



# Submission by Switzerland

regarding the

## Lima Work Programme on Gender (LWPG) & its Gender Action Plan (GAP)

Switzerland welcomes the opportunity to put forward a number of ideas and proposals regarding the upcoming negotiation of the renewal of both the LWPG and the GAP at COP25 in Santiago de Chile.

We emphasize that the LWPG provides a necessary framework, including and in particular for the GAP, and has been instrumental in advancing gender equality and women's empowerment in the UNFCCC process and beyond.

Our submission addresses general aspects as well as specifics concerning the priority areas of the GAP.

In a separate submission Switzerland will address the link between Fossil Fuel Subsidy Reform (FFSR) and gender-responsive climate action. Phasing out fossil fuel subsidies would free financial capacities to support gender-responsive action, for example through expansion of clean energy (avoiding cooking fuel related women health issues), the support of social security or social safety nets for women and their children, and through investments in education and infrastructure (water supply, sanitation, energy supply etc.).

### General Suggestions and Remarks

- **Periodicity of LWPG and GAP**

- 1) We suggest that the periodicity of the LWPG and the GAP should be the same.
- 2) We suggest that we should move from a 2-year (GAP) and 3-year (LWPG) cycle to an identical 5-year cycle for both: This allows for a longer, more targeted and solution-oriented planning. This does not preclude a possible adaptation of individual components of both the LWPG and GAP after the first 3 years of implementation.

- **Merging of Decisions**

- 3) We suggest that the COP should address both LWPG and GAP in one decision, with the specifics of the GAP included in the Annex of the COP-Decision.

- **Relation to the Paris Agreement**

- 4) We suggest that the LWPG and its GAP should more strongly focus on the implementation of the Paris Agreement, including how a gender-responsive approach facilitates reaching its goals, including Article 2, Para. 1.

- **Involvement of other Stakeholders and Actors**

- 5) The LWPG and its GAP do so far primarily focus on Parties. While other stakeholders and actors cannot be held accountable through these



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instruments, the implementation of both the LWPG and GAP benefit considerably from their active involvement and their sharing of the goals of LWPG and GAP. This is particularly true for the private sector.

We must find ways to include the private sector more actively in the implementation of the LWPG and its GAP.

- **Linking Agenda 2030, SDG5, and LWPG/GAP**

- 6) Switzerland proposes to further explore and increase the coherence between SDG5 (“*Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls*”) and the LWPG and its GAP.

**GAP-Priority Area A:**

**Capacity-building, knowledge-sharing and communication**

- 7) We promote an integrative approach. In this regard, we also support training on gender mainstreaming in finance related institutions.
- 8) As capacity building strongly relates to all priority areas of the GAP, we support a strengthening of capacity building (priority area A.1) with a focus on the identification of capacity gaps in gender-relevant climate knowledge (i) with regard to the UNFCCC / Paris Agreement Implementation process, but also (ii) within delegations, as well as, where appropriate, (iii) in the national context and at the community level.
- 9) We acknowledge the need to build capacities of gender experts on climate and for climate experts on gender (under priority area A.1).
- 10) We support specific guidance in the developing context and underline the importance of adapting the right tools to different contexts (under priority area A.1).

**GAP-Priority Area B:**

**Gender balance, participation and women’s leadership**

- 11) We favor the integration (under priority areas B.3 and B.4) of training on leadership, negotiation, facilitation and chairing in the context of the UNFCCC process, for example through mentorship opportunities with senior women negotiators.
- 12) In order to attain an equitable and visible participation of women (under priority area B.2), we suggest, that women’s participation and leadership are promoted by for example introducing specific targets for women’s representation or participation.

**GAP-Priority Area C:**

**Coherence**

- 13) We support a regular dialogue of constituted bodies on how they are integrating gender considerations into their work (under priority area C.1).



## **GAP-Priority Area D:**

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

- 14) We support training targeted at decision makers at the national level, including ministries of finance and national Development Bank representatives, to increase the ambition of gender-responsive climate finance (under priority area D.1).
- 15) We acknowledge the importance to increase the visibility of best practice and gender-responsive activities at national and international levels (under priority area D.2).
- 16) We promote sex-disaggregated survey data in gender analysis as strong basis for the effective implementation of activities under both the UNFCCC and its Paris Agreement (under priority area D.3).
- 17) The improvement in overall accountability and transparency concerning the funding of gender-responsive projects at national and international levels is a crucial basis for a successful implementation (under priority area D.3).

## **GAP-Priority Area E:**

### **Monitoring and reporting**

- 18) We would like to strengthen the scientific basis of the work of the LWPG and its GAP. To this end, we propose to discuss with the IPCC how to expand and strengthen its cross-cutting work and information on gender and climate change. The synthesis report of the sixth assessment report (AR6) or the production of a technical paper would offer the opportunity for early results by 2022 (under priority area E.1).
- 19) We encourage knowledge exchange activities among the UNFCCC-Secretariat staff across all thematic areas to mutually update each other on work related to gender (under priority area E.4).
- 20) We strongly support a workshop on how the Agenda 2030 and the LWPG/GAP frameworks intersect, including a close examination how they could be harmonized (under priority area E.4).