**Guidelines and template for comments on the draft outline of a new gender plan of action for the post-2020 period**

1. ***Background***
2. In order to support the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, on agenda item 3, *Review of progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020*, which will consider, amongst other matters, the *Review of implementation of the 2015-2020 Gender Plan of Action[[1]](#footnote-1)* and *a new draft gender plan of action for the post-2020 period*, the Executive Secretary has prepared a draft outline of a gender plan of action for consultation, available at <https://www.cbd.int/sbi/review.shtml>.
3. The draft outline has been prepared based on the review of implementation of the 2015-2020 Gender Plan of Action and consultations on gender in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework[[2]](#footnote-2), to structure input for the development of a new gender plan of action. The draft outline is presented in a table organized in three sections: I. Draft Action Areas; II. Implementation Support Mechanisms; and III. Responsibility and Transparency, Outreach, Awareness and Uptake. Parties and partners are invited to reflect on the draft outline and propose priority areas for action and related objectives. The draft outline contains questions for consideration in the provision of input. These questions are included in section III of this document for reference.

***II. Submitting Comments***

1. To ensure that your comments are given due consideration, please send them by e-mail to [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int), at your earliest convenience but **no later than 31 August 2020**
2. When submitting comments, please adhere to the following guidelines as much as possible:
   1. Please provide all comments in writing and in an MS Word or similar document format using the template provided below.
   2. Please provide full contact information for the individual/Government/organization submitting the comments.
   3. Please avoid commenting on issues related to grammar, spelling, or punctuation, unless it affects the overall meaning of the text, as the document will be edited as the final draft is prepared.
   4. To facilitate the consultation process please be as specific as possible in your comments. In areas where you feel additional or alternative text or information is required, please suggest, if possible, what this text may look like or what should be included.
   5. If you refer to additional sources of information, please include these with your comments when possible or provide a complete reference or hyperlink.
   6. All comments will be posted on the gender webpage[[3]](#footnote-3) for the post-2020 process in the interests of transparency
3. Should you have any questions regarding the review process, please contact [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int).
4. ***Guiding Questions***
5. Guiding questions included in the draft outline of the new gender plan of action are repeated below for ease of reference. Please note, these questions are provided as a basis to generate clear and concise proposals for priority areas for action and associated objectives for inclusion in a draft gender plan of action for the post-2020 period. All responses are requested to be sent in the format of the template for comments, as put forward under the below heading: *IV. Template for Comments*.

*Section I: Draft Action Areas*

* Do the draft action areas reflect priority gender-biodiversity issues in your country or region?
* Are there other action areas you would propose as priorities for addressing gender and biodiversity issues in your country or region?
* Do the draft objectives reflect priority gender-biodiversity issues in your country or region?
* Are there other objectives you would propose that are important for gender and biodiversity in your country or region?

*Section II: Implementation Support Mechanisms*

* Are there other objectives related to Implementation Support that you think are important for the work of your government or organization on gender and biodiversity?

*Section III: Responsibility and Transparency, Outreach, Awareness and Uptake*

* Are there other topics that are important to the gender-biodiversity work of your government or organization that you think should be added to this list?
* Are there other objectives related to these topics that you think are important for the work of your government or organization on gender and biodiversity?

***IV. Template for Comments***

1. Please use the review template below when providing comments.
2. The complete draft outline has been released in a portable document format (PDF). The draft outline is presented as a table containing column letters and row numbers, and page numbers are also indicated. Please use these as a reference for providing your comments, as illustrated in the template below. General comments on the draft outline can be included by referring to Page 0 and Line 0.

**TEMPLATE FOR COMMENTS**

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| 8 | B | 14 | This is an example of a specific comment on Page 8, Column B, and Line 14 | |
| 5 | B | 4 | Additional objective:  Improve the leadership and participation of women as entrepreneurs and industry professionals on the green industry; create a network of Amazonian women entrepreneurs in order to share experiences and good practices in innovative entrepreneurship.  Justification:  SDG 8,3: Promote development-oriented policies that support productive activities, decent job creation, entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation, and encourage the formalization and growth of micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises, including through access to financial services  SDG 9,3: Increase the access of small-scale industrial and other enterprises, in particular in developing countries, to financial services, including affordable credit, and their integration into value chains and markets  SDG 5a: Undertake reforms to give women equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to ownership and control over land and other forms of property, financial services, inheritance and natural resources, in accordance with national laws | |
| 7 | B | 11 | Additional objective:  Strengthened statistical systems with a gender perspective that allow the design of gender indicators related to forest and biodiversity management  Justification:  UNFCCC Gender Action Plan:  A.3 Enhance capacity-building for governments and other relevant stakeholders to collect, analyse and apply sex-disaggregated data and gender analysis in the context of climate change, where applicable  ---  The "Implementation Support Mechanism" entitled "Capacity Building" could have three objectives: The first related to the capacity to monitor National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAP). The second related to strength the capacity to create indicators related to forest management and biodiversity. Finally, the third objective related to the creation of data to support the implementation and monitoring of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. | |
| 8 | B | 12 | Additional objective:  Created a Regional Observatory as a mechanism to strengthen gender mainstreaming in the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity; study of constraints to entrepreneurship development, analysing formal and informal institutional barriers to female entrepreneurship.  Justification:  SDG 13b: Promote mechanisms for raising capacity for effective climate change-related planning and management in least developed countries and small island developing States, including focusing on women, youth and local and marginalized communities  UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), adopted in 1979 | |
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1. [CBD/SBI/3/2/Add.3](https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/2a29/307a/3235fdabd9edd01b9576e42b/sbi-03-02-add3-en.pdf) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. [Expert Workshop to Develop Recommendations for Possible Gender Elements in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, 11-12 April 2019, NYC, USA](https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/423f/a276/206bc2751c07658af8fa1a4a/gb-om-2019-01-02-en.pdf) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/post2020/gender> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)