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CBD Women Caucus Statement

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The CBD Women's Caucus appreciates the efforts of the co-chairs to find ways to acknowledge and integrate our comments and feedback on the Post-2020 global biodiversity framework. For the framework to be effective and powerful in delivering its ambition to address the major health, biodiversity and inequality crises - **it needs to make sure women, Indigenous Peoples and local communities hold secure governance rights and access to land and natural resources on which their livelihoods depend.** This way, efforts to protect biodiversity and address climate change will not only be more successful but will contribute to a more equitable and just distribution of benefits derived from the use of biodiversity.

Secure legal tenure and governance rights, access to resources and inclusion in decision making—particularly of women, youth, Indigenous peoples, local communities, and other marginalized populations—as well as recognition of inclusive governance approaches, are foundational to achieving the goals of the post200 gb. **We feel that the Framework does not go far enough in this regard, and we believe that stronger recognition for a rights based approach in the post2020 gb must be made.**

Further, we believe that **gender equity and equality** must also be included throughout the gb in order for the Framework to enable true transformative change.

SDG target 5.c highlights the need to adopt and strengthen sound policies and legislation to advance gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels. The GBF Target 20 could be strengthened to better articulate the type of rights referred to in regards to 'ensur[ing] rights over relevant resources.'

Indicators and targets will benefit from including **stronger sex-disaggregated information.** Language on protection of access to land, forest and water for women, indigenous peoples, and local communities needs to be **included consistently throughout the framework, besides other relevant elements and indicators as proposed in our submissions.** There is also scope to use the language of gender equality and women's empowerment and inclusion (besides participation) throughout the GBF which would contribute to a more effective integration of a Rights based approach and implementation of the post2020 Gender Plan of Action and to better respond to the overall 2030 Agenda.



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Rights-based and ecosystem-based approaches provide a foundation for **transforming the conservation paradigm, and for transforming human economies through a genuine phasing out or redirection of perverse incentives and investments that could harm biodiversity. This also requires a profound governance reform to ensure rightsholders rather than corporations are at the heart of biodiversity governance.**

Part of the paradigm shift for building back better is the formal recognition of, and support for, the contributions of IPLCs, including youth and women to conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity ensuring that everyone has a right to a healthy environment and food sovereignty - right to wellbeing and right to living in harmony with nature.

In ending, we would also encourage Parties to take reference to the Issue brief (January 2021) prepared by UN Women and UNEP-WCMC on Integrating a gender perspective in the post-2020 GBF.

THANK YOU, CHAIR