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Item 15: Communication, Education, and Public Awareness

Thank you, Chair

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

It is essential that women and girls and youth, alongside Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, are recognised as key agents for communication, education, and public awareness for the achievement of the GBF and the three objectives of the Convention.

Therefore, the alignment of the programme of work on communication, education and public awareness should establish coherent approaches and actions, such as the development of open-source, culturally appropriate, and gender-responsive educational tools and capacity-building programs that enable women and girls to actively contribute to the implementation of the GBF and the Convention.

In this regard, we suggest the following text edits for document *CBD/COP/16/2/Rev.1 item 15*:

- In paragraph 4, in line 3, after the word “nature” add **“and representatives of women, youth, and Indigenous Peoples and local communities”**
- Lift brackets around paragraph 5.
- Start paragraph 6 with **“Urges”** instead of **“Invites”**.

In the annex:

- In section C, paragraph 2, after “innovative” add **“gender-responsive”**
- In section K, sub-section 1, operational paragraph 4 which starts with “increasing awareness”, in line 4, after the word “local communities” add **“women and youth”**.

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- In section 2, sub-section 4, operational paragraph 29, line 2, replace “relevant group of actors” with **“Indigenous Peoples, local communities, women and youth”**.
 - In paragraph 70 to replace “important” with **“imperative”**.
 - In the same paragraph after the word “communicate” add **“raise awareness among all society, in particular men and boys”**.
 - In the same paragraph delete **“in many countries”**.

We would like to ask the Parties for support.

Thank you.

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The CBD Women's Caucus (CBD WC) serves as the recognized women's constituency within the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). It stands as a self-organised global platform, supporting women and girls worldwide to advocate for their rights within biodiversity-related decision-making processes across all levels.

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