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Subject: Submission on matters to be considered at the in-session workshop (May 2017) to develop possible elements of the gender action plan

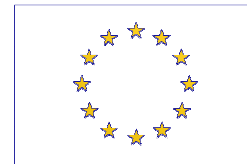
In the Marrakech decision on Gender and climate change, the COP *requests the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to develop a gender action plan in order to support the implementation of gender-related decisions and mandates under the UNFCCC process, which may include priority areas, key activities and indicators, timelines for implementation, the responsible and key actors and indicative resource requirements for each activity, and further elaborate its process of review and monitoring* (§27). The COP also *requests the secretariat to convene, in cooperation with Parties and interested observers and other stakeholders, an in-session workshop during the forty-sixth sessions of the subsidiary bodies to develop possible elements of the gender action plan referred to in paragraph 27 above for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its forty-seventh session (November 2017)*(§29).

The EU and its Member States welcome the opportunity to submit views on possible matters to be addressed at the in-session workshop during the forty-sixth session of the Subsidiary Bodies to develop possible elements of the gender action plan under the Lima Work Programme on Gender.

The EU considers further action on promoting gender equality, empowerment of girls and women and gender responsive climate policies, including in the context of the implementation of the Paris Agreement, most important.

In that respect, the EU welcomes the continuation of the Lima Work Programme on Gender, including the development of the gender action plan as effective tool to support implementation of gender related UNFCCC decisions and mandates under the UNFCCC process.

The Marrakesh decision on Gender and climate change -/CP.22 provides the overall objective for the gender action plan, namely to support the implementation of gender-related decisions and mandates under the UNFCCC process.



This includes in particular the decisions on gender 36/CP.7, 1/CP.16, 23/CP.18, 18/CP.20, 1/CP.21, the Marrakesh decision on Gender and climate change -/CP.22 and the gender related mandates in the Paris Agreement.

In addition to these decisions on climate change and gender and the Paris Agreement, more than 50 decisions on the main programmes, which include gender mandates have been taken within the UNFCCC process.

A compilation of these mandates until May 2015 is available on the UNFCCC website, in document GCC/DRC/2015/1¹. It would be most useful if the Secretariat could update this document and make this update available through its website prior to the workshop.

Possible matters to be considered by the in-session workshop

The Marrakesh COP decision on Gender and climate change -/CP.22 elaborates in its paragraph 27 the purpose of the gender action plan by stating that the plan should support the implementation of the gender-related decisions and mandates under the UNFCCC process.

Therefore the workshop should have two half days for its discussion with the purpose of producing a first robust draft of the gender action plan for further consideration.

The workshop should be informed by an updated version of the compilation of decisions, subsidiary body reports and adopted conclusions related to Gender and climate change as prepared by the Secretariat in document GCC/DRC/2015/1, including also the gender related mandates in the Paris Agreement. This document could then be considered as the basis for the discussion on the elements of the gender action plan.

Organisation of the workshop

In the EU's view the workshop should lead to an overview of priority areas, concrete key activities to be taken, by who and by when.

The discussions about inter alia the related indicators, timelines for implementation, the responsible key actors and indicative resource consideration by key activities as well as the monitoring and review of the gender action plan should be very output and praxis oriented.

The EU is looking forward to further cooperation and exchanges with all parties, observers and other stakeholders to further develop its position in the light of the developments and preparations for the in-session work as provided in paragraph 28 of the Marrakesh decision on Gender and climate change.

¹ http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/bonn_jun_2015/application/pdf/gcc_drc_2015_1.pdf