



Gender Mainstreaming in the Convention on Biological Diversity



Objectives



- To provide an overview of key gender elements under the Convention
- To highlight recent actions by Parties and the Secretariat
- To share initial ideas related to gender in the post-2020 biodiversity framework
- To provide some recommendations for engagement of civil society



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Gender Linkages – Strategic Plan, Aichi Targets



Strategic Plan

- Requests Parties to mainstream gender considerations, where appropriate, in the implementation of the Plan
- Calls for capacity building on gender mainstreaming to be supported

Aichi Biodiversity Target 14 highlights the needs of women, indigenous and local communities and the poor and vulnerable in the restoration and safeguarding of ecosystems

- Considering and addressing **gender differences and inequalities** can increase the effectiveness of measures aimed at achieving the

Aichi Biodiversity Targets

- Gender is relevant for all Aichi Targets, and needs to be considered for the implementation of all Targets

COP 12 Decision XII/7 Mainstreaming gender considerations

The Conference of the Parties,

1. *Recognizes the importance of gender considerations to the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets*

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2015-2020 Gender Plan of Action



Provides a framework for the Secretariat to take actions and proposals for Parties to integrate gender into their work under the CBD

Strategic Objectives:

- mainstream a gender perspective in implementation;
- promote gender equality;
- demonstrate the benefits of gender mainstreaming; and
- increase the effectiveness of the work under the CBD

The Plan sets out four spheres of action – Policy, Organisational, Delivery and Constituency – which outline possible mainstreaming actions to be undertaken by the Secretariat and Parties

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Proposed Objectives for Parties



Policy Sphere:

- Mainstream gender into NBSAPs
- Identify potential policy obstacles
- Ensure political will

Organizational Sphere:

- Provide adequate support to staff on gender issues
- Finance gender mainstreaming

Delivery Sphere:

- Gain full and effective participation of men and women in implementation
- Consider women's and men's needs in design and implementation

Constituency Sphere:

- Build partnerships, ensure consistency with relevant conventions
- Benefit from lessons learned and good practice examples from related sectors



Framework for Actions by the Secretariat



Policy Sphere:

- Make gender and biodiversity a strategic priority of the Convention

Organizational Sphere:

- Strengthen gender-specific capacities of all Secretariat staff

Delivery Sphere:

- Collect and disseminate information on gender and biodiversity
- Link gender, biodiversity and poverty eradication
- Establish the basis for Parties to integrate gender into national biodiversity planning

Constituency Sphere:

- Build partnerships and establish networks
- Build awareness of biodiversity issues among gender-related and women's organizations
- Build capacity of women, particularly indigenous women, to participate in processes and decision-making



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Implementation – Actions by Parties and Stakeholders



Feedback on progress in implementation

Actions:

- supporting women's participation – *in situ* conservation, community biodiversity governance
- training on access and benefit sharing addressing women's knowledge

Needs:

- document traditional knowledge
- evaluate the Gender Plan of Action
- Incorporate gender in the development of the post-2020 biodiversity framework

Review of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans:

- women predominantly characterized as vulnerable
- limited information on strategies and actions to address gender issues, or to engage women's groups/ministries

Linkages with the Rio Conventions – joint capacity building

- improve understanding of gender-environment linkages
- women's empowerment and participation in Convention processes

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Implementation – Actions by the Secretariat



National level:

- Supporting developing country Parties to integrate gender in revised NBSAPs
 - Mexico, Uganda, Brazil

Regional level:

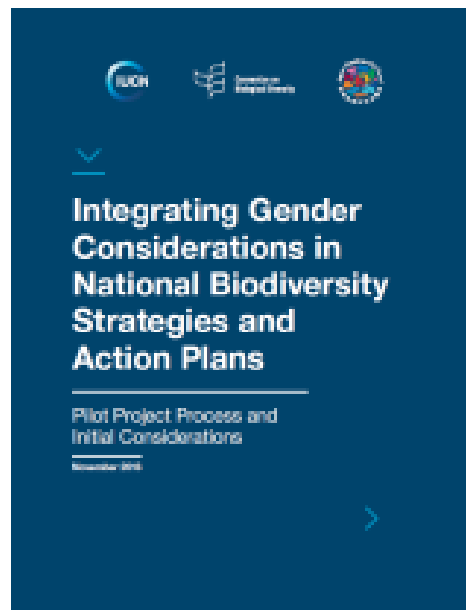
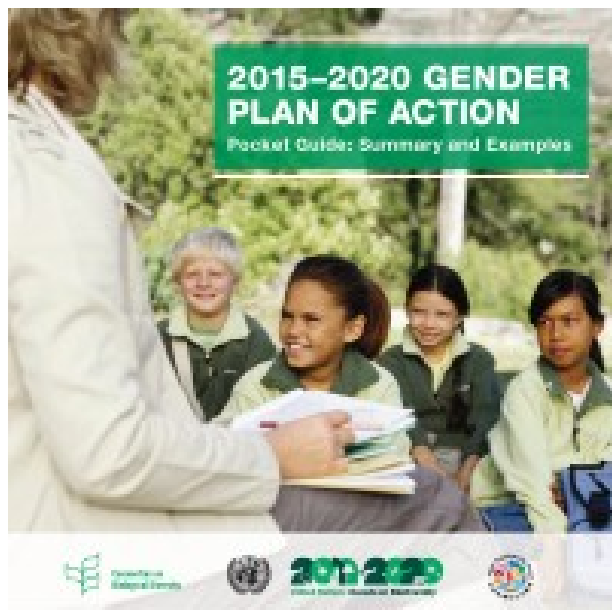
- Engaging gender-environment specialists, biodiversity experts to develop training materials focused on the Asia-Pacific region

Global level:

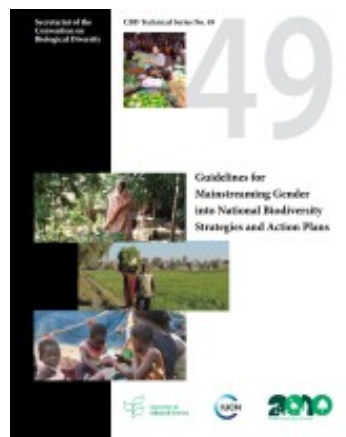
- Capacity building materials, including Gender Plan of Action Pocket Guide
- Open online course on gender and environment – GEF, GEF-SGP, UNITAR
- Capacity-building workshop on gender mainstreaming for meeting delegates, with UN Women and partners

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CBD Gender Materials



<https://www.cbd.int/gender>



Proposed Post-2020 Preparatory Process



Overarching Principles:

- Participatory
- Inclusive (+ gender sensitive)
- Comprehensive
- Transformative
- Catalytic
- Knowledge based
- Transparent
- Iterative

Activities:

- Multiple opportunities for Parties, IPLCs, stakeholders to submit views
- Global, regional and sectoral workshops – informal, open to Parties, IPLCs, stakeholders
- Consultations at relevant meetings
- Outreach to engage public inputs
- Mobilizing high-level political buy-in
- Encouraging and supporting organization of meetings by third parties
- Formal consideration – SBSTTA and SBI



Post-2020 Process – Input Received



Submissions received from Parties and stakeholder organizations

Relevant inputs:

- Gender issues cross-cutting, need for a bottom up process
- Assessment needed of the participation and contribution of gender groups, IPLCs, attention necessary to inclusion at national and sub-national levels
- Institutionalized channels of participation – considering culturally appropriate and gender-sensitive tools and methods, indigenous languages
- Indigenous women and grassroots women's groups as expert groups
- Gender must be prominently in the process
- Need for further information on how the process will be 'gender-sensitive'
- Gender needs to be integrated in the post-2020 framework, may require a standalone target
- Women in rural areas need to be included as a relevant group

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Recommendations for advancing gender considerations



- Participate in stakeholder consultations related to NBSAPs, natural resource management
- Identify opportunities to engage in the development and implementation of NBSAPs and related activities
- Collect and share sex-disaggregated data to identify and address differences in use, access and benefits derived from biological resources
- Promote equal rights to use, access and derive benefits from biodiversity
- Share learning, expertise, including through case studies
- Identify entry points and promote gender-biodiversity issues, needs and action in related fora (ex. planning and implementation of SDGs, climate change, desertification, national development strategies)
- Strengthen advocacy and engagement on gender-biodiversity issues

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