



CBD Women's Caucus commitments towards the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

800+ Members & organisations	137 Countries represented	44 Partner organisations	3 NSA Commitments	T.23 Primary KM-GBF target
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In response to the Convention on Biological Diversity's open call for commitments from actors other than national Governments towards the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF), the CBD Women's Caucus is submitting a series of commitments grounded in gender equality, human rights, and environmental justice.

These commitments reflect the collective work, advocacy, and long-standing engagement of women and girls in all their diversity, including from Indigenous Peoples and local communities, in advancing gender-responsive biodiversity governance, implementation, monitoring, and accountability under the Framework.

Through these submissions, the CBD Women's Caucus seeks to contribute concrete actions and collaborative efforts that support the effective implementation of the KM-GBF and the CBD Gender Plan of Action (2023-2030), while strengthening the recognition of the essential role played by women-led organisations, feminist movements, grassroots actors, and rights holders in achieving the goals and targets of the Framework.

The commitments presented in this series reaffirm the CBD Women's Caucus' dedication to ensuring that biodiversity action is inclusive, gender-transformative, and rooted in the knowledge, leadership, and lived realities of communities on the frontlines of biodiversity conservation and sustainable use.

<p>COMMITMENT 1</p> <p>Strengthening Women's Leadership & Negotiation Capacity</p> <p>Capacity building, in-session coordination, mentorship and expert body participation – since 2023.</p> <p>Since 2023 [Target.23] [Target.20] [Target.21] [Target.22] Global</p>	<p>COMMITMENT 2</p> <p>Gender-Responsive Monitoring & Sex-Disaggregated Data</p> <p>Technical advocacy for gender-sensitive indicators and community-generated evidence – since 2023.</p> <p>Since 2023 [Target.23] [Target.21] [Target.22] Global</p>	<p>COMMITMENT 3</p> <p>Gender & Biodiversity Focal Points Network</p> <p>Peer-learning and coordination platform for Gender & Biodiversity Focal Points – since 2025.</p> <p>Since 2025 [Target.23] [Target.22] Global</p>
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Commitment 1

STRENGTHENING WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP, NEGOTIATION CAPACITY AND MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION IN THE IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING OF THE KUNMING-MONTREAL GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

The CBD Women's Caucus commits to systematically strengthening the leadership, negotiation capacity, technical expertise and meaningful participation of women and girls in all their diversity – including from Indigenous Peoples, and from local and Afro-descendant communities – in the implementation and monitoring of the KM-GBF and the Gender Plan of Action (2023–2030). Addressing structural barriers is a prerequisite for inclusive decision-making and equitable KM-GBF implementation.

► STRUCTURAL BARRIERS ADDRESSED



► FIVE CORE AREAS OF ACTION

1. Capacity Development & Negotiation Preparedness

- Virtual technical briefings on agenda items before each session
- Thematic webinars on KM-GBF monitoring, DSI, resource mobilisation, Gender Plan of Action
- Negotiation guides and policy briefs;
- Multilingual training (EN, FR, ES +) delivered ahead of SBSTTA-24 through SB8j-01(2025)



2. In-Session Coordination & Peer Support

- Daily coordination meetings during CBD sessions
- Joint analysis of draft decision texts and collective position-building
- Peer-to-peer mentoring and real-time negotiation guidance
- Bilateral engagement with Parties and regional groups



3. Leadership Development & Mentorship

- Mentorship from experienced CBD negotiators and simulation exercises
- Confidence-building for plenary interventions
- Facilitated speaking opportunities in side events and formal sessions



4. Participation in Expert & Advisory Bodies

- Informal Advisory Group on Technical & Scientific Cooperation
- Advisory Committee on Resource Mobilization
- TEG on Financial Reporting
- AHTEG on Synthetic Biology
- Informal Advisory Group on DSI Benefit-sharing
- Sustainable Ocean Initiative advisory group
- Global Report on Collective Progress advisory group



5. Dedicated Platforms Amplifying Women's Leadership

- Women's Pavilion and Women's Forum at COP16
- Structured dialogue and political engagement spaces for IPLC women
- Direct engagement with negotiators and decision-makers
- Alliance-building



► FUNDING

SOURCES	GAPS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voluntary member contributions (majority of work) • Limited core budget for small staff • Project-based and short-term grants • Partner travel sponsorships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Systematic support to women delegates across all regions • Sustained regional coordination and outreach • Expanded in-person capacity-building • Dedicated support for IPLC women
<p>Current funding is insufficient. Reliance on voluntary labour and ad hoc travel support is not a sustainable model for long-term implementation of Target 23 and the Gender Plan of Action (2023-2030).</p>	

► CONTRIBUTING TO SDGS & MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS



- **CBD** – Decision 15/11 (GPA 2023-2030), Decision 15/6, Target 23
- **UNFCCC** – Women & Gender Constituency; Gender Action Plan
- **UNCCD** – Gender Caucus; land governance discussions
- **CEDAW** – General Recommendations No. 37 & No. 40
- **Beijing Platform for Action** – women and environment commitments

► PROGRESS TRACKING

- Annual reports (publicly available)
- Post-COP and post-SBSTTA/SBI session reports
- Policy briefs and official CBD submissions
- Expert body participation reports
- Newsletters and website updates

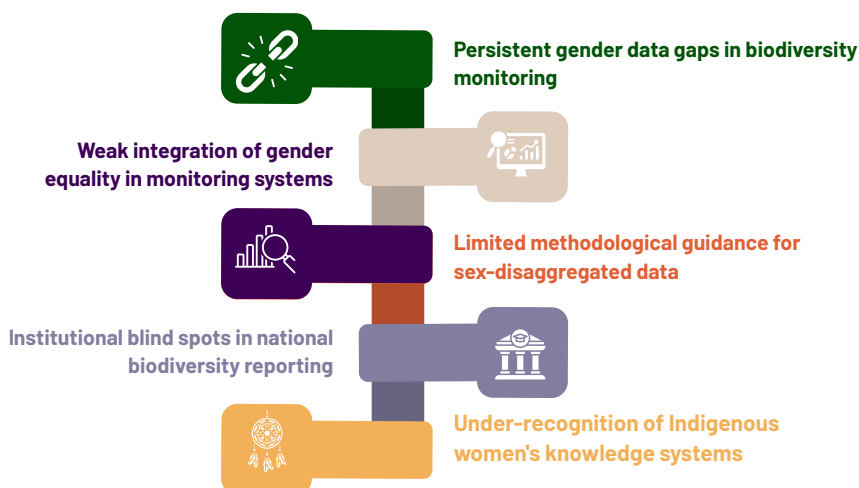
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Commitment 2

ADVANCING GENDER-RESPONSIVE BIODIVERSITY MONITORING, SEX-DISAGGREGATED DATA AND ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISMS FOR THE GLOBAL REVIEW OF THE KM-GBF

The CBD Women's Caucus commits to strengthening gender-responsive monitoring, reporting and accountability mechanisms under the KM-GBF, including through the systematic promotion of sex-disaggregated data, gender-sensitive indicators, and community-generated evidence. This commitment responds to a persistent structural challenge: the invisibility of women's contributions to biodiversity conservation, sustainable use, land stewardship and traditional knowledge systems within national and global monitoring frameworks.

► STRUCTURAL BARRIERS ADDRESSED



► FOUR CORE AREAS OF ACTION

1. Technical Contributions to the KM-GBF Monitoring Framework

- Submitted technical inputs to KM-GBF monitoring framework discussions
- Advocated for sex-disaggregation as an overarching principle across biodiversity indicators
- Proposed gender-sensitive indicators aligned with SDG 5.a.1 and 5.a.2
- Contributed policy briefs to SBSTTA-26 on headline indicators and data gaps



2. Development of Sample Gender-Sensitive Indicators

- Proportion of women and men participating in community-based biodiversity initiatives
- Secure tenure rights to land and natural resources disaggregated by sex
- Representation of women in biodiversity governance bodies
- Participation rates of women in access and benefit-sharing processes



3. Promotion of Innovative & Complementary Data Methodologies

- Household-level and time-use surveys capturing unpaid biodiversity-related labour
- Citizen-generated and community-based monitoring approaches
- Complementary data reflecting Indigenous women's biodiversity stewardship
- Qualitative evidence on differentiated impacts of biodiversity loss



4. Participation in Expert Bodies Influencing Global Review

- Ad hoc scientific advisory group for the Global Report on Collective Progress
- Technical and Scientific Cooperation processes
- Technical Expert Group on Financial Reporting
- Informal Advisory Group on Technical and Scientific Cooperation



» FUNDING

SOURCES	GAPS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited core funding for partial staff coordination • Short-term project grants • In-kind support from partner organisations • Significant voluntary member contributions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustained technical engagement across sessions • Expanded training on sex-disaggregated data methods • Practical guidance materials for Parties • Strengthened collaboration with technical partners
<p>A large proportion of monitoring-related technical work is undertaken on a voluntary basis. Dedicated funding is needed to sustain and expand this work.</p>	

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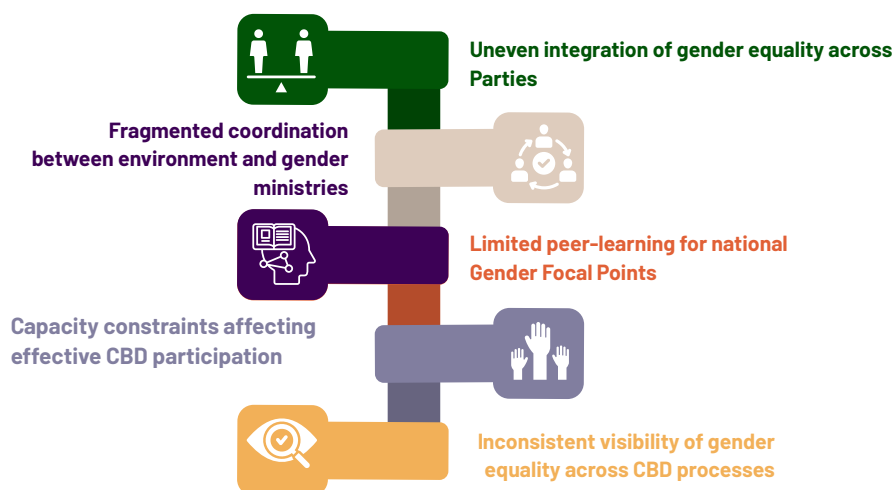
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Commitment 3

STRENGTHENING COORDINATED IMPLEMENTATION OF TARGET 23 AND THE GENDER PLAN OF ACTION THROUGH THE GENDER & BIODIVERSITY FOCAL POINTS NETWORK

The CBD Women's Caucus commits to facilitating and consolidating the Gender & Biodiversity Focal Points Network as a sustained coordination mechanism to strengthen implementation of Target 23 and the Gender Plan of Action (2022-2030). The Network provides a dedicated space for officially designated Gender & Biodiversity Focal Points to exchange information, share experiences, identify challenges, and coordinate approaches to advance gender-responsive biodiversity policies at national, regional and global levels.

► STRUCTURAL BARRIERS ADDRESSED



► FOUR CORE AREAS OF ACTION

1. Facilitating Peer Exchange and Collective Learning

- Regular structured opportunities for Focal Points to share national experiences
- Good practices and implementation challenges related to Target 23
- Gender-responsive NBSAP implementation and reporting



2. Strengthening Coordination Across CBD Processes

- Structured reflection on negotiation developments and intersessional opportunities
- Helping Focal Points maintain visibility of gender commitments
- Coordination across subsidiary bodies and agenda items



3. Supporting Implementation of the Gender Plan of Action (2022-2030)

- Alignment between national efforts and global GPA commitments
- Greater inclusion of women's groups in national programmes and projects
- Showcasing evidence of synergies built at the local level



4. Promoting Institutional Coherence

- Stronger collaboration between gender institutions and environmental ministries
- Contributing to enabling conditions under Section C of the KM-GBF
- Trust-based peer collaboration across diverse national contexts



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SOURCES	GAPS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voluntary coordination within CBD Women's Caucus • Voluntary engagement of participating Focal Points 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanded accessibility and multilingual support • Strengthened regional outreach • Enhanced documentation and knowledge products • Greater continuity and institutionalisation
<p>No dedicated funding stream currently exists for sustained facilitation or multilingual support. The Network relies entirely on voluntary contributions.</p>	

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