

## Expert Workshop

# Developing recommendations for a gender-responsive post-2020 global biodiversity framework

New York, United States of America, 11-12 April 2019

## CONCEPT NOTE

### A. OVERVIEW

UN-Women, in partnership with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), with support from the Government of Canada and the CBD Friends of Gender Equality Group, will hold a two-day expert workshop to discuss substantive elements of a gender-responsive post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The workshop is intended to help advance thinking and planning for the integration of gender issues in the post-2020 biodiversity framework and, in so doing, will support preparation by Parties and other stakeholders of related inputs to the post-2020 process. The workshop will identify various entry points for the integration of a gender perspective in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, including through a review of selected Aichi Biodiversity Targets and related thematic areas of the Convention. The initial recommendations from the discussions may be further considered through follow-on consultation activities online and in meetings related to the post-2020 process. The outcomes of the workshop and related activities will also serve as inputs to submissions, the post-2020 discussion paper being prepared by the CBD Secretariat, subregional, regional and global consultations and other meetings of the Parties, which are expected to inform the post-2020 process, such as the Trondheim Conference to be held in July 2019.

The expert workshop will take place in New York, United States of America, on 11 and 12 April 2019, and will bring together approximately 30 to 40 experts representing Parties, the United Nations system, international organizations and civil society, who have experience and expertise to share on gender-responsive approaches in the context of biodiversity-related policy, planning and/or programming. Select experts from a range of disciplines will be requested to prepare thematic briefs to highlight and consolidate evidence on some key topics for consideration during the meeting.

### B. BACKGROUND

Parties, in decision [COP-14/34](#), agreed on the process for developing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. That decision mandated that the “process will be gender-responsive by systematically integrating a gender perspective and ensuring appropriate representation, particularly of women and girls, in the process.” The decision also welcomed the advice<sup>1</sup> for Parties, the Secretariat and other relevant organizations, prepared by the CBD Secretariat with support from UN-Women, to enable a gender-responsive and gender-balanced process for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. Parties, the Secretariat and relevant organizations were urged to consider this advice in their efforts to develop the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

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<sup>1</sup> Advice to enable a gender-responsive process for the development of the post-2020 biodiversity framework ([CBD/COP/14/9/Add.1](#)).



In parallel to the development of the post-2020 process, in 2019, the CBD Secretariat, at the request of Parties, will undertake a review of the implementation of the Gender Plan of Action 2015-2020<sup>2</sup> to identify gaps, best practices and lessons learned.<sup>3</sup> The outcome of this review will also inform the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, as well as the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and the second edition of the *Local Biodiversity Outlooks*, which are set to be available in 2020.

### C. OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED OUTPUTS

This expert workshop is organized with the primary objective of providing a dedicated platform to discuss possible substantive elements of a gender-responsive post-2020 global biodiversity framework, including means of implementation. Substantive contributions from experts on the gender dimensions of key biodiversity issues, such as sustainable management of agriculture, fisheries and forestry, equitable management of protected areas, and safeguarding genetic diversity and ecosystem services, may also be collected and compiled.

The main outcome of the workshop will be a report, including a rationale and specific recommendations to address gender issues in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, to be widely shared with Parties and other stakeholders as inputs to:

1. Submissions to the process to develop the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;
2. Subregional, regional and global consultations and negotiations on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework which will take place during 2019-2020;
3. The CBD Secretariat's post-2020 discussion paper, which is expected to serve as the primary basis for consideration of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

The materials from the workshop may also serve as a valuable resource in the review of the implementation of the 2015-2020 Gender Plan of Action and be included as inputs to the development of the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and the second edition of the *Local Biodiversity Outlooks*.

### D. DISCUSSION OUTLINE

The workshop will consider key gender issues and actions relevant to the current framework for biodiversity – the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its 20 Aichi Biodiversity Targets, Sustainable Development Goals 14 and 15 and related emerging issues.

**Overarching consideration:** What are the critical gender considerations, such as objectives, issue areas, goals, actions, targets or indicators, that need to be reflected in the post-2020 biodiversity framework? What concrete actions are needed along an implementation pathway?

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<sup>2</sup> Decision [XII/7](#).

<sup>3</sup> Decision [14/18](#).



### Critical issue areas and actions

1. What are the key gender dimensions to be addressed in respect to central issues of conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, such as sustainable natural resource management, equitable management of protected areas, and safeguarding of genetic diversity and ecosystem services?
2. What are the desired gender-specific objectives to be achieved? What critical actions are needed to realize these gender-specific objectives? What best practices can be applied, or scaled up?

### Policy coherence

3. How can a gender-responsive post-2020 biodiversity framework advance the achievement of gender and biodiversity related commitments in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including SDG 5, SDG 14 and SDG 15 among others?

### Means of implementation

1. What are some of the available methodologies (such as surveys, assessments, monitoring and evaluation frameworks and gender-responsive indicators) for biodiversity-related sectors/areas that national Governments can use to report on gender issues? Which could be applied at a global scale? What are the specific challenges with regard to data availability, collection and analysis of data?
2. What are the priority capacity-building needs for Parties and stakeholders of the Convention in order to ensure gender-responsive implementation of the Convention?
3. What financing opportunities can be accessed and maximized to implement gender-responsive biodiversity actions?

## **E. APPROACH**

The expert workshop will include brief introductory presentations on key gender issues and context relevant to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets, as well as SDGs 14 and 15 and emerging issues. Working groups will explore desired gender-specific objectives and critical actions towards the development of specific recommendations for the integration of gender perspectives in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. Prior to the consultation, select experts will be asked to provide short issue briefs responding to some of the guiding questions (see above) as they apply to their respective area of expertise. Recommendations emerging from this workshop may be further considered through follow-on consultation activities online and in meetings related to the post-2020 process.

## **F. PARTICIPATION**

A total of 30 to 40 participants will be invited to the consultations taking into account geographic and multi-stakeholder representation. A limited number of participants may receive travel-related support. Representatives from developed countries and United Nations entities and international organizations will be self-funded.