



Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities

First meeting

Panama City, 20–24 October 2025

Agenda Item 3 - In-depth dialogue: “Strategies for mobilizing resources to ensure the availability of and access to financial resources and funding, as well as other means of implementation, including capacity-building, development and technical support for indigenous peoples and local communities, including women and youth, to support the full implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework”.

Thank you, Chair

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

We celebrate this historic meeting and support the efforts of Indigenous peoples and local communities to exercise their rights.

Regarding Item 3, we consider biodiversity finance must prioritize direct, flexible, gender responsive, rights-based and long-term funding for Indigenous Peoples and local communities, women, and youth.

In this regard, we suggest the following amendments to the document CBD/SB8J/1/2:

- **Under Section IV. “Analysis and Lessons learned”, Subsection B on Possible elements for discussion, paragraph 52(a):**

52.a There are a growing number of initiatives, good practices and approaches aimed at improving access to funding for indigenous peoples and local communities, **including women and youth among them**. What are some key examples and lessons learned that can be derived with a view to enhancing the implementation of those practices, initiatives and approaches?

- **Under Section IV, Subsection B on Possible elements for discussion, paragraph 52(b.bis):**

52. b.bis) What particular challenges do women and girls from Indigenous Peoples and local communities have to access funding, including direct access, and what can be done to address those challenges?

- **Under Section IV, Subsection B on Possible elements for discussion, paragraph 52(c):**

~~52.c In terms of capacity building,~~ what can be done to **ensure the enabling conditions for and strengthen the capacity** ~~ies~~ **ies** of indigenous peoples and local communities, **including women and youth**

among them, to absorb and manage funding at different scales? What are some current working models?

- Under the “Recommendations” section, the preambular section,

Noting further that the implementation of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities should follow a human rights-based and gender-responsive approach,

- Under the “Recommendations” section, Paragraph 1

1. *Invites Request* Parties and other relevant actors to take into account the outcomes of the in-depth dialogue held at the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities to support efforts, in line with element 8 of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities, for the mobilization of financial resources for indigenous peoples and local communities, including women and youth among them, to support and strengthen their self-determined priorities, and to identify gaps, promote good practices and ~~further explore~~ implement options for the development or improvement of existing policies, mechanisms and other appropriate initiatives and measures to enhance and monitor access, including direct access, to adequate funding, by indigenous peoples and local communities including women and youth among them;

- Under “Recommendations” section, Paragraph 2

2. *Decides* that the theme of the next in-depth dialogue shall be “Strategies and tools to support ensure the application of an equity, gender equality and human rights-based approach, in the implementation of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity related to indigenous peoples and local communities to 2030 and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework”.

We would like to ask Parties for support.

Thank you.

The CBD Women's Caucus (CBD WC) is the 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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