

Kenya Submission on the Continuation and Enhancement of the Lima Work Programme on Gender

Kenya welcomes the invitation to submit its view on the possible elements and guiding principles for continuing and enhancing the Lima Work Programme on Gender. Kenya recognises the value of the LWP and takes note of the progress made in achieving the objectives of decision 23/CP.18.

Kenya appreciates the outcomes of, and recommendations from, the two in-session workshops, held on gender-responsive climate policy focusing on mitigation action, technology development and transfer, and adaptation, capacity-building and training for delegates on gender issues. Kenya acknowledges the gaps identified in the implementation of LWP and therefore supports its continuation and enhancement.

Kenya recommends the following:

Elements:

- in accordance with decision 18/CP.20 paragraph 17, the enhancement of the current focal point office to a fully fledged department to ensure the effectiveness of implementing gender responsive actions;
- the inclusion of education infrastructure, tourism and energy value chain the development of performance indicators for gender integration in the processes and value chains of all sectors and guidelines for reporting;
- gender responsiveness be a factor for disbursement of support (finance, capacity building, technology development and transfer);
- developing linkages with the workstreams, bodies and mechanisms under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), its Kyoto Protocol (KP) and Paris Agreement (PA);
- designing clear messaging based on gender disaggregation to demonstrate gender integration beyond numbers;
- identifying and nominating male champions in gender integration.

Principles

- the LWP to be a continuous process with no time limit;
- urge the universal understanding of gender terms.

Kenya has made progress in undertaking gender-responsive climate change actions and policies as evidenced by following:

- Constitution of Kenya which makes gender equality and inclusion obligatory, and establishes a National Gender and Equality Commission.
- The National Gender and Equality Commission hosts and is the secretariat of the African Working Group on Gender and Climate Change
- The establishment of a State Department responsible for Gender Affairs
- The National Climate Change Framework Policy and the Climate Change Act 2016 anchor the mainstreaming of gender equity and inclusion in climate change action and support

Kenya looks forward to a positive recommendation from the SBI to the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC.