



**Title:** Information from Parties and observers 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.

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The Children and Youth Constituency welcome the opportunity to share our views and experiences in regards to the review of the current Gender Action Plan (GAP). We believe the current plan has proven useful. As such, we would want to see the GAP scope grow and influence more gender-responsive, gender-sensitive, and gender-neutral work across the UNFCCC.

#### **Areas of progress/ for renewal**

We would like to see the following aspects of the current Gender Action Plan renewed in the forthcoming plan:

- Reporting of gender balance in constituted bodies
- Travel funds
- Support from the CTCN

#### **Areas for improvement:**

In order to address areas for improvement, we have looked at each current priority area and suggested possible additions or extensions to the current Gender Action Plan

#### **Priority Area A: capacity-building, knowledge-sharing and communication**

- This priority area should address the capacity building required Parties and state actors working in the gender field and in the climate change field so both understand the overlap of their individual work
- Capacity building should include a focus on grassroots and indigenous groups
- There should be a separate priority area for knowledge sharing and communication. This should include:
  - Guidance on knowledge sharing and communication internally for states and between Parties
  - Sharing between Parties would be most helpful on the regional level as states are often experiencing the same types of issues when mainstreaming gender.

- Stakeholders should be encouraged to create case-studies of things that worked and lessons learned for others to use.
- Stakeholders should be encouraged to share datasets, as this will allow for better collaboration
- Effective methods of communication should be established- in person, Skype calls, social media, through established bodies like the UNFCCC
- The secretariat should use outward communications at a basic level to allow non-experts, young people etc to engage in the world of the UNFCCC.

#### **Priority Area B: gender balance, participation and women's leadership**

- We would like to see increased contributions to travel funds by global north countries to support participation by global south
- Stakeholders should be encouraged to allow job sharing in leadership positions to allow for childcare needs.
- There should be a particular focus on promoting women's leadership grassroots and indigenous groups
- It is important to create safe and accessible spaces (this may require funds, childcare solutions/adaptations, bringing participation experiences to them rather than the other way round)
- Participation should be strived for across all age groups - children should be taught from an early age that the solutions to climate change require equality.

#### **Priority Area C: coherence**

- Coherence is needed inter and intra country.
- The next action plan should call for work towards an IPCC special report on gender and climate change.
- Assess the effects of climate change and gender on the realization of the gender goals under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SDGs) (Identifying the knowledge gap, knowledge exchange between gender and climate change coherent with SDGs)
- The Secretariat should identify opportunities to work with the PCCB and the LCIPP to improve coherence within the UNFCCC.

#### **Priority area D: gender-responsive implementation and means of implementation**

- Consider a gender-responsive means of implementation that is not only rights-based but also people-centric. For instance, sexual and reproductive health and rights as a path to justice for women and girls in the face of climate change and as an adaptation resilience mechanism.
- Think about gender in the role of just transition as this will create new opportunities for women to take roles in the climate solution
- Think about who is on the team for implementation, who is in leadership positions
- Guidance for gender responsive finance and budgeting should be available
- GEF and GCF requirements for provision of gender-responsive climate finance (with a future target 100% of finance to be gender responsive)
- Support for National Gender and Climate Change Focal Points

#### **Priority Area E: monitoring and reporting (and lessons learnt)**

- The addition of progressive targets for gender balance within delegations.
- Sharing tools for collecting gender-disaggregated data
- Transparency of reporting so Parties and constituted bodies can learn from each other.
- Gender analysis of NDCs should be completed
- There should be measures of success that can be monitored in the revision of the gender action plan itself.

#### **Further work to be undertaken in subsequent action plans:**

These final suggestions do not fit within the current priority structure but we feel they would also be useful additions to the next Gender Action Plan.

- Guidance on how to make NDCs gender responsive
- Monitoring of gender responsive NDCs
- Build the capacity of Parties and other stakeholders to ensure security and social protection to women's human rights and environmental defenders via a hosted dialogue on public participation with ACE.
- All countries should strive for their gender focal points attend negotiations.

- Parties should nominate gender focal points, this is particularly relevant to global north countries who are under-represented amongst the current gender focal points.

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