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Summary

This report enables Parties to track their progress towards meeting the goal of gender balance in advancing gender-sensitive climate policy. It presents a breakdown of the gender composition of constituted bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol and a breakdown of the gender composition of Party delegations to sessions under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol since the publication of the previous report on gender composition in 2014. In addition, information is provided on the implementation by the secretariat of decisions that include a gender approach.

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I. Introduction

A. Mandate and background

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP), by decision 23/CP.18, agreed that additional efforts need to be made by all Parties to improve the participation of women in bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, as envisaged in decision 36/CP.7.
2. By the same decision, the COP adopted a goal of gender balance in bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, in order to improve women's participation and inform more effective climate policy that addresses the needs of women and men equally.
3. In addition, Parties were invited by the COP to strive for gender balance in their delegations to sessions under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol.
4. Furthermore, the COP requested the secretariat:¹
 - (a) To maintain information on the gender composition of constituted bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, including information on the representation of women from regional groups;
 - (b) To gather information on the gender composition of delegations to sessions under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol;
 - (c) To report such information to the COP for its consideration on an annual basis, in order to enable the tracking of progress made towards meeting the goal of gender balance in advancing gender-sensitive climate policy.
5. The COP, by decision 18/CP.20, also known as the Lima work programme on gender, requested the secretariat to include in this report information regarding the implementation by the secretariat of decisions that include a gender approach, in keeping with applicable gender-related policies under the Convention.²

B. Scope of the note

6. This report presents a breakdown of the gender composition of constituted bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, including information on the representation of women from regional groups and other Party groupings, and information on the gender composition of Party delegations to sessions under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol. In addition, information is provided on the implementation by the secretariat of decisions that include a gender approach, in keeping with applicable gender-related policies under the Convention.

C. Possible action by the Conference of the Parties

7. The COP may wish to refer this report to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) for its consideration and for it to take any action that it deems appropriate.

¹ Decision 23/CP.18, paragraph 8.

² Decision 18/CP.20, paragraph 4.

8. Parties may wish to use the data contained in this report to inform their decision-making relating to elections of members of the bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol.³

II. Data on gender composition

9. This report contains data on the gender composition of constituted bodies as at 11 September 2015,⁴ which cover the following:

(a) The gender composition of the constituted bodies and bureaux established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol (see tables 1 and 2);

(b) Information on the representation of women from regional groups and other Party groupings in the constituted bodies and bureaux established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol (see table 5);

(c) The gender composition of Party delegations to sessions under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol (see table 3);

(d) The gender of heads of Party delegations to sessions under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol (see table 4).

A. Gender composition of constituted bodies

Table 1

Gender composition of constituted bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol

<i>Body</i>	<i>Total number of members</i>	<i>Female Chair or Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Number of female members</i>	<i>Number of male members</i>	<i>Percentage of women in 2015</i>	<i>Change in the percentage of women compared with in 2014</i>
Executive Board of the clean development mechanism	10	0/0	1	9	10	-10
Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee	10	1/0	4	6	40	0
Compliance Committee facilitative branch	10	0/0	4	6	40	0
Compliance Committee enforcement branch	10	1/0	1	9	10	0
Least Developed Countries Expert Group	13	0/0	2	11	15	0
Consultative Group of	21a	1/-	7	14	33	-10

³ Information on election and membership in relation to the bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol is available at <http://unfccc.int/bodies/election_and_membership/items/6558.php>. Current membership information for each body is also available at <<http://unfccc.int/bodies/items/6241.php>>.

⁴ The data is based on the actual membership of each body as at 11 September 2015, which may differ from the data in the official UNFCCC membership chart of Convention and Kyoto Protocol bodies dated 28 August 2015 and available at <http://unfccc.int/bodies/election_and_membership/items/6558.php>.

<i>Body</i>	<i>Total number of members</i>	<i>Female Chair or Co-Chair/ Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Number of female members</i>	<i>Number of male members</i>	<i>Percentage of women in 2015</i>	<i>Change in the percentage of women compared with in 2014</i>
Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention						
Adaptation Fund Board	16b	0/0	4	10	28	-3
Technology Executive Committee	20	0/0	5	15	25	-10
Adaptation Committee	16	0/-	4	12	25	0
Standing Committee on Finance	20	1/-	7	13	35	0
Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network	16	0/0	1	15	6	-7
Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts	20	NAc	7	13	35	5

Abbreviation: NA = not applicable.

^a The Consultative Group of Experts is comprised of 24 members, including 21 government representatives. The data in the table, however, relate to the government representatives only.

^b Two members have resigned, both of whom are women, and their positions remain vacant.

^c The Chair and Co-Chair of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism will be elected at its first meeting to be held in Bonn, Germany, from 24 to 26 September 2015.

10. The gender composition of the constituted bodies continues to vary between bodies and fluctuate from year to year. In 2015, the representation of women varied between 40 per cent in the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (JISC) and the Compliance Committee facilitative branch and 6 per cent in the Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN).⁵ Since the publication of the previous report on gender composition in 2014,⁶ the representation of women in one constituted body, the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts, has increased by 5 per cent, while in all other constituted bodies it has either decreased, for example by 10 per cent in the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism (CDM Executive Board) and the Technology Executive Committee (TEC), or otherwise remains unchanged.

11. Four female delegates were elected as Chair or Co-Chair of a constituted body, while none were elected for the position of Vice-Chair.

⁵ The Advisory Board of the CTCN includes 16 government representatives, comprising equal representation from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention and Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, and representatives from the Technology Executive Committee, the Green Climate Fund, the Adaptation Committee, the Standing Committee on Finance, the Director of the CTCN, and environmental, business and industry and research and independent nongovernmental organizations. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Advisory Board of the CTCN are elected from the 16 government representatives. The data in the table relate to the government representatives only.

⁶ FCCC/CP/2014/7.

12. Several of the constituted bodies include a number of alternate members, who play an active role in the proceedings of those bodies. The representation of women as alternate members is as follows:

- (a) The CDM Executive Board has 10⁷ alternate members, one of whom is a woman;
- (b) The JISC has 10⁷ alternate members, one of whom is a woman;
- (c) The Compliance Committee facilitative branch has 10⁷ alternate members, one of whom is a woman;
- (d) The Compliance Committee enforcement branch has 10 alternate members, two of whom are women;
- (e) The Adaptation Fund Board has 16⁷ alternate members, six of whom are women.

B. Gender composition of the bureaux

13. The bureaux established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol play an important role in the overall management of the intergovernmental process. Accordingly, this report also includes the gender composition of the bureaux.

Table 2

Gender composition of the bureaux established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol

<i>Bureau</i>	<i>Total number of members</i>	<i>Number of female members</i>	<i>Number of male members</i>	<i>Percentage of women in 2015</i>	<i>Change in the percentage of women compared with in 2014</i>
Bureau of the COP and the CMP	11	3	8	27	0
Bureaux of the SBI and the SBSTA	6	2	4	33	0
Bureau of the ADP	3	1	2	33	0

Abbreviations: ADP = Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action, CMP = Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, COP = Conference of the Parties, SBI = Subsidiary Body for Implementation, SBSTA = Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice.

14. One Vice-President and the Rapporteur of the Bureau of the COP and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) are female. The Rapporteurs of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) are female. The Chair of the SBSTA is female, and is a member of the Bureau of the COP and the CMP in addition to the Bureaux of the SBI and SBSTA.

⁷ One alternate member has resigned and the position remains vacant.

C. Gender composition of constituted bodies by regional group and other Party groupings

15. Parties to the Convention are organized into five major United Nations regional groups of member States: African States; Asia-Pacific States; Latin American and Caribbean States; Eastern European States; and Western European and other States.

16. In addition to the five regional groups, the UNFCCC process has several other Party grouping with respect to the membership of bodies. Therefore, in order to present a coherent picture of the current situation, this report includes information on female members of constituted bodies by Party grouping as at 11 September 2015, namely Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties), Parties with economies in transition (EIT Parties), Parties included in Annex II to the Convention (Annex II Parties), Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties), small island developing States (SIDS) and the least developed countries (LDCs). The gender composition of the constituted bodies by regional group and other Party groupings is as follows:⁸

(a) The CDM Executive Board has 10 members, one of whom is a woman from the Eastern European States;

(b) The JISC has 10 members, four of whom are women, two from EIT Parties and two from non-Annex I Parties;

(c) The facilitative branch of the Compliance Committee has 10 members, four of whom are women, one from the Asia-Pacific States, one from the Latin American and Caribbean States, one from the Western European and other States and one from Annex I Parties;

(d) The enforcement branch of the Compliance Committee has 10 members, one of whom is a woman from SIDS;

(e) The Least Developed Countries Expert Group has 13 members, two of whom are women, one from SIDS and one from Annex II Parties;

(f) The Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention has 21 government representative members, seven of whom are women, one from the African States, one from the Asia-Pacific States, three from the Latin American and Caribbean States and two from Annex I Parties;

(g) The Adaptation Fund Board has 16 members,⁹ four of whom are women, one from Annex I Parties, one from the Eastern European States and two from non-Annex I Parties;

(h) The TEC has 20 members, five of whom are women, two from non-Annex I Parties and three from Annex I Parties;

(i) The Adaptation Committee has 16 members, four of whom are women, one from the African States, one from Annex I Parties, one from the Western European and other States and one from the LDCs;

(j) The Standing Committee on Finance has 20 members, seven of whom are women, four from non-Annex I Parties and three from Annex I Parties;

⁸ A tabular presentation of these data is contained in table 5.

⁹ Two members have resigned, both of whom are women, and their positions remain vacant.

(k) The Advisory Board of the CTCN has 16 government representative members, one of whom is a woman from non-Annex I Parties;

(l) The Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism has 20 members, seven of whom are women, four from Annex I Parties and three from non-Annex I Parties.

D. Gender composition of the bureaux by regional group

17. The gender composition of the bureaux by regional group is as follows:

(a) The Bureau of the COP and the CMP has 11 members, two of whom are women, one from the Eastern European States and one from the Western European and other States;

(b) The Bureaux of the SBI and the SBSTA have six members, two of whom are women from the Eastern European States;

(c) The Bureau of the ADP has three members, one of whom is a woman from non-Annex I Parties.

E. Gender composition of Party delegations

Table 3

Gender composition of Party delegations to sessions of the governing bodies of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol^a

<i>Session</i>	<i>Total number of delegates</i>	<i>Number of female delegates</i>	<i>Number of male delegates</i>	<i>Percentage of women</i>	<i>Change in the percentage of women</i>
ADP 2.6 (Oct 2014)	800	325	475	41	4 ^b
COP 20 /CMP 10 (Dec 2014)	6 314	2 295	4 019	36	0
ADP 2.8 (Feb 2015)	906	363	543	40	-1 ^c
SBI 42 / SBSTA 42 (Jun 2015)	1 928	769	1 159	40	2

Abbreviations: ADP = Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action, CMP = Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, COP = Conference of the Parties, SBI = Subsidiary Body for Implementation, SBSTA = Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice.

^a The figures presented in this table reflect the number of Party delegates having attended the respective sessions as at the last day thereof.

^b As compared with the fourth part of the second session of the ADP in 2014.

^c As compared with the sixth part of the second session of the ADP in 2015.

18. The figures in table 3 indicate that there has been no change in the representation of women at the sessions of the COP between COP 19 in 2013 and COP 20 in 2014. However, the representation of women increased at the forty-second sessions of the subsidiary bodies when compared with the forty-first sessions in 2014. The figures also indicate a decrease in the representation of women at the eighth part of the second session of the ADP compared with the representation at the sixth part of the second session of the ADP. The

representation of women in delegations to the COP is lower than their representation at both the sessions of the ADP and the sessions of the subsidiary bodies presented in the table.

19. The representation of women and gender balance in the decision-making aspects of the UNFCCC process is crucial in meeting the goal of gender balance as outlined in decision 23/CP.18. Accordingly, this report also presents information on the gender of heads of Party delegations to sessions of the governing bodies of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol.

Table 4

Gender of heads of Party delegations to sessions of the governing bodies of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol

<i>Session</i>	<i>Total number of heads of delegation</i>	<i>Number of female heads of delegation</i>	<i>Percentage of female heads of delegation</i>	<i>Change in percentage of women^a</i>
ADP 2.6 (Oct 2014)	186	52	28	NA
COP 20 /CMP 10 (Dec 2014)	366	96	26	NA
ADP 2.8 (Feb 2015)	193	64	33	NA
SBI 42 / SBSTA 42 (Jun 2015)	236	71	30	NA

Abbreviations: ADP = Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action, CMP = Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, COP = Conference of the Parties, NA = not applicable, SBI = Subsidiary Body for Implementation, SBSTA = Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice.

^a This is the first year that this report has presented data on the representation of women among heads of Party delegations. Therefore there are no data for comparison.

20. The figures in table 4 indicate that the representation of women among heads of Party delegations to each of the sessions since the publication of the previous report on gender composition in 2014 has varied between 26 per cent at COP 20 and 33 per cent at the eighth part of the second session of the ADP.

III. Status of implementation by the secretariat of decisions that include a gender approach

21. In accordance with the request made by Parties under the Lima work programme on gender, this section provides information on the status of implementation by the secretariat of decisions that include a gender approach, in keeping with applicable gender-related policies under the Convention.

22. As this is the first report on gender composition that contains information on said status of implementation, the reporting period is from when the first decision on gender was adopted at COP 7¹⁰ to 31 August 2015. Furthermore, as the request refers to implementation, this report does not include information on decisions that request the secretariat to undertake activities on or by a future date.

¹⁰ Decision 36/CP.7.

23. The following is a summary of the status of implementation of decisions pertaining to gender and climate change.¹¹ In response to requests made by Parties, the secretariat:

- (a) Prepared three reports on gender composition (including this report);¹²
- (b) Organized two in-session workshops, one during COP 19 and one during SBI 42;¹³
- (c) Published the inputs received by the secretariat from Parties and observer organizations in relation to the organization of those two workshops;¹⁴
- (d) Collaborated with observer organizations, including civil society and intergovernmental organizations, to support, within existing resources, training and capacity-building activities delivered by them;¹⁵
- (e) Continued to bring to the attention of Parties the goal of gender balance in constituted bodies, in accordance with decisions 36/CP.7 and 23/CP.18, whenever a vacancy arose for any elective post on any body established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol;¹⁶
- (f) Included a project in the budget for the 2016–2017 biennium, including budgetary needs for the position of a senior gender focal point.¹⁷

¹¹ A tabular presentation of these data, including references and links, is contained in table 6.

¹² In accordance with decision 23/CP.18, paragraph 8.

¹³ In accordance with decision 23/CP.18, paragraph 11, and decision 18/CP.20, paragraph 11.

¹⁴ In accordance with decision 23/CP.18, paragraph 12.

¹⁵ In accordance with decision 18/CP.20, paragraph 8.

¹⁶ In accordance with decision 36/CP.7, paragraphs 2 and 3.

¹⁷ In accordance with decision 18/CP.20, paragraph 17.

Annex I

Gender composition of bodies by regional groups and other Party groupings

Table 5

Gender composition of constituted bodies under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol by regional groups and other Party groupings

Body	Number of female members per regional group or other Party grouping																					
	Total number of members	Ratio of female to male in 2015	African States		Asia-Pacific States		Eastern European States		Latin American and Caribbean States		Western European and other States		SIDS		Annex I Parties		Annex II Parties		Non-Annex I Parties		LDCs	
			2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
CDM Executive Board	10	1/9			1		1	1														
JISC	10	4/6												1		1	2			2	2	
CC facilitative branch	10	4/6			1	1			1	1	1	1			1	1						
CC enforcement branch	10	1/9											1	1								
LEG	13	2/11											1	1				1	1			
CGE	21	7/14	2	1	1	1			3	3					3	2						
AFB	16 ^a	4/10					1	2 ^b		1	2	1 ^b			1	1	1			1	2	
TEC	20	5/15	1												2	3					2	
AC	16	4/12	1	1							1	1			1	1					1	1
SCF	20	7/13			1								1		3	3				1	4	1
Advisory Board of the CTCN	16	1/15													1					1	1	

Number of female members per regional group or other Party grouping

<i>Body</i>	<i>Ratio of Total female number to male of members members in 2015</i>		<i>African States</i>		<i>Asia- Pacific States</i>		<i>Eastern European States</i>		<i>Latin American and Caribbean States</i>		<i>Western European and other States</i>		<i>SIDS</i>		<i>Annex I Parties</i>		<i>Annex II Parties</i>		<i>Non-Annex I Parties</i>		<i>LDCs</i>		
			<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	
Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism	20	7/13												1	2	4						3	

Abbreviations: AC = Adaptation Committee, AFB = Adaptation Fund Board, CC = Compliance Committee, CDM = clean development mechanism, CGE = Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, CTCN = Climate Technology Centre and Network, EIT Parties = Parties with economies in transition, JISC = Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee, LDCs = least developed countries, LEG = Least Developed Countries Expert Group, SCF = Standing Committee on Finance, SIDS = small island developing States, TEC = Technology Executive Committee.

^a In total, two members have resigned, both of whom are women, and their positions remain vacant.

^b One member resigned and the position remains vacant.

Annex II

Status of implementation of decisions pertaining to gender and climate change

Table 6
Status of implementation of decisions pertaining to gender and climate change

<i>Decision</i>	<i>Paragraph number</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Further information and links</i>
36/CP.7	2 and 3	Bring decisions on gender balance and women being nominated to constituted bodies to the attention of Parties whenever a vacancy occurs	See, for example, information to Parties on nominations for election, available at < http://unfccc.int/files/bodies/election_and_membership/application/pdf/notification_to_parties.pdf >
23/CP.18	8	Annual report to the Conference of the Parties on gender composition	FCCC/CP/2013/4, available at < http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2013/cop19/eng/04.pdf > FCCC/CP/2014/7, available at < http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2014/cop20/eng/07.pdf >
	11	In-session workshop on gender balance in the UNFCCC process, gender-sensitive climate policy and capacity-building activities to promote the greater participation of women in the UNFCCC process	More information available at < http://unfccc.int/meetings/warsaw_nov_2013/workshop/7890.php >
	12	Compile submissions from Parties into a miscellaneous document	FCCC/CP/2013/MISC.2, available at < http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2013/cop19/eng/misc02.pdf >
18/CP.20	8	Support the organization of training and capacity-building efforts by Parties and relevant observer organizations, inter alia, in conjunction	Ongoing. For example, in 2015 the secretariat co-hosted a training session of female delegates organized by the Women's Environment and Development Organization, Global Gender and Climate Alliance and Women Delegates Fund immediately prior to the forty-second sessions of the subsidiary bodies

<i>Decision</i>	<i>Paragraph number</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Further information and links</i>
		with sessions of the subsidiary bodies	
	11	In-session workshop on gender-responsive climate policy with a focus on mitigation action and technology development and transfer	More information available at < http://unfccc.int/gender_and_climate_change/items/9043.php >
	17	A project in the budget for the 2016–2017 biennium that includes budgetary needs for the position of a senior gender focal point	See document FCCC/SBI/2015/3/Add.2, available at< http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2015/sbi/eng/03a02.pdf >
