



CBD Women



Women's demands for CBD SB8J-1

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As Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) convene for 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 (SB8J-01), the CBD Women's Caucus* underscores that gender justice is not a peripheral issue but a cross-cutting priority essential to the effectiveness, equity, and sustainability of biodiversity action.

This document presents the key policy priorities and demands of the Caucus for SB8J-01, reflecting the collective expertise and experiences of women in all their diversity.

Item 3: In-depth dialogue

Key messages:

1. Ensure direct, flexible, and long-term funding led by Indigenous Peoples, local communities, women, and youth. Resource-mobilization efforts must shift from short-term and risk-averse models toward long-term, flexible, and direct funding. A significant share of biodiversity finance should be directed to funds governed and managed by Indigenous Peoples and local communities, with dedicated percentages specifically earmarked for women and youth.
2. Reform funding systems to make finance accessible, equitable, and rights-based. International and national financing mechanisms must reform internal procedures to reduce bureaucratic complexity and risk aversion. Resource-mobilization frameworks must fully operationalize a gender-responsive and human-rights-based approach, ensuring that funding is effective, accessible, culturally appropriate, and secured by legitimate governance and leadership from Indigenous Peoples, local communities, women, and youth.
3. Establish national targets and accountability systems for inclusive finance. Parties should set specific national targets—by 2030—for increasing the proportion of biodiversity funds directed to Indigenous Peoples, local communities, women, and youth. A standardized methodology must be adopted to track and report finance flows, supported by access to digital technologies, capacity-building, and transparent monitoring mechanisms.

Documents:

- **CBD/SB8J/1/2 - 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”

Textual recommendations:

- 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. “Analysis and Lessons learned”, Subsection B on Possible elements for discussion, paragraph 52(b):

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

- Under Section IV. “Analysis and Lessons learned”, 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** **yes** 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 Requests** 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-identified 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”.

Item 4: Modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the CBD Related to IP and LC

Key messages:

1. Guarantee the full, equitable, inclusive, effective and gender-responsive representation and participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities, including women and youth, respecting their self-determined nomination procedures.
2. In line with Targets 22 and 23, Parties should provide concrete support to strengthen the meaningful and effective participation of women and youth from Indigenous Peoples and local communities throughout the process, including the participation in the Bureau and Co-Chair and friends of the Bureau as well as open-ended working groups. This requires sustained capacity-building and the provision of adequate financial and technical resources.
3. In providing advice to the COP, the Subsidiary Body should pay particular attention to the knowledge, innovations, and practices of women and girls, including by addressing the data gap through the documentation and integration of Indigenous Peoples and local communities women's knowledge systems, to ensure they meaningfully inform biodiversity policy and implementation.

Documents:

- [CBD/SB8J/1/3](#) - Modus operandi 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 2030 and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework".

Textual recommendations:

• **In the Recommendation section, within the Preambular Part,** Acknowledging the unique role of indigenous peoples and local communities, **including women and youth among them**, their innovations, practices and traditional knowledge in the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols and of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and their contributions to the work of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention, and recognizing the need **to ensure the full, equitable, inclusive, effective and gender-responsive representation** and for the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, **including women and youth among them**, in the work of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities established by decision 16/5 of 1 November 2024.

- **In the Recommendation section, Paragraph 3,**

~~Encourages Urges~~ Parties, and ~~encourages~~ other Governments and relevant organizations to continue and enhance their support ~~to ensure the the full, equitable, inclusive, effective and gender-responsive representation and participation for the full and effective participation~~ of representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities, ~~including women and youth among them~~, in the meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, including through contributions to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating the Participation of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, ~~and with dedicated culturally appropriate and gender responsive capacity building.~~

- Within **Annex** "Proposed Modus Operandi of the permanent Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity", under **Section I. Functions, paragraph 1,**

1. The ~~{Subsidiary Body}~~ on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity will perform its functions under the guidance of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biodiversity and the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity for items referred to it by them~~{, in a manner consistent with the mandates of Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body on Implementation}, in collaboration with the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body on Implementation}~~. ~~{The [Subsidiary Body] on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions shall carry out its functions taking into account the roles and functions of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, with a view to ensuring complementarity with their work and avoiding unnecessary overlaps.}~~

- **Furthermore, in Annex under Section I Functions, Paragraph 1, (b),**

1. (b) To provide advice to the Conference of the Parties and, as appropriate, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols and other subsidiary bodies, on measures that enhance the implementation of Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities, ~~and women and youth among them~~. This includes providing advice on the development and implementation of legal and other appropriate forms of measures to respect, preserve and maintain the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities embodying traditional lifestyles relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity,

- **Under Annex, Section II- Operating Principles, Paragraph 2,**

2. In carrying out its functions, the [Subsidiary Body] on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention shall align the elements of its programme of work with ~~the relevant parts of~~ the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, in particular its **Section C and its** 2030 targets, **as well as with the Gender Plan of Action (2023-2030)** and prioritize the tasks that need early action.

- **Under Annex, Section II- Operating Principles, Paragraph 3,**

In promoting the implementation, **monitoring and reporting** of the programme of work contained in the annex to decision --, the [Subsidiary Body] on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention shall cooperate with and benefit from the assistance of United Nations agencies and other processes that have complimentary functions and work on matters related to indigenous peoples and local communities.

- **Under Annex Section IV- Bureau and Co-Chairs, Paragraph 8, inclusion of text and a footnote.**

8. The [Subsidiary Body] will have two co-chairs [elected by the Conference of the Parties], one nominated by Parties of the regional group that exercises its turn, in a rotation among United Nations regional groups, and the other nominated by representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities **through their own self-determined process**. At least one of the co-chairs will be selected from a developing country, ~~taking into account gender balance~~. **The proposal and selection of candidates should ensure gender balance and expertise** [The co-chairs shall take office from the end of the meeting of the Conference of the Parties at which they have been elected and remain in office until their successors take office at the end of the following ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties.] [The number and length of the meetings and activities of the Subsidiary Body and its organs should be reflected in the budget adopted by the Conference of the Parties ~~or including~~ other sources of extrabudgetary funding.]

- **Under Annex, Section IV- Bureau and Co-Chairs, Paragraph 10,**

10. Further to the established and effective practice of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Bureau of the [Subsidiary Body] will continue to invite representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities to designate at the beginning of each meeting of the [Subsidiary Body] one representative each from the seven sociocultural regions identified by the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues to participate in the work of the [Subsidiary Body], **through their own self-determined process, ensuring gender balance**, as friends of the Bureau.

- **Under Annex Section V- Budgetary matters , Paragraph 11,**

11. The [Subsidiary Body] should meet in each intersessional period, back-to-back with meetings of the other subsidiary bodies of the Convention, unless otherwise decided by the Conference of the Parties [, with due consideration to the importance of ensuring the full **and effective equitable, inclusive, effective and gender-responsive representation and** participation of the developing country Parties ~~{and indigenous peoples and local communities}}~~].

- **Under Annex Section VI- Focal Points , Paragraph 15,**

15. Parties should designate **and support** national focal points to follow up on the work of the [Subsidiary Body], **by providing capacity building and financial resources. The focal point should have experience in the processes of the Convention and competence in matters related to indigenous peoples and local communities in the context of the Convention.** The existing national focal points for Article 8(j) and related provision may continue to be the focal points for the [Subsidiary Body] on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions.



Item 5(a) and 5(b): (a) Guidelines to strengthen the legal and policy framework for the implementation of Targets 2 and 3 (Task 1.1); and (b) Guidelines for the inclusion and consideration of traditional lands and of resource use in spatial planning processes and environmental impact assessments (Task 1.2)

Key messages:

1. Respect, fulfil, and protect the rights of women and girls. Planning, implementation, and monitoring of Targets 1, 2 and 3 must recognise and uphold the rights of women and girls, particularly those from Indigenous Peoples and local communities, who play vital roles in conservation and ecosystem restoration. Gender-responsive approaches should guarantee women's rights to land, tenure, water, and other natural resources, ensuring equal protection under both customary and statutory systems, consistent with CEDAW General Recommendation No. 39, the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas (UNDROP). Targeted capacity-building, direct and flexible funding, and sustained support for women-led initiatives are essential to overcome systemic barriers and ensure that women and girls can exercise their rights, contribute their knowledge, and equitably share the benefits of conservation and restoration.
2. Integrate gender-differentiated analysis and data across all monitoring processes. Assessments and monitoring should systematically apply a gender-differentiated analysis of both impacts and benefits, ensuring the consistent collection and use of gender-disaggregated data. The knowledge and priorities of Indigenous and local women must be explicitly integrated into restoration planning, monitoring, and decision-making. In line with the CBD Gender Plan of Action (2023–2030), environmental and social impact assessments should evolve from technical checklists to rights-based, participatory processes that safeguard women's leadership, knowledge, and equitable benefit-sharing.
3. Ensure gender-responsive participation throughout decision-making. Participation must go beyond numerical representation to guarantee that women—especially Indigenous and local women and youth—have influence, safety, and resources to engage meaningfully in all phases of decision-making, from design to implementation and monitoring. This includes representation in co-management bodies and technical committees, the creation of safe and enabling spaces free from discrimination, harassment, and violence, and mechanisms that ensure women's voices shape priorities, governance structures, and outcomes. Gender-responsive participation also requires tailored capacity-building, transparent information flows, and equitable access to benefits and leadership opportunities

Documents:

CBD/SB8J/1/4 - Proposed elements for the guidelines related to Tasks 1.1 and 1.2 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

Textual recommendations:

- **Under Recommendations, Paragraph 4,**

4. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, ~~subject to the availability of resources~~, to facilitate gender-responsive and culturally appropriate capacity-building, technical cooperation and the exchange of information to assist Parties and indigenous peoples and local communities in implementing the guidelines;

- **Within Section III Guiding Principles, Section A. Spiritual and Cultural Relationship, Paragraph 8**

8. Conservation and restoration measures, as well as spatial planning and effective management processes addressing land- and sea-use change and environmental impact assessments, should be designed in a manner that recognizes and respects the spiritual and cultural relationships that indigenous peoples and local communities have with biodiversity in their lands, territories and waters, including women's unique relationships.

- Section III Guiding Principles, **Section B. Update title**

B. Recognition of and respect for customary land, waters and territories tenure and governance systems

- **Section III Guiding Principles, Section B. Paragraph 9**

9. The rights of indigenous peoples and local communities in relation to customary land, waters and territories tenure, governance systems, customary law and procedures should be recognized and respected.

- Section III Guiding Principles, **Section B. Paragraph 9.bis**

9. bis Special measures should be taken to recognize, respect and protect the rights of women and girls from indigenous peoples and local communities.

- Section III Guiding Principles, **Section D. Paragraph 11**

11. The free, prior and informed consent of indigenous peoples and local communities should be respected in the design, ~~and~~ implementation and monitoring of spatial planning and environmental impact assessment activities, including those related to the designation and management of conservation and restoration areas that may have an impact on their lands, territories, waters, resources and cultural heritage

- Section III, **Section F, Paragraph 13**

13. The critical roles, rights and contributions of women and girls, children and youth, knowledge holders and elders from indigenous peoples and local communities in conservation and restoration efforts, spatial planning, and environmental impact assessments should be recognized. Gender-responsive approaches should address and overcome barriers to the participation and benefit-sharing of women and girls, and children and youth from indigenous peoples and local communities, and provide targeted support, capacity-building and direct funding for women-led initiatives, and should safeguard the transmission of gender-specific knowledge. Special measures should be taken to identify and eliminate, prevent and respond to all forms of gender-based violence.

- **Under Section V: Contributions to the effective restoration, Paragraph 23,**
23. Restoration efforts should be co-designed and, co-developed, co-implemented and co-monitored with indigenous peoples and local communities, explicitly integrate the knowledge and priorities of women among them and relevant government authorities and reflected in the revision or updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, national restoration plans and national reporting, ensuring that the contributions of indigenous peoples and local communities are visible, supported and tracked through the use of appropriate indicators, including gender-disaggregated and gender-differentiated data.

- **Section VII: Environmental Impact Assessments**

29. The Akwé: Kon Voluntary Guidelines include cultural and social dimensions in environmental impact assessments, including evaluating impacts on spiritual values, cultural practices, customary governance systems, traditional livelihoods, gender considerations and intergenerational knowledge transmission.

- Section VIII Institutional and administrative mechanisms, **Section C. Administrative arrangements, Paragraph 38,**

38. Co-management bodies should be established or strengthened under national legislation, as appropriate, to guide the planning, implementation, and monitoring of conservation and restoration efforts, spatial planning, and environmental impact assessments. Co-management bodies should ensure an equitable and gender-balanced representation of government and indigenous peoples, and local communities.

- **Section VIII Institutional and administrative mechanisms, Section D. Mechanisms for conflict resolution, Paragraph 43**

43. Mechanisms, legislation, administrative and policy measures or protocols for conflict prevention, resolution, and grievance redress should be established or strengthened, as appropriate, in accordance with human rights approach. Those systems should recognize customary dispute resolution practices and safeguard the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities in relation to conservation and restoration efforts, spatial planning and environmental impact assessments.

- **Update title of Section IX.**

Full and effective representation and participation

- **Section IX: Full and Effective Participation, Paragraph 44**

44. Indigenous peoples and local communities should be accorded the right to full, equitable, inclusive, effective and gender-responsive representation and participation in all decision-making processes that may affect their rights, lands, territories, waters and resources.

- **Section IX: Full and Effective Participation, Paragraph 44.bis**

44.bis Enabling conditions should be guaranteed for women from indigenous peoples and local communities to participate without discrimination, harassment, or violence.

- **Section IX: Full and Effective Participation, Paragraph 45**

45. The representation and participation of indigenous peoples and local communities should be ensured throughout all phases of development, planning, implementation and monitoring of conservation and restoration measures, spatial planning and environmental impact assessments.

- **Section X: Enabling Conditions, Section A. Capacity Building, Paragraph 46,**
46. The capacity of indigenous peoples and local communities, relevant government institutions, financial institutions, relevant organizations, and the private sector to implement the present guidelines should be strengthened. Capacity-building efforts should be gender-responsive, culturally sensitive and include training for public authorities, stakeholders and the private sector to fully implement apply relevant legislation and policies respectfully and effectively.
- **Update title of Section IX, Subsection C.**
Direct, sustainable, inclusive and accessible financial mechanisms.
- **Section IX, Subsection C, Paragraph 49**
49. Direct, sustainable, inclusive and accessible financial mechanisms should be established to provide financial support for the design, implementation and monitoring of conservation, restoration efforts, spatial planning and environmental impact assessments led by ~~or involving~~ indigenous peoples and local communities, including women and youth among them.
- **Section IX, Subsection C, Paragraph 50**
50. Direct funding programmes should be ~~developed or established~~ ensured to support restoration and conservation efforts, spatial planning projects and environmental impact assessments led by indigenous peoples and local communities, including women and youth among them, within their territories. The programmes should also support their full and effective participation.
- **Section X, Subsection D, Paragraph 52,**
52. Indicators, including biocultural indicators, and community-based monitoring systems, disaggregated by gender and age should be operationalized to measure the effectiveness of conservation and restoration efforts led by or involving indigenous peoples and local communities, including for headline indicator 22.1 of the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework on land-use change and land tenure in the traditional territories of indigenous peoples and local communities.
- **Section X, Subsection E, Paragraph 55,**
55. Indigenous peoples and local communities should have timely, gender responsive, and culturally appropriate access to information related to conservation, restoration, spatial planning and environmental impact assessments. Access includes the translation of relevant materials into indigenous and local languages, as well as the use of culturally appropriate formats to facilitate ensure the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities.
- **Section X, Subsection F, Paragraph 56,**
56. Technical and legal support should be culturally appropriate and should be provided to strengthen the capacity of indigenous peoples and local communities, including women and youth among them, to undertake initiatives community mapping and monitoring related to conservation, restoration, spatial planning and environmental impact assessments, including community mapping and monitoring.
- **Section X, Subsection F, Paragraph 57,**
57. Legal support should enhance awareness contribute in securing and exercising collective land rights and assist indigenous peoples and local communities rights related to a within conservation, restoration, national spatial planning and environmental impact assessment, and governance frameworks.

Item 5(c): Process to review and update the Voluntary Glossary of Key Terms and Concepts Within the Context of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention (Task 5.4)

Key messages:

1. The call for submissions issued by the Executive Secretary should explicitly ensure the inclusion of women's and youth perspectives alongside other stakeholders. Their full, effective, and safe participation is essential to guarantee that the updated glossary reflects diverse knowledge systems, lived experiences, and the gendered dimensions of biodiversity governance. Likewise, the expert group established for the review should include gender expertise among government-nominated experts and reserve dedicated spaces for women and youth representatives within the relevant stakeholder categories.
2. Ensure alignment of the glossary with the KM-GBF and international commitments on rights and gender equality. The review and update of the Voluntary Glossary of Key Terms and Concepts must fully reflect the principles of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF), integrating both a rights-based approach and a gender perspective to ensure coherence with Targets 22 and 23, the Gender Plan of Action (2023-2030), and UNEA Resolution EA.4/Res.17 on promoting gender equality and the human rights and empowerment of women and girls in environmental governance. This will ensure that the glossary serves as an inclusive and up-to-date interpretive tool for implementing Article 8(j) and related provisions.
3. Address conceptual inconsistencies and ensure inclusive, rights-based definitions. Inconsistencies in the existing glossary—particularly concerning the articulation of Indigenous Peoples' rights, gender equality, and equitable participation—should be addressed through inclusive consultation and transparent review. Updated definitions must align with international human-rights instruments, including the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and CEDAW General Recommendation No. 39, to ensure conceptual coherence, legitimacy, and cultural relevance.

Documents:

CBD/SB8J/1/5 - Proposed elements for the guidelines related to Tasks 1.1 and 1.2 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

Textual recommendations:

- COP recommendations, NEW preambular paragraph

Also recalling Section C and Targets 22 and 23 of the Kunming Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,

- **Within Annex 1, Step 1,**

Step 1. The Executive Secretary of the Convention shall invite Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, **women and youth**, and relevant stakeholders, to submit views on possible elements of the Voluntary Glossary of Key Terms and Concepts Within the Context of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention that should be reviewed or updated.

- **Within Annex 2, Paragraph 2,**

2. The Expert Group shall be composed of 35 experts: 14 experts from indigenous peoples and local communities, representing the seven sociocultural regions recognized by the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (two per region); 15 experts from Parties, representing the five United Nations regional groups (three per group), and six experts nominated by relevant stakeholders, **including women and youth.**

- **Within Annex 2, Paragraph 3,**

3. Experts shall be selected taking into consideration gender balance, equitable geographical distribution and the need for a range of relevant expertise, ensuring of a diversity of knowledge systems, including traditional knowledge and policy development, **gender and human-rights.**



Item 6: Provision of advice on traditional knowledge for the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the KM-GBF

Key messages:

1. The Global Report on Collective Progress should systematically document and integrate the traditional knowledge, innovations, and practices of Indigenous Peoples and local communities—including women and youth—alongside scientific data. Doing so ensures a holistic, culturally grounded, and equitable understanding of biodiversity governance and collective progress under the KM-GBF.
2. Full, effective, and safe participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities—particularly women, girls, and youth—must be guaranteed throughout data collection, validation, and review processes. Given the limited timeframe for previous inputs, a dedicated call for submissions and dialogue should be convened before SBSTTA-28 to ensure their knowledge and perspectives are meaningfully reflected in the Global Report.
3. The collection and use of traditional knowledge must fully uphold Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) and safeguard the collective rights of knowledge holders. A rights-based approach should guide how information is accessed, shared, and used—recognising and protecting women-led and community-based initiatives as essential to the integrity and legitimacy of the global review process.

Documents:

[CBD/SB8J/1/6](#) - Provision of advice on traditional knowledge for the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Textual recommendations:

- **Under Recommendations, Paragraph 1,**

1. *Encourages Parties to enable the full and effective representation and participation of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, including women and youth among them, in the development and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and the development of the national reports and to include in their national reports relevant information on traditional knowledge obtained with the free, prior and informed consent of its holders, as appropriate;*

- **Under Recommendations, New paragraph,**

3 bis. Asks the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Ad Hoc Scientific and Technical Advisory Group for the Preparation of the Global Report on Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, to convene an informal dialogue among Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth and other stakeholders, to collect inputs related to Traditional Knowledge including sharing of best practices, challenges gaps and solutions.

Item 7: Recommendations of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Key messages:

1. CBD documents and discussions reflecting the outcomes of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) should systematically include the Forum's provisions on gender equality, recognising the pivotal role of Indigenous women and girls in sustaining knowledge systems, cultural values, and biodiversity governance. In particular, the gender dimensions of recent UNPFII recommendations (2024–2025) — focusing on empowerment, participation, and protection from gender-based violence — should be reflected to strengthen coherence between the UNPFII and CBD processes, especially in the implementation of KM-GBF Targets 22 and 23 and the CBD Gender Plan of Action (2022–2030).
2. Ensure gender-responsive reporting from the CBD to the UNPFII. When the Convention reports to the Permanent Forum, it should include updates on the implementation of the Gender Plan of Action and progress on gender integration within NBSAPs and national reports, highlighting how Indigenous women's and girls' knowledge, priorities, and leadership are being recognised, supported, and safeguarded.

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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