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Agenda Item 9. Engagement with subnational governments, cities and other local authorities to enhance the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Thank you, Chair

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

Achieving the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework depends on strengthening implementation where biodiversity action takes place: at the local and subnational levels. Consistent with decision 15/12, we call for more inclusive multilevel governance that ensures the full, equitable, meaningful, informed and gender-responsive participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities, people of African descent, women, youth, civil society, academia and other relevant rights holders in local biodiversity decision-making, including through strengthened partnerships between local governments and women's organizations. This must be supported by predictable, gender-responsive funding, capacity-building and technical cooperation, together with stronger biodiversity information systems that recognize and report the contributions of local actors, including through sex-disaggregated data. These measures will strengthen local implementation and ensure that the Global Review and the Global Progress Report more accurately reflect collective progress towards the Framework.

In this regard, we propose the following textual adjustments to document CBD/SBI/7/9

In section "III. Recommendation"

Paragraph 11. 2. *Encourages* continued efforts to strengthen coordination, cooperation and engagement across all levels of government, including in the context of the implementation of the plan of action on subnational governments, cities and other local authorities for biodiversity (2023–2030), in support of the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols and the Framework, **while ensuring the meaningful participation of stakeholders at the subnational and local levels, including Indigenous Peoples and local communities, women, youth and other relevant rights holders.**

Paragraph 11. 2.bis *Encourages Parties and relevant organizations to strengthen technical and financial support for subnational and local governments, including including through adequate, predictable and gender-responsive technical and financial support, capacity-building, knowledge-sharing and partnerships with stakeholders, including women-led, Indigenous-led and youth-led organizations, in support of local implementation of the Framework.*

Paragraph 11. 2.ter Encourages subnational governments, cities and other local authorities to strengthen the collection and reporting of subnational biodiversity data, including, where appropriate, sex-disaggregated data and information on the contributions of women, Indigenous Peoples and local communities to implementation of the Framework.

**We would like to ask Parties for support.
Thank you.**

Refer to [CBD/SBI/7/9](#) for a full set of textual recommendations.

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. For more information: coordination@cbd womenscaucus.org