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Agenda Item 7. Scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework: strategic review of and update to the programme of work on protected areas

Thank you, Chair

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

Effective protected and conserved areas depend on rights-based, gender-responsive and equitable governance, in accordance with Section C and Targets 22 and 23 of the global framework, the Article 8j work program, and the Gender Action Plan, that recognizes Indigenous Peoples, local communities, women in their diversity, youth and children as rights holders and key actors in conservation. Achieving Target 3 requires moving beyond participation towards governance systems that address structural inequalities, ensure direct and accessible financing, and strengthen the leadership, knowledge and long-term stewardship of rights holders in biodiversity conservation, which requires developing and integrating specific management tools with approaches and methodologies for working with a gender and rights perspective.

In this regard, we propose the following textual adjustments to document CBD/SBSTTA/28/6/Rev.1

In section "VI. Recommendation"

Paragraph 5. *Encourages* Parties to apply a human rights-based approach in the implementation of the updated programme of work on protected and conserved areas, including by ensuring the full and effective participation of rights holders, **including indigenous peoples, local communities, women in their diversity, youth, children** and the recognition of diverse governance systems, in a manner consistent with 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 **as well as with section C, and targets 22 and 23 of the global biodiversity framework;**

Paragraph 6. (a) To further support the Target 3 Community of Practice as a flexible, inclusive and voluntary platform, with a view to facilitating coordination, knowledge exchange and implementation support, and to invite **indigenous peoples, local communities, women, youth and** relevant organizations to participate in the Community;

Paragraph 6. (c) (i) Human rights-based and equitable governance approaches, including the recognition of indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth, as rights holders;

Paragraph 6. (c) (x) Sustainable finance approaches, innovative financial mechanisms and direct and accessible financing for indigenous peoples and local communities; as well as women-led and youth-led conservation initiatives.

We would like to ask Parties for support.

Thank you.

Refer to [CBD/SBSTTA/28/6/Rev.1](#) 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.

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