

## **Uganda's Submission on the Continuation and Enhancement of the Lima Work Programme on Gender and Climate Change, 15 September 2016.**

### **Submission made by UNFCCC NFP-Uganda**

#### **Introduction**

Uganda welcomes the invitation to submit its view on the possible elements and guiding principles for continuing and enhancing the Lima Work Programme on Gender. Uganda acknowledges the value of the Lima Work Programme and appreciates the progress made in achieving the objectives of decision 23/CP.18. Uganda recognizes that gender is an important component in tackling climate change and affirms the need to enhance the Lima Work Programme on Gender. Some challenges have been identified in the implementation of the Lima Work Programme and recommendations have been suggested as stipulated below.

#### **Challenges**

Uganda recalls some of the challenges highlighted from the in-session workshops and the reports from the secretariat that included:

- 1) Few women from Africa are appointed to key positions in the UNFCCC bodies
- 2) Few African women are participating in global meetings
- 3) African women are unable to access new, appropriate and safe technologies and resources
- 4) Inadequate understanding of the gender concepts and mainstreaming
- 5) Inability of parties to domesticate COP decisions on Gender
- 6) Limited incorporation of gender analysis, budgeting, gender mainstreaming , sex-disaggregated data in planning and implementation of climate change programs and projects
- 7) Inadequate reporting on gender responsive actions by Parties

#### **Recommendations**

Uganda recommends a continuous work program on gender with biannual review that includes the following elements:

1. Strengthening the capacity of the UNFCCC gender focal point within the secretariat
2. Development of a gender and climate change implementation framework with an M&E plan (having clear indicators with sex-disaggregated data for all reporting and implementation)
3. Parties to appoint a gender focal point in each country
4. Continuous training and capacity building at global, regional, national and sub-national levels on integration of gender and climate change targeting male and female negotiators and delegates in the UNFCCC processes
5. Adequate and dedicated financial resources for implementing a gender program at global, regional and country level
6. Further the work on the goal of gender balance with a view to achieving gender parity
7. Convening of the gender forum at SBs and COP
8. Referring to the gaps and challenges identified in the technical paper on guidelines to integrate gender related activities; we urge the Secretariat to identify and communicate solutions and further to guide the process for implementation.

#### **Conclusion**

Uganda looks forward to favourable decisions on the continuation of the Lima Work Programme taking in consideration the above recommendations and hope for appropriate decision in COP22, Marrakech, Morocco.