



## **SUBMISSION BY LATVIA AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND ITS 28 MEMBER STATES**

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**Subject: Views on matters to be addressed at the in-session workshop on gender responsive climate policy with a focus on mitigation action and technology development and transfer**

### **I. Background**

The EU welcomes the adoption of the Lima work programme on gender. This COP decision (FCCC/SBI/2014/L.43/Rev.1) provides a good framework for making substantive progress in promoting gender equality; active participation of women in UNFCCC activities; and further progress at the national and the local level. The Lima work programme on gender includes the organization of an in-session workshop on gender responsive climate policy with a focus on mitigation and technology development and transfer during the Subsidiary Body meetings in June 2015 in Bonn. The EU welcomes the opportunity to submit its views on the content of the workshop, which will take place during the 20-year anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action on women empowerment (Beijing+20).

The EU considers gender equality an important element for achieving the objectives under the Convention in an effective way.

As a result of social and economic inequalities, women are differently and, in some clear cases more impacted by climate change than men, particularly in vulnerable countries and face obstacles of accessing decision-making and implementation processes in mitigation as well as technology development and transfer. Equality in access to, and being able to play a meaningful role in, decision-making and implementation is therefore a major challenge for effective climate action. In addition, it is recognised that in daily life women and men often have different social and economic roles which can make different contributions to mitigation. These issues should be key considerations in the development of mitigation strategies and their implementation.

## **II. Purpose and scope of the workshop**

The purpose of the workshop should be the further clarification of gender responsive climate policy with a focus on mitigation and technology development and transfer. It should analyse whether and which gender responsive policy approaches have led to changes in mitigation activities and what this means for the effectiveness of those actions.

Taking this into account, we would see the workshop focusing on:

- Concrete experience in countries/regions;
- Different needs of women and men concerning mitigation technologies;
- Elements for success, difficulties and overcoming them.

Possible mitigation options (including positive examples, good practices and gaps) should be further analysed by looking at various important areas, including:

- Gender responsive mitigation options and technology needs from gender perspective;
- Promoting renewable energy and increasing energy saving and efficiency;
- Options in sustainable forestry;
- Exploring mitigation opportunities in sustainable agriculture.

The workshop should produce a report and concrete ideas for further action under the Lima programme on gender, which should be considered by the SBI during its 43<sup>rd</sup> session. The report could also be made available for other relevant Convention bodies.

## **III. Timing**

The workshop could be organized at the beginning of the second week of SBI 42.