: Which civil society actors, structures and support can be involved to improve alignment and leveraging of frameworks for gender and climate change?
- **Group 3 – A and B**: Which established and innovative approaches can lead to improved alignment and coordination?

Welcome  
Back!



# Development of a Gender Action Plan (GAP) for the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction



## World Café: Session II

- How is this topic **currently being addressed?** (ongoing work, financial and technical support)
- What are the **key gaps, challenges** and **remaining needs** in terms of support?
- What are the **opportunities for collaborative efforts and activities** - including across the different frameworks discusses?

## Report back of Session II

- **One** major need that was identified
- **One** key opportunity for collaboration
- **One** ask that you have to this room



# Closing remarks

- **Simon Stiell**, Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC

Please scan and  
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survey.

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# Gender at UN Climate Change

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