

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

I. Background

1. 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 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>.
2. 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 framework², 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

3. To ensure that your comments are given due consideration, please send them by e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int, at your earliest convenience but **no later than 31 August 2020**
4. When submitting comments, please adhere to the following guidelines as much as possible:
 - a. Please provide all comments in writing and in an MS Word or similar document format using the template provided below.
 - b. Please provide full contact information for the individual/Government/organization submitting the comments.
 - c. 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.
 - d. 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.
 - e. If you refer to additional sources of information, please include these with your comments when possible or provide a complete reference or hyperlink.

¹ [CBD/SBI/3/2/Add.3](#)

² [Expert Workshop to Develop Recommendations for Possible Gender Elements in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, 11-12 April 2019, NYC, USA](#)

- f. All comments will be posted on the gender webpage³ for the post-2020 process in the interests of transparency
5. Should you have any questions regarding the review process, please contact secretariat@cbd.int.

III. Guiding Questions

6. 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

7. Please use the review template below when providing comments.
8. 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

Review comments on the draft outline of a gender plan of action for the post-2020 period	
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Page	Column letter	Row number	Comment
0	0	0	<p>The GPA's structure should be simple, easy to understand and able to be implemented by all actors. In this regard, the structure should:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) include specific activities, deliverables, timelines and responsible actors for implementation; include information on the "level" of implementation of the activity, i.e., rational, regional, global) 2) embed monitoring and reporting mechanism as part of the activities 3) embed capacity-building activities within the priority areas, not as a separate sub-section <p>To keep the GPA's structure simple, the objectives can be made broader and taken out of the table format. For example, the UNFCCC GAP 2019-2024 (second GAP) specifies the objectives in the body of the decision text adopting the GAP. Similarly, the column on coherence could be deleted and a paragraph on coherence can be added in the decision text adopting the GAP. This will simplify the GAP structure and not divert attention to and focus on the specific activities to be implemented and the responsible actors and deliverables.</p>
0	0	0	<p>The GPA should respond to calls for coherence and synergies. In this regard, the CBD GAP's objectives and activities should be aligned with the UNFCCC and UNCCD GAPs. Examples of activities aligned with (or supportive of) the UNFCCC GAP are provided in the subsequent comments.</p>
0	0	0	<p>The decision text of the GPA should include a specific date/time for review of the GPA (e.g., which COP and the specific modalities for the review).</p>
4	A	1	<p>Align the draft action language with the 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development and rephrase to:</p> <p><i>Ensure women's full, equal and effective participation and leadership at all levels of decision-making</i></p> <p>Equal participation is the standard phrase used by intergovernmental bodies and their outcome documents.</p>

			The Commission on the Status of Women, in recent years used “full, equal and meaningful”
4		1	Example of an activity: Promote initiatives for capacity-building in leadership, negotiation and facilitation of negotiation for women delegates, including through webinars and in-session training to enhance women’s participation in the CBD process
4		2	Example of an activity: Identify and promote travel funds as a means of supporting the equal participation of women in all national delegations at CBD sessions, as well as funds to support the participation of grass-roots local and indigenous peoples’ communities from developing countries, the least developed countries and small island developing States and encourage Parties and relevant organizations to share information on travel funding.
4		3	Example of an Activity: Share experiences and lessons learned among Parties that have undertaken gender-responsive development, revision, implementation and monitoring of national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs), including gender-responsive project planning and reporting Example of an Activity: Engage women’s groups following the three Rio Conventions and national gender equality mechanisms in the process of developing, implementing and updating biodiversity conservation policies, plans, strategies and action, as appropriate, at all levels
5	A	4	Proposed rephrasing the action area language to: <i>Ensure that women and girls have equal rights to resources, including access to, ownership of, and control over natural resources and related technologies</i>
6	A	8	Additional Action Area: Ensure that women’s and girls’ contributions to and activities supporting the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and genetic resources are identified, mapped, recorded, valued and tracked

6	B	8	<p>Additional objective:</p> <p>Women’s contribution to conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and genetic resources are identified, mapped, valued and tracked to ensure the equitable sharing of benefits from biodiversity and genetic resources</p>
7-8	0	0	<p>Section II of the GPA – Implementation Support Mechanisms seems redundant.</p> <p>The specific support mechanisms identified will naturally be part of or support the carrying out of the activities in each priority action area. Some activities can be capacity-building or training, will entail building evidence or generate knowledge and involve partnerships/collaboration and resource mobilization.</p>
7		9	<p>Example of an Activity:</p> <p>Share experiences and support capacity-building on gender-responsive budgeting, including on the integration of gender-responsive budgeting into national budgets to advance gender-responsive biodiversity policies, plans, strategies and actions</p>
			<p>Raise awareness of the financial and technical support available for promoting the strengthening of gender integration into biodiversity-related policies, plans, strategies and action, as appropriate, including good practices to facilitate access to green finance for grass-roots women’s organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities</p>
7		10	<p>Example of an Activity:</p> <p>Support capacity-building for gender-responsive development, implementation and monitoring of national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs), including gender-responsive project planning and reporting</p>
7		11	<p>Example of an Activity:</p> <p>Enhance the availability of sex-disaggregated data to better inform gender-responsive biodiversity-related policies, plans, strategies and action</p>
9	0	0	<p>Section III – Responsibility and Transparency, Outreach, Awareness and Uptake is redundant.</p> <p>The “sub-sections” outlined in column A of Section III can be made an integral part of Section I of the GPA.</p> <p>See details in the subsequent comments.</p>
9	B	15	<p>Language on the review process can be included in the text of the decision to adopt the GPA (as is the case in the two UNFCCC Gender Action Plans, as well as UNCCD GAP)</p>

9	B	16	Monitoring and Reporting can be “activities” within the Action Areas in Section I
9	B	17	Outreach, Awareness and Uptake can also be translated into activities language in Section I

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