

Submission on Possible Elements of the Gender Action Plan under the Lima Work Programme on Gender

Kenya appreciates the Marrakech Decision on Gender and Climate Change -/CP.22 to continue and enhance the Lima Work Programme on Gender (LWP) and takes note of paragraph 27 and 29. Integration of gender is a critical component to effectively tackle climate change, and we welcome the opportunity to submit views on matters to be addressed during the SB 46 in-session workshop to develop possible elements of the Gender Action Plan under LWP.

Proposed Elements are:

Knowledge and Capacity Building

- Enhance technical support and capacity building of Parties on gender-responsive climate change policy including in regional and national meetings on planning and implementation of the NDCs and development of national communications;
- Enhance capacity building in gender responsive national planning, budgeting, implementation, monitoring and evaluation processes;
- Enhance capacity building on gender issues for negotiators following diverse agenda items;
- Identify, strengthen and upscale women friendly indigenous technical knowledge for climate change resilience
- Package and disseminate information for different target audiences including rural, grassroots communities on gender and climate change;
- Encourage Parties to involve women in the design and development of women friendly technological innovations.

Monitoring, Tracking and Reporting

- Develop gender responsive indicators in the existing MRV for climate related issues and policies;
- Develop mechanisms for reporting and regular analysis of gender dimensions of Parties' actions under the transparency framework;
- Strengthen mechanisms at the national, regional and international levels to assess the impact of climate change policies and programmes on gender and women;
- Ensure integration of gender into impact assessments for all climate change and sustainable development projects;
- Encourage Parties to document and share gender and climate change best practices;
- Integrate gender responsive checklist in the UNFCCC reporting guidelines.

Research and Systematic Observations

- Enhancing data networks and access to information for women;
- Encourage capacity building, mentorship programmes and fellowships of scientists in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) from developing countries especially for women and youth to enhance their ability to publish;
- Encourage the development of gender responsive adaptation indicators, and integrate the indicators in the UNFCCC;
- Conduct assessments of gender responsiveness of new provisions and mechanisms developed under UNFCCC;
- Integrate gender issues into the participatory action research;
- Encourage partnerships with relevant institutions (research, government, or non-state) on documentation and development of indigenous knowledge.

Gender Balance

- Provide training and capacity building on negotiation skills of female, male, youth and persons with disabilities delegates particularly from developing countries;
- Target resources to support the equal participation of women and men from developing countries' national delegations;
- Target parity of gender balance in constituted bodies and committees of the UNFCCC;
- Target parity of thematic panel sessions and the integration of gender into the agenda;
- Conduct annual assessments of progress of women's participation in national delegations;
- Explore the possibility of allocating a percentage from the UNFCCC trust fund for participation of women from all developing countries;
- Encourage developed countries to provide financial support for women delegates
- Upon accreditation have a synthesis of gender participation and advise accordingly;
- Consider the expansion of the UNFCCC gender focal point to a fully-fledged office well staffed to undertake implementation of the new programme as expanded;

Climate Finance

- Guide the GEF/GCF to address gender-responsiveness in budgeting, project/programme design and implementation;
- Enhance the GEF/GCF support for readiness and gender integration in climate action;
- Support women to access climate finance through development of quality project proposals with gender responsive budgeting that address their needs.