



Convention on
Biological Diversity

Best Practices in Gender and Biodiversity: Sharing Learning for a Sustainable Tomorrow

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Purpose and Approach

Purpose

- Strengthen and update the evidence base on gender responsive policy and action
- Support integration of gender considerations in implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

Approach

- Call for contributions on recent/ongoing initiatives, with innovative, transformative actions
- Additional research to identify potential case studies



Criteria

- Impacts for biodiversity, gender equality and women's empowerment;
- Initiatives intended to transform gender relations, through addressing biodiversity;
- Implementation of the SDGs;
- Synergies with the Rio Conventions;
- Innovative technologies and approaches, including traditional and new approaches;
- Financing from new/non-standard partners;
- Initiatives undertaken at larger scales





Key Findings

Action Areas

- Equal access to land and biological resources
 - Tackling legal, policy and social barriers
 - Promoting women's equal and effective participation in user groups, such as for forests and water
- Equitable benefits
 - Creating sustainable income generation and employment opportunities
 - Women's collective action to improve benefits
- Equal voice in decision making at all levels
 - Increasing numbers, improving quality of participation
 - Meaningfully engaging women at all stages of NBSAPs, sector policy processes
 - Making concrete provisions to address gender inequalities, build on women's potential



Key Findings

Implementation Mechanisms

- Capacity development
 - Annex 1: examples of tools and toolkits
- Strengthening the evidence base
 - Annex 2: research and knowledge products
- Gender responsive biodiversity finance
- Good data development and use
- Gender action plans and resources



Key Messages

- Tackle the ‘tough stuff’
 - Change gender stereotypes, engage all community members, visibilize unpaid household contributions
- Ensure equitable access to land and natural resources
 - Supports the achievement of multiple SDGs
 - Efforts to improve women’s access include joint land titling, equal participation in user groups, formalizing informal women’s collectives
- Promote women’s collective action, organizations and networks
 - Enables connection between women, other stakeholders, helps develop technical skills, increases opportunities for sustainable livelihoods, fosters leadership
- Continue to foster women’s leadership
 - Engage with women in biodiversity-related policy, programming, increase women’s effective participation and leadership roles





Key Messages

- Create and tap into gender responsive financing opportunities
 - Climate and environmental financing mechanisms with gender-related commitments, allocation of funds for gender actions in NBSAPs
- Use and produce good data
 - Include women's unpaid roles in official statistics, targeted surveys with gender-related questions, building partnerships to support inclusive project design
- Scale up the small scale
 - Draw on successful models and approaches from small-scale projects – stakeholder consultations and gender analysis can identify practices for scale up





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10 Case Studies, 27 Snapshots



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Thank you!

Best Practices in Gender and Biodiversity: Pathways for multiple benefits is available at:

<https://www.cbd.int/gender/publications/CBD-Best-practices-Gender-Biodiversity-en.pdf>

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