



2023 Activities Annual Report

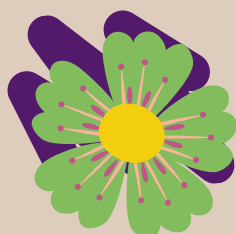
About us

Who are we?

The CBD Women's Caucus (CBD-WC) is an independent, self-organised, permanent and sustainable entity under the scope of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) guided by a framework of collective ownership, shared leadership, and collaborative action, enabling the Caucus to drive positive change for gender justice and the empowerment of women and girls in all their diversity in biodiversity-related decision-making spaces.

What do we do?

The CBD Women's Caucus (CBD-WC) promotes gender justice, women and girls' empowerment, and the integration of women and girls' rights and gender perspectives into the policy processes of the CBD. The CBD-WC serves as a global platform for all women and girls to advocate for their rights in all issues related to biodiversity and the three objectives of the CBD.



**Constituency Statute
adopted as
December 5, 2023.**
[Document available HERE](#)



1. Community Building

Membership management	Internal comms channels
- Updated subscription form - Working Language Agreement - Standardised nomination process 24 internal calls to represent the Caucus in diverse CBD processes and others - Membership increasing strategy (Developed / Pending launching) - Collective Annual Evaluation 2023	- Google group - WhatsApp group - Six bimonthly meetings (with interpretation to English/French/Spanish)
Information sharing	Advisory board
- Up to date CBD notifications sharing - Monthly achievements emails - Report back from CBD processes and meetings	- Annual work plan - Monthly strategic calls - Statutes development - Website map review



2. Capacity Development

Knowledge, Practice and Attitudes Survey	Mentors and Mentees program
• Developed • Pending launching	• Developed • Pending launching
Series of internal thematic calls “Advancing our capacities and position”	
Task Forces	• Monitoring Framework • Plant Conservation • Invasive Alien Species • Sustainable Wildlife Management • Climate Change • Traditional Knowledge indicators • Knowledge Management • 8j New Programme of Work • Digital Sequence Information Issues • Synthetic Biology • Resource mobilisation • Financial reporting • Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas • National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans • Technical and Scientific Cooperation • Article 8j provisions • Communication, Education and Public Awareness
Preparations towards CBD meetings	• Online preps for SBSTTA, 8jWG and DSIWG • In person preps for SBSTTA, 8jWG and DSIWG • Daily meetings during SBSTTA and 8jWG

3. Policy & Advocacy

Representation into CBD thematic processes

- Fifth meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on Capacity-building for the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol
- Informal Advisory Group on Technical and Scientific Cooperation
- Advisory Committee on Resource Mobilization
- Technical Expert Group on Financial Reporting
- Meeting to develop a Target 3 Partnership
- Sustainable Ocean Initiative Workshop on Ocean-related Capacity-building Needs for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,
- Multidisciplinary Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology
- Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) regional capacity-building workshop for East, South and South-East Asia
- International Forum facilitated by the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative (FERI): Workshop on ecosystem restoration-related planning and capacity-building needs for the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
- Sub-regional Dialogue on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) for ASEAN member States and Timor Leste
- Workshop to develop a road map for supporting the implementation and monitoring of and capacity development for ecosystem restoration under the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
- Technical Expert Workshop to Review Modalities for Modifying the Descriptions of EBSAs and Describing New Areas
- Legal Expert Workshops to Review Modalities for Modifying the Descriptions of EBSAs and Describing New Areas

Active delegations at CBD intersessional meetings

- Workshop on the recently completed assessments of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (Nairobi, Kenya; 13 October 2023)
- Twenty-fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (Nairobi, Kenya; 15–19 October 2023)
- International dialogue with indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant stakeholders on the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the Gender Plan of Action (Geneva, Switzerland; 9 – 10 November 2023)
- Twelfth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity (Geneva, Switzerland; 12–16 November 2023)
- First meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources (Geneva, Switzerland; 14–18 November 2023)

Side events during CBD meetings

- “How to Gender-Responsively Monitor the Implementation of the KM Global Biodiversity Framework?” - SBSTTA 25
- “Measuring what matters: Improving traditional knowledge indicators through a gender lens” - 8j WG 12
- “Breaking barriers, saving biodiversity: Women environmental human rights defenders” - 8j WG 12
- “Gender Implications of Benefit-Sharing in the Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources” - DSI WG 1

Participation in Biodiversity-related Events or Conferences

- Women’s Land Rights Workshop (Berlin, June 2023)
- 7th GEF Assembly (Vancouver, August 2023)

Exchanges with key actors

- CBD Executive Secretary
- Peoples and Biodiversity Unit within the CBD Secretariat
- GEF Gender Partnership
- UN Women
- IUCN Human Rights Centre
- Women and Gender Caucus at GEF Assembly
- CBD Focal points and regional groups



4. Knowledge Production

Submissions

- IPBES call for further requests inputs and suggestions regarding the rolling work programme up to 2030
- Peer Review of Annex II: Draft Possible Elements of the New Programme of Work on Article 8(j) and other Provisions of the Convention Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities
- Views and information regarding the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions
- Long-term strategic approach to mainstreaming biodiversity within and across sectors
- Views and information on biodiversity and climate change
- Peer review of two draft documents of guidance related to revising and updating national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs)
- GBF Monitoring Framework Online Forum
- Review a draft of a proposed set of complementary actions (an updated Global Strategy for Plant Conservation) related to plant conservation to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
- Experience, good practices and lessons learned with the Strategy on resource mobilisation
- Views and information on existing tools and guidance that can support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Briefers

- Discussion paper: How to monitor the gender-responsiveness of the KM-GBF?
- Policy recommendations: How to advance gender justice at SBSTTA 25?
- Policy recommendations: Views for the 12th meeting of the Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions.

Publications

- COP decisions on Gender 2010-2020 (Developed / Pending launching)

Webinars

- Six sessions with interpretation to English/French/Spanish
- “What did COP15 bring for women and girls?”
- “How to update NBSAPs and develop National reports gender-responsively?”
- “How to implement the CBD Gender Plan of Action on the ground?”
- “How to gender-responsively monitor the implementation of the KM Global Biodiversity Framework?”
- “How to gender-responsively mobilise resources for biodiversity conservation?”
- “CBD Women's Caucus Stocktake on CBD Intersessional Meetings 2023”



Discussion Paper

How to monitor the gender-responsiveness of the KM-GBF?

**Scan to read
the full
document**



5. Awareness & Outreach

Comms strategy	• Drafted • Pending implementation
Preparations towards CBD meetings	• Development of site map • Pending web design and launching
Social media	• Creation of accounts (Instagram, FB, X, LinkedIn, You Tube) • Pending content creation and use of the channels
Comms toolkits	• 7 GEF Assembly Toolkit • SBSTTA 25 Toolkit
Press conferences	• 7 GEF Assembly Toolkit • SBSTTA 25 Toolkit
External channels	• Post2020 Expertise France Newsletter • CBD Alliance Post CoP15 Newsletter • Feminist Constituencies Bulletin (Pending publication)

External events participation

- Sharing experiences of the CBD Gender Plan of Action for a Gender Plan of Action of the Escazu Agreement
- COP 15 - Kunming-Montreal GBF - Swedbio online seminar
- Student-led discussion about gender and biodiversity - University of Oxford
- Session with Red defensoras de Latinoamérica
- Earth Day Tokyo - COP15 report session
- Gender Plan of Action - Online event - WRI
- Escazú - Uplifting women environmental defenders
- Wikimedia
- BIOFIN Conference
- CABES - UNEP WCMC session
- ICCA Consortium meeting
- Planet4B Annual meeting

