

## Informal note by the co-facilitators

on

SBI 57 agenda item 21  
Matters relating to gender and climate change

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[*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* decisions 36/CP.7, 1/CP.16, 23/CP.18, 18/CP.20, 1/CP.21, 21/CP.22, 3/CP.23, 3/CP.25 and 20/CP.26, the Paris Agreement and the Katowice climate package,

*Acknowledging* the important role of the enhanced Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan<sup>1</sup> in advancing gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls in the UNFCCC process,

*Recognizing* that the full, meaningful and equal participation and leadership of women in all aspects of the UNFCCC process and in national- and local-level climate policymaking and action is vital to achieving long-term climate goals, while noting the importance of mainstreaming a gender perspective in UNFCCC workstreams,

*Noting with appreciation* the contributions received in support of the work undertaken since implementation of the enhanced Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan commenced,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts of the secretariat to follow an inclusive approach to responding to the challenges arising from the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic through frequent communication with Parties and national gender and climate change focal points and the organization of online workshops fulfilling mandated activities;
2. *Recognizes with concern* the unprecedented crisis caused by the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic, the uneven nature of the global response to the pandemic and the pandemic's multifaceted effects on all spheres of society, including the deepening of pre-existing inequalities, including gender inequality, and resulting vulnerabilities, which negatively impacted the implementation of the gender action plan, which has negatively impacted the implementation of effective gender-responsive climate action, and *urges* Parties to accelerate their efforts to advance implementation of the enhanced Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan;
3. *Notes* the compilation and synthesis report by the secretariat on good practices for integrating gender into the work of the UNFCCC constituted bodies<sup>2</sup> and *notes with appreciation* the work of the constituted bodies in advancing gender equality and the empowerment of women and contributing to the implementation of the gender action plan, including at the national level;
4. *Also notes* the synthesis report by the secretariat on dimensions and examples of the gender-differentiated impacts of climate change, the role of women as agents of change and opportunities for women<sup>3</sup> and *encourages* Parties and relevant organizations to strengthen the use of sex-disaggregated data and gender analysis in implementing climate policies, plans, strategies and action;
5. *Notes with appreciation* the informal report by the secretariat on the in-session workshop on the role of national gender and climate change focal points<sup>4</sup> and, taking into account the evolving and Party-driven nature of the work and role of such focal points, *also*

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 3/CP.25.

<sup>2</sup> FCCC/SBI/2022/INF.5.

<sup>3</sup> FCCC/SBI/2022/7.

<sup>4</sup> Available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/470342>.

*notes with appreciation* the identification of enablers to facilitate the national gender and climate change focal points in carrying out their role, according to national circumstances;

6. *Further notes with appreciation* the synthesis report by the secretariat on the implementation of the activities contained in the gender action plan, areas for improvement and further work to be undertaken;<sup>5</sup>

7. *Notes* the technical paper prepared by the International Labour Organization exploring linkages between gender-responsive climate action and just transition for promoting inclusive opportunities for all in a low-emission economy,<sup>6</sup> and *invites* the International Labour Organization to consider organizing a workshop or dialogue focused on the same topic;

8. *Welcomes* the contributions related to gender of Working Group II<sup>7</sup> and Working Group III<sup>8</sup> to the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change;

9. *Underscores* the need to promote efforts towards gender balance and improve inclusivity in the UNFCCC process by:

(a) Inviting future Presidencies of the Conference of the Parties to nominate women as high-level climate champions;

(b) Inviting Parties to promote greater gender balance in national delegations in negotiation meetings under the UNFCCC, including in meetings on gender and climate change;

(c) Inviting the secretariat, relevant presiding officers and event organizers to promote gender-balanced events;

10. *Notes with appreciation* the regional focus of the activities undertaken, including workshops and other initiatives that facilitate experience-sharing and knowledge exchange, in the two years since implementation of the gender action plan began;

11. *Encourages* Parties, the secretariat and relevant organizations to continue conducting activities under the gender action plan in a regionally focused manner, as appropriate, including by holding events during regional climate weeks and engaging other relevant stakeholders;

12. [*Calls for* Parties and relevant public and private entities to strengthen the gender-responsiveness of climate finance with a view to strengthening the capacity of women and furthering work under the gender action plan in order to enhance access to climate finance for grass-roots women's organizations as well as for indigenous peoples and local communities];

[*Invites* developed country Parties and United Nations entities to provide financial resources to support developing country Parties in developing and implementing nationally determined gender action plans and programmes, including integrating gender into national climate policies, plans, strategies and action and nationally determined contributions, as appropriate];

[*Calls for* Parties and relevant public and private entities to strengthen the gender responsiveness of climate finance, with a view to further building the capacity of women and for implementation work under the gender action plan, in order to facilitate simplified access

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<sup>5</sup> FCCC/SBI/2022/8.

<sup>6</sup> International Labour Organization. 2022. *Just transition: An essential pathway to achieving gender equality and social justice*. Geneva: International Labour Organization. Available at <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/SubmissionsStaging/Documents/202204141910---ILO%20submission%20-%20Just%20transition%20-%20An%20essential%20pathway%20to%20achieving%20gender%20equality%20and%20social%20justice.pdf>.

<sup>7</sup> Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. 2022. *Climate Change 2022: Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerability. Contribution of Working Group II to the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change*. H Pörtner, D Roberts, M Tignor, et al. (eds.). Cambridge, United Kingdom: Cambridge University Press. Available at <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg2/>.

<sup>8</sup> Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. 2022. *Climate Change 2022: Mitigation of Climate Change. Contribution of Working Group III to the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change*. PR Shukla, J Skea, R Slade, et al. (eds.). Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press. Available at <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg3/>.

to climate finance for grass-roots women's organizations as well as for indigenous peoples and local communities];

13. *Encourages* Parties, the secretariat and relevant organizations, in implementing the gender action plan, to fully engage men and boys as agents and beneficiaries of change and as strategic partners and allies in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change;

14. *Also encourages* Parties to integrate the work of nominated national gender and climate change focal points into relevant national policymaking and decision-making structures and to consider the suggestions in the informal report referred to in paragraph 5 above with a view to strengthening their role;

15. *Requests* the secretariat to support the attendance of national gender and climate change focal points at relevant mandated UNFCCC meetings, upon request and subject to available resources;

16. *Invites* Parties, United Nations entities, constituted bodies, implementing entities and other relevant stakeholders to enhance implementation of the gender action plan, including the amendments contained in the annex;

17. *Encourages* United Nations entities to cooperate with Parties on mainstreaming gender- and age-disaggregated data in their existing policies, enabling mechanisms and programmes, across all levels of governance, and to support Parties in directly applying the best available science in the collection and analysis of data sets, including on the impacts of extreme weather and slow onset events;

18. *Recalls* the open call for submissions under activity D.5 of the gender action plan<sup>9</sup> and *calls for* Parties and relevant organizations to continue to share experience in engaging women's groups and national women and gender institutions in the process of developing, implementing and updating climate policies, plans, strategies and action, as appropriate, at all levels of governance;

19. *Adopts* the amendments to the gender action plan contained in the annex;

20. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph 15 above and paragraphs 1, 6 and 7 in the annex;

21. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.]

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<sup>9</sup> Decision 3/CP.25, annex, table 4.

## [Annex

### **Amendments to the activities under the gender action plan**

#### **A. Capacity-building, knowledge management and communication**

1. Under activity A.2 in table 1,<sup>1</sup> add “leading: the secretariat” and “contributing: United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, national gender and climate focal points” to the “responsibilities” column. The timeline is “prior to COP 28 (November 2023)”. The new deliverable/output is “dialogue with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, national gender and climate change focal points and other relevant stakeholders on how their work contributes to the achievement of the objectives of the gender action plan”. Level of implementation is “international”.

#### **B. Gender balance, participation and women’s leadership**

2. Under activity B.1 in table 2,<sup>2</sup> add “including young women, indigenous women and women from local communities” after “women delegates” in the description of the activity.

#### **C. Coherence**

3. Under activity C.1 in table 3,<sup>3</sup> include “and existing” after “new” in the “deliverables/outputs” column.

4. Add a new activity in table 3: “C.4 Encourage Parties and relevant UNFCCC constituted bodies, in line with their respective mandates, to support action and implementation of the enhanced LWPG and GAP”. Add “Parties and constituted bodies” to the “responsibilities” column. The timeline is “ongoing to COP 29 (2024)”. The deliverable/output is “inputs to the Standing Committee on Finance for preparing the draft guidance to the opening entities of the Financial Mechanism”. Level of implementation is “international”.

#### **D. Gender-responsive implementation and means of implementation**

5. Under activity D.1 in table 4,<sup>4</sup> change the timeline for the expert group meeting deliverable/output from 2022 to 2023 and add “to be delivered in a hybrid or virtual format, without creating any precedent” as a deliverable/output.

#### **E. Monitoring and reporting**

6. Add a new activity in table 5: “E.3 Support the review of the Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan”. Add “Parties and relevant organizations” to the

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 3/CP.25, annex, table 1. The aim of activity A.2 is to discuss and clarify the role and the work of the national gender and climate change focal points, including through providing capacity-building, tools and resources, sharing experience and best practices, workshops, knowledge exchange, peer-to-peer learning, mentoring and coaching.

<sup>2</sup> Decision 3/CP.25, annex, table 2. The aim of activity B.1 is to promote initiatives for capacity-building in leadership, negotiation and facilitation of negotiation for women delegates, including through webinars and in-session training to enhance women’s participation in the UNFCCC process.

<sup>3</sup> Decision 3/CP.25, annex, table 3. The aim of activity C.1 is to ensure that new members of constituted bodies are introduced to gender-related mandates and to the relevance of gender in the context of their work in a consistent and systematic manner.

<sup>4</sup> Decision 3/CP.25, annex, table 4. The aim of activity D.1 is to share experience and support capacity-building on gender budgeting, including on the integration of gender-responsive budgeting into national budgets to advance gender-responsive climate policies, plans, strategies and action, as appropriate.

“responsibilities” column. Add “by 31 July 2024” as the timeline. Add “submissions to the UNFCCC on identifying progress in implementing the gender action plan, categorized by deliverable/output for each gender action plan activity, and further work to be undertaken” as a deliverable/output. The level of implementation is “national”. Also under this activity, add “secretariat” to the “responsibilities” column. Add “SBI 61 (November 2024)” as the timeline. Add “synthesis report on the submissions” as a deliverable/output. Level of implementation is “international”.

7. Add another a new activity in table 5: “E.4 Raise awareness of the support available to developing country Parties for reporting on the implementation of the gender action plan”. Add “leading: secretariat” and “contributing: relevant organizations” to the “responsibilities” column. Add “ongoing to COP 29 (2024)” as the timeline. Add “communication of such information on the gender web pages on the UNFCCC website” as a new deliverable/output. The level of implementation is “international”.

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