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Gender Plan of Action

Midterm review of the implementation of the Gender Plan of Action 2023–2030

Draft recommendation submitted by the Chair

The Subsidiary Body on Implementation

Recommends that, at its seventeenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopt elements of a decision¹ along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Takes note* of the findings of the midterm review of the implementation of the Gender Plan of Action 2023–2030,² including identified progress, lessons learned and remaining gaps, submitted at the sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation;³

2. *Recognizes* the role of the Gender Plan of Action as the primary instrument to support the gender-responsive implementation of the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,⁴ in particular its Target 23 and its links with its Target 22 and section C;

3. *Encourages* Parties, other Governments, subnational governments, cities and other local authorities, and relevant organizations to continue and strengthen their efforts to implement the Gender Plan of Action, taking into account national circumstances, priorities and capacities, in particular by:

(a) Ensuring the effective implementation of gender-responsive approaches across all biodiversity-related policies, strategies, plans and actions at all levels, including through the consideration of such approaches in revised or updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans;

(b) Ensuring the full, equitable, meaningful and informed participation of women, in particular among indigenous peoples and local communities, in biodiversity-related decision-making at all levels;

(c) Enhancing efforts to generate, use and report data disaggregated by sex, age and other demographic factors and gender indicators, where possible, to support the monitoring of and the evaluation of progress with the implementation of the Plan of Action;

¹ Additional elements pertaining to the decision on capacity-building and development and technical and scientific cooperation will be submitted for consideration at the seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body.

² Decision [15/11](#), annex.

³ See [CBD/SBI/6/5](#).

⁴ Decision [15/4](#), annex.

(d) Promoting the allocation of adequate, predictable, accessible and dedicated financial resources and strengthening institutional capacity for a gender-responsive implementation of the Plan of Action, including through targeted support for women-led initiatives, especially among indigenous peoples and local communities;

4. *Encourages* Parties to implement the Gender Plan of Action in all aspects and on all scales of planning, monitoring, reporting and review related to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,⁵ in line with paragraph 4 of decision [15/6](#) of 19 December 2022, and to use component indicator 23.CT.2⁶ in the national implementation of the Plan;

5. *Encourages* relevant international financial institutions, including the Global Environment Facility, to support gender-responsive biodiversity actions and improve processes related to access to funding for women-led initiatives, including from indigenous peoples and local communities;

6. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources:

(a) To continue to support Parties in the implementation of the Gender Plan of Action, including through technical guidance, capacity-building and knowledge exchange, in collaboration with indigenous peoples and local communities, women and other relevant stakeholders, in collaboration with the regional and subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres;

(b) To organize capacity-building activities, including virtual and in-person workshops, taking into account cost-effectiveness and prioritizing the technical gaps identified in the midterm review;

(c) To undertake a final review of the implementation of the Gender Plan of Action, identifying progress towards each of the objectives and indicative actions identified, as well as lessons learned and next steps, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at a meeting to be held before the nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

⁵ Decision [15/4](#), annex.

⁶ See decision [16/31](#), annex II.