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Dear Ms. Maruma Mrema,

In response to notification 2020-055 "Consultation and Information Briefing on a Draft Outline of a new gender plan of action", Canada is pleased to provide the below comments for consideration on the Draft Outline of a new gender plan of action. We appreciate the opportunity to provide input on this important subject matter and look forward to further discussions on this topic in the context of negotiations during SBI-3.

Best regards,

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Review comments on the draft outline of a gender plan of action for the post-2020 period	
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0	0	0	In the interest of inclusivity, the document could contain in a preambular paragraph a reference that would denote the inclusion of “those who identify as women”.
0	0	0	Suggest adding some language that would recognize the distinct obstacles and experiences of indigenous women and girls and their unique roles and contributions to the implementation of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. Recommendations, indicators and guidance provided to Parties should take this into account.
4	B	1	In order to achieve the objective of “equal participation and leadership of women in biodiversity-related governance bodies at all levels”, it will be



			important to provide guidance to Parties as to how they can help ensure the representation of women in government bodies, stakeholder consultation groups and activities within relevant sector groups.
6	B	6	<p>The draft identifies as an objective that “Women and men have equal access to benefits associated with biodiversity conservation and sustainable use, and from the utilization of genetic resources”.</p> <p>One should be careful to use wording that does not confuse a goal about the equal access to the benefits of nature and biodiversity, with the third objective of the Convention (access and benefit-sharing of the utilization of genetic resources). Perhaps this particular objective could be re-worded to ensure that these two distinct things are not confused. The current wording is overly broad, seemingly extending beyond the scope of the Convention’s objective with regards to the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources.</p> <p>There should be an objective within the gender plan of action that ensures that women and men are equitably sharing in the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources (as well as the benefits associated with the other two objectives of the Convention), but the intent of such an objective should remain within the stated scope of the Convention.</p>
6	B	8	<p>Section I of the document identifies three action areas based on the language of the draft target 20 (of the draft post-2020 monitoring framework).</p> <p>Focusing the action areas solely on the wording of target 20 limits the potential impact of a gender plan of action to promoting progress towards that one target. It should be noted as well that draft Target 20 has not yet been adopted, and should therefore not be the sole anchor for the Gender Plan of Action.</p> <p>To ensure that gender considerations are mainstreamed throughout the Post-2020 Global biodiversity framework, it will be important to think through key gender entry points in other targets and what additional key objectives should be added in order to advance gender considerations throughout multiple targets within the global framework.</p>
7	B	9	<p>The objective of ensuring “sufficient financial and human resources are available for gender-responsive action” requires additional precision.</p> <p>This objective will need to be further defined in the next iteration to include a designated actor, action(s) and context, for instance: Parties</p>



			will seek to allocate resources to support gender-related initiatives and to ensure the implementation of their NBSAPS takes under consideration gender equality considerations.
8	B	12	<p>This will certainly be a critical element to help build the case for the advancement and increased focus on gender equality considerations domestically.</p> <p>It could be of interest to also strengthen the evidence base and understanding of the experiences of Indigenous women vis-à-vis the impacts of biodiversity loss and their role in the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and access and benefit sharing of genetic resources.</p> <p>Not only is it important to increase the generation of knowledge but it would also be of interest to develop a set of tools or guidelines on how to best raise awareness about the linkages between gender and biodiversity.</p>
8	B	14	<p>The section on implementation focuses greatly on building domestic capacity, partnerships and collaboration; there could be additional scope within this section to include objectives that would allow Parties/the Secretariat/expert organizations to share best practices, develop guidance documents to support the development of a policy framework for gender considerations, and to establish a gender-reviewing body to help assess the inclusion of gender equality considerations within NBSAPS.</p> <p>Individual Parties, expert international organizations and the CBD Secretariat collectively have knowledge and insight that could be shared for the benefit of individual Parties that are still in the process of building domestic capacity.</p>
9	B	15	In order to ensure that a gender perspective is integrated into global and national review processes, it will be important to provide Parties with guidance as to the tools / indicators that can be adopted domestically to account for differences in biodiversity use between women and men in stocktaking exercises for NBSAPs.