

Submission by the Republic of Malawi on behalf of the Least Developed Countries Group (LDCs) on views on progress, challenges, gaps and priorities in implementing the gender action plan, categorized by deliverable or output for each activity under the gender action plan, and on future work to be undertaken on gender and climate change, to inform the review of the implementation of the enhanced Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan.

Introduction

The decision was "**Parties, United Nations entities, the UNFCCC constituted bodies and relevant organizations**, in accordance with their respective mandates and priorities, to submit via the submission portal **by 31 March 2024** their inputs on progress, challenges, gaps and priorities in implementing the gender action plan, categorized by deliverable or output for each activity under the gender action plan, and on future work to be undertaken on gender and climate change, with a view to the submissions informing the review of the enhanced Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan (GAP).

The **report** shows the challenges, gaps and priorities in implementing the Gender Action Plan. More input and comments are needed from the Least Developed Countries so that the submission template shared with us can be used to complete the submission from LDCs by 31st March 2024.

Challenges

The submissions outlined a variety of challenges that LDCs are facing in the implementation of GAP and these include the following;

- Lack of relevant expertise and capacity within line ministries and institutions to conduct in-depth gender analysis, Limited knowledge on the development of advocacy and gender mainstreaming approaches and inconsistent implementation of gender-responsive laws, policies, guidelines, plans and programs.
- Limited coordination among relevant stakeholders, coupled with the insufficient domestic budget allocated for the implementation of gender-related plans and activities.
- Lack of financial and technical support from UNFCCC that target female negotiators from LDC group to participate actively in the climate change meetings
- Limited financial Support from UN agencies, NGOs, private sectors, other funding agencies and UNFCCC to the least developing countries.

- The financing of capacity building activities in the field of gender and climate change.
- Limited support for Gender and Climate Change Focal Points to carry out the mandate as accorded in the Lima work Programme.
- Lack of a domestic bankable investment plans to facilitate resource mobilization for the implementation of GAP in LDCs
- Support is very limited from UNFCCC and international sources to implement the Gender Action Plan
- Under-representation of women at the decision making and policy level in relation to climate change and disaster risk reduction. This includes limited representation at regional and global platform on climate change and disaster risk reduction.

Gaps

- Domestication of Gender Action Plan. Many LDCs are still lagging behind in the implementation of the Gender Action Plan activities due to lack of Country specific Gender and Climate Change Strategies.
- There were few submissions from various Countries that finally hindered effective reporting.

Priorities for the next Gender Action Plan;

1. Support parties to develop tools on designing and implementing gender responsive climate actions.
2. Encourage and support parties to design and prepare Gender Action Plans both for adaptation, mitigation and L & D
3. Encourage and support parties to develop investment plans to assist in the mobilization of resources for the implementation of GAP
4. Encourage parties to integrate gender perspectives in the design, monitoring and evaluation, mitigation and adaptation policies, projects and programs.
5. Enhance the capacity of Gender and Climate Change Focal Points in negotiations and implementation of the gender action plan activities.
6. Support the work of the National Gender and Climate Change Focal Points through capacity building, experience sharing of best practices and knowledge exchange.
7. Provide technical and financial support for the implementation of the Gender Action Plan activities developed at the national levels.
8. Support Research on the differentiated impacts of change on men and women.
9. Support parties to develop guidelines and tools that incorporate gender-responsive climate actions in the National Determined Contributions (NDCs).

10. Support National Focal Points to attend Regional and International meetings.
11. Support women and youth groups to implement gender-responsive climate actions at the grassroots levels.
12. Enhance the production and use of gender statistic in climate change and disaster issues to assist the monitoring, evaluating and planning