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Item 12: Capacity-building and development, technical and scientific cooperation, clearing-house mechanism and knowledge management

Thank you, Chair.

I am speaking on behalf of the CBD Women's Caucus.

As biodiversity challenges intensify, addressing them through a lens of **gender justice** and **women's rights** is critical to ensuring equitable, inclusive, and sustainable outcomes. Women, particularly Indigenous women and women from local communities, play a vital role as stewards of biodiversity, yet their contributions are often overlooked or undervalued. By integrating **gender-responsive approaches** into capacity-building, knowledge management, and technical cooperation, we ensure that women's voices, knowledge, and leadership are fully enabled

In this regard, we suggest the following text modifications the document *CBD/COP/16/2/REV.1* on item 12:

On section 1: Capacity-building and development

- In paragraph 1 remove the brackets around “and reports submitted by Non-state actors”
- In paragraph 8 (b), after “a global overview of their coverage” to add “**data on beneficiaries disaggregated by sex**”

In the same section, in annex 2: Modalities for operationalizing the global coordination

- In section 1, in paragraph 2 after “administrative staff” to add “**including a gender expert**”.
- In section IV, para 11(c) under abilities to leverage expertise from external contacts and networks, addition of “**including indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth groups**”
- In Section V, para 13 after “and relevant organisations”, addition of “**including indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth groups**”.



On section 2.A: Clearing-house mechanism and knowledge management

- In paragraph 2 (a) after the word “equitable”, to add **“and gender responsive”**.

In its Annex “Programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism”

- In strategic action 1.2.A on, after the text “and stakeholders” to add **“including indigenous peoples, local communities, women and youth”**.
- In strategic actions 2.1A and 2.1B after the text “relevant stakeholders” to add **“including indigenous peoples, local communities, women and youth”**
- In strategic action 2.2G after the text “and stakeholders” to include **[including indigenous peoples, local communities, women and youth”**
- In strategic action 4.1B after the text “and initiatives” to include **“including those from indigenous peoples, local communities, women and youth”**
- In strategic action after the text “cross-disciplinary” to include **“and gender-responsive”**

In annex “Knowledge management strategy” of section 2.B: Knowledge management

- In Section V on expected outcomes, in paragraph 14, after the wording “facilitating evidence-based” to add **“inclusive and gender-responsive”**
- In Section VIII, on component action B.6, after the word “indigenous” to add **“and local”**
- In the same section on component action C.1, replace **“and collect data”** with **“collect and responsibly manage”**
- In the same section on component action E.3, at the end of the paragraph to add **“women and youth”**

We would like to ask Parties for support.

Thank you.

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