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Subject: Submission on Elements for the Continuation of the Lima Work Programme on Gender

The EU welcomes the opportunity to submit views on possible elements and guiding principles for continuing and enhancing the work program pursuant to the conclusions adopted by the SBI at its 44th session¹.

The EU considers gender equality an important element for achieving the objectives under the Convention in an effective way and welcomes the results of the Lima Work Programme on gender, which provides a good framework for making substantive progress in advancing gender equality and gender balance within the context of climate change policies.

It is important to recognize that - as a result of social, political and economic inequalities - women experience the impact of climate change disproportionately compared with men. Women are, however, important actors in mitigation and adaptation if provided equal access to decision-making and implementation, education and training, resources, technology and capacity building.

Given that gender mainstreaming is a long-term objective, the EU sees merit in a continuation of the Work Programme on gender with a regular review every two years and the possibility to provide guidance on the content of the Work Programme, if necessary.

Gender equality is one of 17 Global Goals (SDG 5) that make up the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. An integrated approach is crucial for progress across the multiple goals, including Climate Change (SDG 13).

¹ FCCC/SBI/2016/8 para 140

Purpose and Scope of the Work Programme

The purpose of the Work Programme should be to provide a framework for strengthening gender equality and empowerment of women in climate action. This can be promoted inter alia by awareness raising, information sharing, learning from good practices, capacity building, training and education, increasing transparency and accountability, developing statistic tools and strengthening access to existing resources.

Possible Elements of the Work Programme

1. In session workshops
 - Request the secretariat to organise, in co-operation with Parties and interested organizations, in-session workshops that focus on reviewing progress and considering further measures for integrating gender equality in specific processes including the preparation of NDCs, NAPs and national communications, capacity building, access to funding, technical reviews and preparation for stock taking and on implementation of gender responsive national policies;
2. Capacity building, training and awareness raising
 - Request the secretariat to organize, in cooperation with Parties and interested organizations, (a) training and awareness-raising for female and male delegates on issues related to gender equality and climate change, and (b) capacity building for female delegates, in particular from least developed countries, to effectively participate in UNFCCC meetings via training on, inter alia, negotiation skills, drafting of legal language and strategic communication.
 - Strengthen of the capacity of the Secretariat to implement and assist Parties and bodies under the convention to implement climate policies and activities in a gender responsive manner.
 - Invite other bodies/work programmes to include gender aspects in their training events
3. Pre-2020 and Technical examination processes / TEP
 - Invite interested Parties and non-Party stakeholders to include gender aspects in the policy options, strategies and actions explored in the technical examination process (TEP), both in the mitigation and the adaptation process.
 - Encourage the Secretariat and the high-level champions to consider and develop connections between the gender agenda and the global climate action agenda where relevant.
4. Platform on “Gender and Climate Change”
 - Request the Secretariat to develop further the website “Gender and Climate Change” and urge Parties and observers to contribute to the website.
5. Technical papers
 - Request the Secretariat to prepare a technical paper on guidelines or other tools on integrating gender considerations into climate change related activities under the Convention for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its forty-eight session.

6. Reporting

- Request all bodies established under the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement to include in their regular reports also progress made in integrating gender equality in their processes, policies and activities and invite the Secretariat to make a synthesis paper of these reports biannually in order to build synergies in gender policies and strengthening transparency and accountability.
- Invite the Secretariat to report on the gender composition of the delegations and bodies.
- Encourage Parties to report on integrating gender considerations in their climate policies.

7. Funding

- Encourage Parties and relevant organisations to support their efforts for integrating gender equality across climate change funding programmes and policies by using comparable measures and tools to track the gender-responsiveness of their funding allocations.
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