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IMPLEMENTATION (SBI-6)**

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Key Message

Evidence presented in the midterm review of the implementation of the Gender Plan of Action, shows persistent gaps in access to gender-responsive financing and capacity, particularly for women from indigenous peoples and local communities. Addressing these gaps is essential for the effective and equitable implementation of the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

Mobilizing financial resources must be grounded in a human-rights and gender-responsive approach, ensuring the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, women, youth and people of African descent.

The application of the voluntary guidelines on safeguards in biodiversity financing mechanisms, is critical to avoid or mitigate negative impacts and to ensure that it delivers positive outcomes.

The component indicator for the national implementation of the Gender Plan of Action provides an important tool to strengthen national data systems, support the development of gender-responsive indicators and improve monitoring and reporting on the implementation of NBSAPs.

Ensuring predictable, accessible and sufficient resources is necessary to support gender-responsive implementation, including targeted support for women-led initiatives, particularly among Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities and people of African descent.

SBI-6 AGENDA ITEM 3 (a): Resource mobilization and financial mechanism: resource mobilization

Documents: [CBD/SBI/6/2](#)

V. Recommendation

The Conference of the Parties

2 (bis). Recognizing that the information provided in the midterm review of the implementation of the Gender Plan of Action identified limited access to gender-responsive funding, in particular for women from indigenous peoples and local communities, and highlighted the need to embed gender equality into national budgets and international funding mechanisms;

5. Invites Parties and other Governments, in line with section C of the Framework, and in particular with the involvement of indigenous peoples and local communities, **including women, youth and people of African descent**; and relevant stakeholders:

7. Invites Parties, other Governments, business organizations and other stakeholders, as well as national, regional and international development banks and other financial institutions, to take the voluntary guidelines on safeguards in biodiversity financing mechanisms¹² into account when selecting, designing and implementing biodiversity financing mechanisms and when developing instrument-specific safeguards for them, with a view to harnessing their positive effects in an effective manner and to avoiding or mitigating negative effects, and in particular:

(b) To provide capacity-building and the requisite financial support for technical assistance and training to relevant institutions and actors, in line with national circumstances and priorities, as well as for indigenous peoples and local communities, **women, youth and people of African descent** for strengthening the application of safeguards standards;

(c) To encourage enhanced access to knowledge through libraries of case studies and exchange platforms for sharing experiences on the use of the voluntary guidelines on safeguards in biodiversity financing mechanisms across projects and countries, **including women-led and gender-responsive financing initiatives**;

(d) To submit relevant case studies, good practices, lessons learned and associated guidance materials, **considering gender-responsive and women-led initiatives**, to the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention;

¹² Decision [XII/3](#), annex III

SBI-6 AGENDA ITEM 3 (b): Financial mechanism

Documents: [CBD/SBI/6/3/Rev.1](#)

IV. Recommendation

The Conference of the Parties,

Annex II

Terms of reference for the seventh quadrennial review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism

C. Criteria

(c) Information provided by Parties related to their performance in delivering Global Environment Facility projects, including information on the effectiveness and efficiency of access modalities, **constraints affecting women's access to financing**, and the competence and capacity required to use those modalities;



SBI-6 AGENDA ITEM 5: Gender Plan of Action

Documents: [CBD/SBI/6/5](#)

VI. Recommendation

1 bis. Recognizing that an indicator for the Gender Plan of Action (2023–2030) was developed in response to the adoption of the Framework⁸,

2. 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, in particular by:

(a) Ensuring the effective implementation of ~~[integrating]~~ gender-responsive approaches across all biodiversity-related policies, strategies, plans and actions at the national and local level in line with Target 23 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;^[2]

a. Bis Invites Parties to use the indicator for national implementation of the Gender Plan of Action to inform and cross-reference national data, and to develop gender-responsive national indicators for monitoring and reporting on the implementation of NBSAPs.

(b) Ensuring the full, equitable, meaningful and informed participation of women and girls and the leadership of women, including those from indigenous peoples and local communities, people of African descent in biodiversity-related decision-making at all levels;

(c) Enhancing ~~[efforts to generate]~~ the generation, use and ~~[report]~~ reporting of gender-disaggregated data, including data linking gender and biodiversity to support monitoring and the evaluation of progress with the implementation of the Gender Plan of Action;

(d) ~~Promoting~~ Ensuring the allocation of adequate and accessible resources and strengthening capacity within national and subnational institutions for a gender-responsive implementation of the Gender Plan of Action, including through targeted support for women-led initiatives, ~~[especially]~~ in particular among indigenous peoples and local communities, and people of African descent;

3.bis Requests/Encourages the Global Environment Facility when considering project proposals, to take into account and provide eligible Parties and women's rights organizations support to ensure gender equality, the empowerment of women and girls and the reduction of inequalities mobilizing sufficient resources towards implementing the Framework and achieving its goals and targets.

⁸ See Decision/16/31

SBI-6 AGENDA ITEM 7: Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations

Documents: [CBD/SBI/6/5](#)

III. Actions to enhance cooperation and synergies undertaken by the Secretariat, other conventions and international organizations, Governments and other stakeholders mentioned in decision 16/35

B. Cooperation with other conventions and relevant multilateral environmental agreements

3. Chemicals and waste-related conventions

27. In the context of the global report on collective progress in implementation of the Framework, the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions reported on work related to 19 targets and the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention reported on its ongoing work relevant for Target 7, including work on developing and using indicators on mercury concentrations in the air and human populations and work on the impact of mercury on indigenous peoples and local communities, which could be of relevance to Target 22²², 22^{bis} and Target 23²³.

V. Recommendation

8. Invites Parties and other Governments to continue to strengthen national cooperation and coordination among the national and gender focal points of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols, the national and gender focal points of other conventions and processes relevant to the implementation of the Framework and other relevant stakeholders in the development of their national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the preparation of their national reports, in line with national priorities and circumstances;



²² Submissions of the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions and the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention in response to notification No. 2025-099 are available at www.cbd.int/notifications/2025-099.

^{22bis} [UNEP/MC/COP.6/17](#) - Strengthening the effective engagement of Indigenous Peoples as well as local communities

²³ [UNEP/MC/COP.6/18](#) - Activities to address health concerns of women and children in the biennium 2026–2027

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