



2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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COORDINATION MESSAGE

As we reflect on 2025, what stands out is the collective strength, commitment, and solidarity that continued to define the CBD Women's Caucus.

The year was marked by accelerating biodiversity loss, attacks on women's rights and human rights defenders, growing challenges to multilateralism, and declining funding for international cooperation, at a time when increasing resources are being directed towards military expenditure. Against this backdrop, our members, partner organisations, and allies continued to mobilise with determination and commitment.

Despite chronic underfunding and heavy workloads, the Women's Caucus continued advancing women's rights, technical engagement, capacity development, and collective organising to ensure that women and girls in all their diversity remain visible, recognised, and meaningfully engaged in biodiversity governance and in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

This report is both a reflection of what collective feminist action can achieve and a call for greater political, institutional, and financial support for the women's organisations and movements sustaining biodiversity action around the world. **Their work is essential and, as such, must be recognised, adequately resourced, and given the support it deserves.**

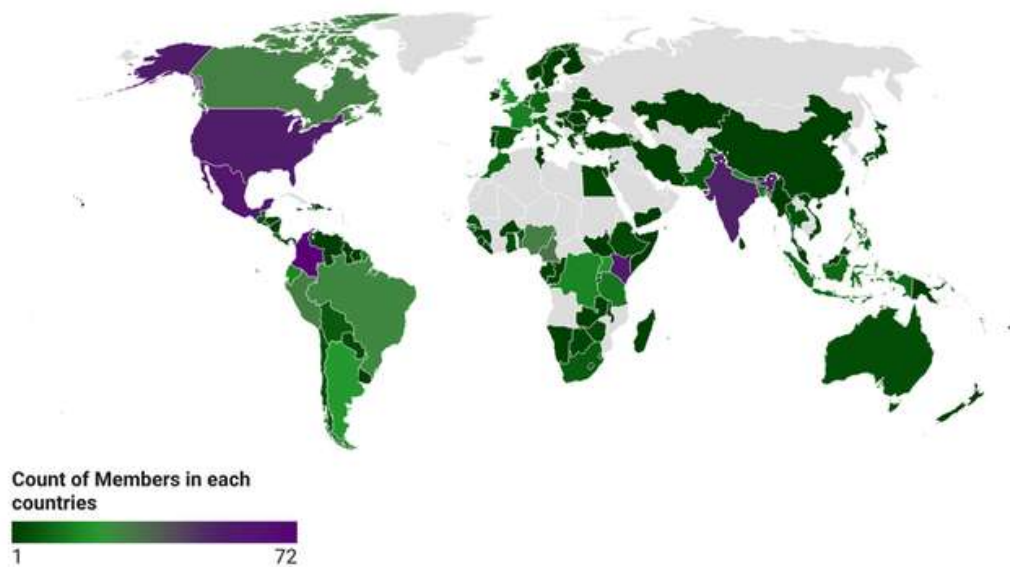
In solidarity,
Amelia Arreguin Prado

HIGHLIGHTS

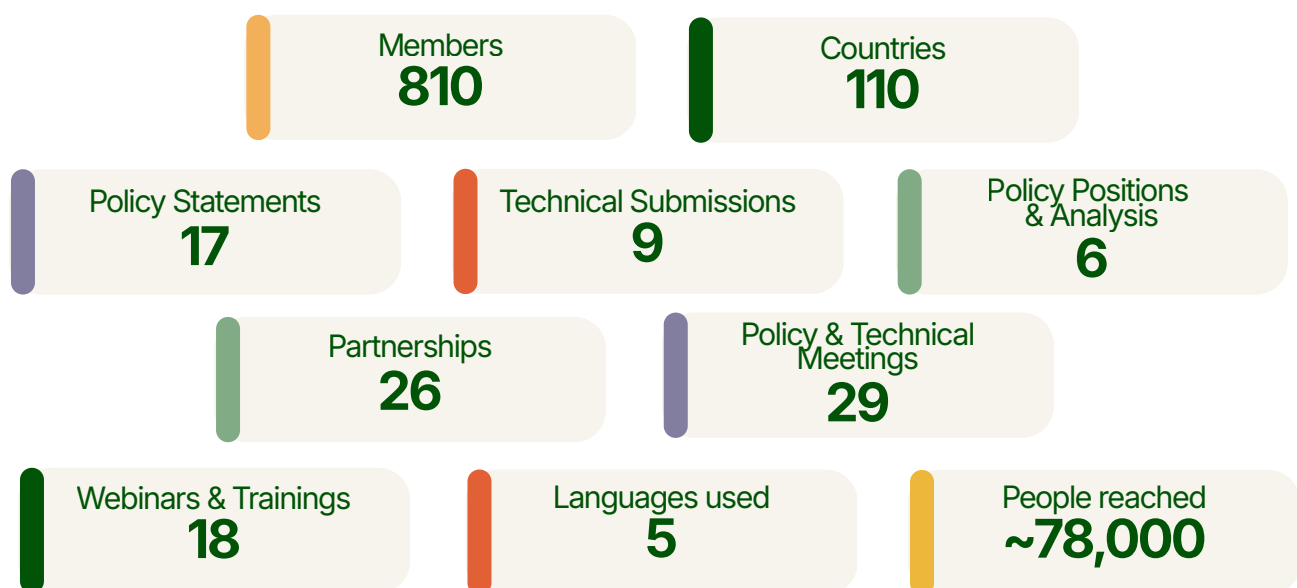
The CBD-WC serves as the women's major group at the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

We are a global platform for all women and girls to advocate for their rights in all issues related to biodiversity and the three objectives of the CBD.

As an independent, self-organised, permanent, and sustainable entity, we are guided by a framework of collective ownership, shared leadership, and collaborative action.



Key Metrics



COMMUNITY BUILDING

Throughout 2025, the CBD Women's Caucus continued strengthening its internal governance, communication systems, and collective organising practices to support growing participation, coordination, and strategic engagement across regions and thematic areas. Community building remained central to sustaining an inclusive, multilingual and member-driven feminist platform within biodiversity governance.

CAUCUS' HISTORY RECONSTRUCTION

Recognising the importance of documenting feminist advocacy within biodiversity processes, the Caucus initiated a collective reconstruction of its institutional history and trajectory since 2008.

- Online workshop for collective reconstruction of the Caucus trajectory
- Call for contributions through a Google Form
- Interviews with members
- Review of historical documents and archives
- Completed collective history of the CBD Women's Caucus - [CHECK IT HERE!](#)

MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT

The Caucus continued expanding and strengthening its membership base, fostering regular exchange, political coordination and peer support among members across regions and constituencies.

- Membership growth updates: 206 new members across 62 countries and territories
- Six bimonthly meetings with interpretation (English/French/Spanish)
- Report-backs on events and processes through meetings and online platforms
- Ongoing thematic exchanges to update members on CBD and related processes
- Shared and collective leadership strengthened through policy subgroups, communications support and capacity-development efforts



RENEWAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On 11 Apr 2025, the CBD Women's Caucus launched an open call for applications to renew its Board of Directors for the 2025–2026 biennium, warmly encouraging women and people in all their diversity, particularly those from historically excluded regions and communities, to step forward into shared leadership. A Selection Committee convened to review nominations and select new Board members by consensus, based on criteria of experience, and regional, ethnic, and age balance.

On July 22, 2025 we welcomed with great joy and excitement the newest members of the CBD Women's Caucus Board of Directors. Together, they bring a rich tapestry of lived experiences, expertise, and passion for gender justice and biodiversity, and we could not be more inspired by the chapter ahead:



Ms. *Cristina Eghenter* (Italy): Senior Expert in Global Governance Policy at WWF International, with expertise in global advocacy, agrobiodiversity, land use, and governance of protected areas.



Ms. *Nukila Evanty* (Indonesia, ROKAN HILIR People): Chairperson of IMA and Executive Director of WWG, advocating for Indigenous women's rights, traditional ecological knowledge, and food sovereignty.



Ms. *Edda Fernández Luiselli* (Mexico): Senior Policy Adviser at the Avaaz Foundation, specialising in environmental governance, international policy, and institutional finance.



Mr. *Patrick Mukanga Bwase* (Democratic Republic of the Congo, Pygmy People): Project Manager at the Conseil pour la Terre des Ancêtres NGO, working at the intersection of gender, tropical forest management, climate change, and youth engagement.



Ms. *Mwanahamisi (Mishy) Singano* (Tanzania): Director of Policy at WEDO, with expertise in feminist and climate movements, network coordination, and decolonial development approaches.



Ms. *Ruth Spencer* (Antigua and Barbuda - second term): Chair of the Marine Ecosystems Protected Areas (MEPA) Trust, bridging grassroots women's voices and global biodiversity processes, with vital representation from Small Island Developing States.



Ms. *Ndeye Fatou Ndiaye* (Senegal): Specialist in agroforestry, food security, and climate resilience, with strong networks across francophone Africa and global women's groups.

EXPANDING OUR COORDINATION TEAM

As the CBD Women's Caucus continues to grow in reach, impact, and ambition, 2025 marked an important milestone in strengthening our organisational capacity. The Caucus expanded its coordination team up to three part-time positions, reflecting our collective commitment to building a more structured, sustainable, and feminist-led organisation.

Coordinator *Amelia Arreguin Prado* (Mexico) ensures the day-to-day functioning of the Caucus, working closely with the Board and operational team to coordinate its five areas of work—policy and advocacy, community building, knowledge production, outreach and awareness, and capacity development. She also follows up on projects and commitments, represents the Caucus in external spaces, and fosters relationships with members, partner organisations, funding partners, and other key stakeholders.



Project Officer - Communication & Outreach *Fatima El-aaraby* (Morocco) is responsible for strengthening the visibility and public engagement of the Caucus through strategic communications, content creation, digital platform management, and outreach. This role ensures the Caucus maintains a coherent, impactful, and feminist-centred presence across all its channels and campaigns.



Project Officer – Community Building & Capacity Development *Shruti Ajit* (India) is dedicated to deepening membership engagement, supporting grassroots organisations, facilitating learning spaces, and coordinating representation at CBD and related processes. This role ensures that members, particularly those from underrepresented regions and communities, are actively involved, supported, and heard.



INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS

The Caucus strengthened its internal communication infrastructure to facilitate multilingual coordination, transparency, participation, and access to opportunities.

- Google Group for member exchange and coordination
- WhatsApp groups, including Members Chat, Open Chat, and Announcements Channel
- Padlet Internal Notice Board tracking opportunities, deadlines, and ongoing processes accessible to all members at any time

POLICY & ADVOCACY

In 2025, the CBD Women's Caucus continued strengthening its role as a key feminist voice within biodiversity governance. Through coordinated advocacy, technical engagement, constituency mobilisation and strategic partnerships, the Caucus contributed to advancing gender-responsive, rights-based and intersectional approaches across CBD negotiations and related international policy spaces.

PARTICIPATION IN CBD OFFICIAL POLICY PROCESSES

SECOND RESUMED SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (CBD COP16.2)

25-27 FEBRUARY 2025 | ROME, ITALY

The Caucus coordinated collective advocacy efforts during the resumed session of COP16, contributing feminist perspectives and policy recommendations to ongoing negotiations and discussions.

- **Policy Subgroups Meetings**

In preparation for COP16.2, the Caucus organised itself into policy thematic subgroups, each focused on one of the five agenda items under negotiation. Members met online with interpretation in French and Spanish to review negotiation texts, refine demands, and align on red lines, fostering a participatory and collective approach to advocacy

- **Preparatory Meeting**

On the eve of COP16.2, 24 February 2025, Caucus members present in Rome gathered in person for a preparatory session. Together, they reviewed all agenda items, recapped key demands and red lines, and ensured that every member, regardless of prior involvement in the preparatory work, was fully equipped to advocate confidently and coherently in the days ahead.

- **Daily Briefings**

From 25 to 27 February 2025, the Caucus held daily in-person morning briefings at FAO Headquarters in Rome. These gatherings provided a vital space for members to assess the state of negotiations and adapt strategies in real time

- **Bilateral Meetings with Negotiators and Key Stakeholders**

Bilateral meetings were held both online and in person in Rome with Party representatives. These meetings strengthened collaboration with gender champion delegates and helped advance the Caucus's demands

- **Press Conference**



TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE (SBSTTA-27)

20–24 OCTOBER 2025 | PANAMA CITY, PANAMA

The CBD Women's Caucus actively engaged in scientific and technical discussions at SBSTTA-27, advocating for stronger integration of human rights, gender justice, and Indigenous Peoples' and local communities' perspectives across all agenda items. Through a dynamic mix of policy advocacy, strategic communications, capacity-building, and coalition-building, the Caucus contributed to shaping outcomes while laying the groundwork for COP-17.

• Policy Subgroups Meetings

Members worked in policy thematic groups to review negotiation texts, develop key policy messages and textual recommendations —available in five languages: English, French, Spanish, Arabic, and Portuguese.

• Preparatory Meeting

On 19 October 2025, Caucus members gathered in person in Panama City for a preparatory session to collectively refined interventions and developed strategic lobbying approaches to identify and engage with supportive Parties.

• Daily Meetings

Throughout SBSTTA-27 (20–24 October), the Caucus convened daily coordination meetings to review negotiation developments, align advocacy priorities, and ensure coherence across interventions.

• Delivery of Statements

The Caucus delivered statements across the eight agenda items under SBSTTA-27, advancing calls for gender-responsive and rights-based biodiversity policy and action

• Bilateral Meetings with Negotiators and Key Stakeholders

Ahead of and during SBSTTA-27 bilateral meetings were held with representatives from key Parties and stakeholders to present the Caucus's collective policy recommendations.

- **Press Conference:** “No Compromise, No Delay: Women and Girls Demand Action at SBSTTA-27”
- **Side event:** Applying a Human Rights-Based Approach (HRBA) in line with Section C of the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF)
- **Side event:** Aligning Voices: Multi-Actor Pathways for Just and Equitable Policy Coherence across the Rio Conventions



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-1)

27–30 OCTOBER 2025 | PANAMA CITY, PANAMA

The Caucus advocated for the recognition of the rights, knowledge, leadership, and contributions of women and girls in all their diversity, including from Indigenous Peoples, and from local and Afro-descendant communities, within the implementation of Article 8(j).

• Policy Subgroups Meetings

In preparation for SB8j-1, the Caucus organised policy thematic subgroups focused on the specific agenda items of the meeting. Members worked online to review negotiation texts, develop key policy messages and textual recommendations available in five languages: English, French, Spanish, Arabic, and Portuguese and align on advocacy priorities. This participatory process ensured that the Caucus arrived in Panama City with a strong, unified, and well-informed voice on all items under discussion.

• Preparatory Meeting

On 26 October 2025 — the day before SB8j-1 opened — Caucus members gathered in person in Panama City for a preparatory session. The meeting brought together members from diverse backgrounds to build a shared understanding of Article 8(j), support co-leads across their respective agenda items, and coordinate strategies to ensure a strong, unified, and informed voice throughout the negotiations.

• Daily Meetings

Throughout SB8j-1 (27–30 October), the Caucus convened daily coordination meetings to review negotiation developments, align advocacy priorities, and ensure coherence across all interventions.

• Delivery of Statements

The Caucus delivered statements across the eight agenda items under SBSTTA-27, advancing calls for gender-responsive and rights-based biodiversity policy and action

• Bilateral Meetings with Negotiators and Key Stakeholders

Throughout SB8j-1, bilateral meetings were held with representatives from key Parties and stakeholders to advance the Caucus's demands



- **Press conference:** Voices of Women and Girls at the Forefront: CBD Women's Caucus Demands Action on SB8J-1 Outcomes
- **Side event:** Centering Indigenous, Local, and Afro Descendant Women's Rights and Contributions in Tasks 1.1 and Tasks 1.2 of the New 8(j) Programme of Work
- **Side event:** Children and Youth Sowing Knowledge and Resistance: Implementing Article 8(j) from Pluri-ethnic and Biodiverse Territories
- **Side event:** Advancing Human Rights-Based Approaches in Target 3 Implementation
- **High-Level Dialogue** with Parties and Non-Party Stakeholders to Present the Vision and Priorities of the Armenian Incoming COP17 Presidency

PARTICIPATION IN GBF FUND COUNCIL

As one of the official Observers to the GBFF Council, the Caucus continued engaging in biodiversity finance discussions, advocating for accessible, equitable, and gender-responsive financing mechanisms.

- **FOURTH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK FUND (GBFF) 2–6 JUNE 2025 | WASHINGTON, D.C., USA**
- **FIFTH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK FUND (GBFF) 18–19 DECEMBER 2025 | ONLINE**

PARTICIPATION IN CBD TECHNICAL PROCESSES

The Caucus contributed technical perspectives and gender-responsive recommendations across a wide range of CBD workshops, advisory groups, and consultations.

- **SUSTAINABLE OCEAN INITIATIVE (SOI) REGIONAL CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP FOR THE STATES OF THE ATLANTIC AND MEDITERRANEAN COASTS OF AFRICA. 10 FEBRUARY 2025 | DAKAR, SENEGAL**
- **SUB-REGIONAL CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP ON TARGET 3 OF THE KUNMING-MONTREAL GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK AND ARTICLE 8(J) ON TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE 16–20 FEBRUARY 2025 | UNITED NATIONS OFFICE, NAIROBI, KENYA**
- **OPEN-ENDED ONLINE FORUM ON RISK ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT UNDER THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY .21 APRIL & 7-9 MAY 2025 | ONLINE**
- **DRAFTING COMMITTEE FOR THE GLOBAL PLAN OF ACTION ON EDUCATION FOR BIODIVERSITY 28 APRIL – 6 MAY 2025 | ONLINE**

- SUB-REGIONAL CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP ON TARGET 3 OF THE KUNMING-MONTREAL GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK FOR EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA. 17–20 JUNE 2025 | BANGKOK, THAILAND
- TRAINING COURSE FOR PACIFIC SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES ON INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES (IAS). 15–17 JULY 2025 | SPREP HEADQUARTERS, APIA, SAMOA
- AD HOC SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (AHSTAG) FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE GLOBAL REPORT ON COLLECTIVE PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE KUNMING-MONTREAL GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK | ONLINE AND IN PERSON IN MONTREAL, CANADA
- GLOBAL WORKSHOP ON THE FOREST ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION INITIATIVE (FERI) 26–28 AUGUST 2025 | SEOUL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA
- REGIONAL DIALOGUE ON NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS FOR THE WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS GROUP (WEOG) AND FOR PARTIES COVERED BY THE EUROPEAN SUBREGIONAL TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION SUPPORT CENTRE. 23–25 SEPTEMBER 2025 | BRUSSELS, BELGIUM
- INFORMAL ADVISORY GROUP ON TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION (TSC- IAG)| ONLINE AND IN PERSON IN MONTREAL, CANADA
- SUBREGIONAL DIALOGUE ON BIODIVERSITY MONITORING AND REPORTING FOR SELECTED CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES 2–4 DECEMBER 2025 | PARAMARIBO, SURINAME
- SUBREGIONAL DIALOGUE FOR LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES ON BIODIVERSITY MONITORING AND REPORTING WITH A FOCUS ON ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION (TARGET 2 OF THE KUNMING-MONTREAL GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK). 17–21 NOVEMBER 2025 | BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA



PARTICIPATION IN GEF EXPANDED CONSTITUENCY WORKSHOPS

The Caucus engaged in regional GEF dialogues to strengthen the visibility of gender justice and women's leadership within biodiversity finance discussions, including the urgency to ensure direct access to funds.

- **SOUTHERN AFRICA EXPANDED CONSTITUENCY WORKSHOP 2025 20–23 JANUARY 2025 | JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA**
- **CENTRAL AFRICA EXPANDED CONSTITUENCY WORKSHOP OF THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY (GEF) 28 APRIL – 1 MAY 2025 | MALABO, EQUATORIAL GUINEA**



PARTICIPATION IN OTHER KEY EVENTS

The Caucus continued building alliances across the biodiversity, climate, land rights and gender justice movements through participation in international conferences, dialogues and strategic events.

69TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW69) 10–21 MARCH 2025 NEW YORK | UNITED STATES

- Commission on the Status of Women 69th Session (CSW69) Parallel Event: "Advancing Data for Synergies between Gender, Climate, and Environment" 11 March 2025 | Online
- Side Event: "The Crucial Role of Women Land Defenders" 20 March 2025 | Online
- Side Event: "Fulfilling the True Vision of Beijing (and Rio): A Whole-of-Society Approach to Gender and Environment Data" 21 March 2025 | UN Headquarters, New York, USA | In person
- International Cooperation at Gender–Biodiversity Crossroads: An Approach to Gender and Environment Data" Mid-April 2025 | Online
- CBD WC members meeting



IUCN WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS 2025 9–15 OCTOBER 2025 ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

- Side Event: "Championing Gender Justice in Biodiversity Conservation: Pathways to CBD COP17" 9 October 2025 | Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates | In person
- Side Event: "Beyond Biodiversity: Women's Leadership in a Changing Climate" 10 October 2025 | Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates | In person
- Side Event: "Human Rights and Conservation: A Zoom into Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean" 12 October 2025 | Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates | In person
- Side Event: "Next-Gen Conservation: Integrating Technology, Science, and Sustainable Design" 13 October 2025 | Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates | In person
- Side Event: "How Young Women Can Shape the IUCN Programme and Environmental Policies in the Arab Region" 13 October 2025 | Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates | In person
- Side Event: "Voices from the Field: Gender Focal Points in Action Across the Rio Conventions" 13 October 2025 | Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates | In person
- CBD WC members meeting



THIRD INTERNATIONAL AGROBIODIVERSITY CONGRESS (IAC-3) MAY 2025 | KUNMING, YUNNAN, CHINA

THE WORLD BANK LAND CONFERENCE 5–8 MAY 2025 | WASHINGTON, D.C., USA

NATIONAL CONSULTATION ON THE GENDER ACTION PLANS (GAPS) OF THE RIO CONVENTIONS 1 JULY 2025 | NAIROBI, KENYA

NATIONAL CONSULTATION WORKSHOP ON SYNERGIZING GENDER ACTION PLANS OF THE RIO CONVENTIONS 25–29 AUGUST 2025 | MALI

BOGIS-BOSSEY EXPERT WORKSHOP 2025 | 27–28 AUGUST 2025 | SWITZERLAND

THE WOMEN'S LAND RIGHTS INITIATIVE: ADVANCING WOMEN'S LAND RIGHTS THROUGH THE RIO CONVENTIONS | 5–8 MAY 2025 | WASHINGTON, D.C., USA | WORLD BANK LAND CONFERENCE 2025

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN CLIMATE AND CONSERVATION ACTION NEEDS GREATER FINANCIAL SUPPORT | 24 JUNE 2025 | LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM | LONDON CLIMATE ACTION WEEK 2025

KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION

In 2025, the Caucus continued producing feminist policy analysis, technical submissions and knowledge products aimed at strengthening gender-responsive implementation of the KM-GBF and supporting evidence-based advocacy within biodiversity governance.

POSITION PAPERS AND POLICY ANALYSIS

The Caucus produced timely policy analyses and recommendations to support coordinated advocacy and engagement in CBD negotiations.

- [POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COP16.2](#)
- [COP16.2 OUTCOMES ANALYSIS](#)
- [POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SBSTTA-27](#)
- [SBSTTA-27 OUTCOMES ANALYSIS](#)
- [POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SB8J-01](#)
- [SB8J-01 OUTCOMES ANALYSIS](#)

POLICY BRIEFS

The Caucus developed targeted briefing materials to support Parties, civil society organisations and other stakeholders in integrating gender-responsive and rights-based approaches within biodiversity policy and implementation.

- [ASSESSING THE GENDER-RESPONSIVENESS OF NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS \(NBSAPS\)](#)
- [SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL NEEDS TO STRENGTHEN GENDER-RESPONSIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE KMGBF](#)
- [KEY ASKS FOR SBSTTA 27 CENTERING HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE CBD: ENGLISH, SPANISH](#)



TECHNICAL SUBMISSIONS

The Caucus contributed technical and political inputs to official CBD consultations and information-gathering processes, ensuring that women's rights, gender equality and intersectional perspectives were reflected across thematic areas.

- Submission of views and information on biodiversity and climate change
- Submission on the inclusion of additional headline, component, and complementary indicators for the KM-GBF monitoring framework
- Submission on the methodology for headline indicator 22.1 – land tenure
- Submission of views and relevant experiences on scientific and technical needs to support KM-GBF implementation
- Submission of relevant information to support the production of the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
- Submission of case studies and other information on relevant traditional knowledge, innovations, practices, and technology of indigenous peoples and local communities for the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
- Submission of views and information in preparation for the mid-term review of the Gender Plan of Action 2023–2030
- Submission on policy coherence and the Rio Conventions joint work program
- Submission of views and information relating to the strategic review and analysis of the current Programme of work on protected areas (PoWPA) in the context of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework



CBD Women's Caucus Submission on the Mid-Term Review of the Gender Plan of Action 2023–2030



CBD Women's Caucus Submission on the Strategic Review of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas (PoWPA)



Contributions of the CBD Women's Caucus to the Global Report on Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

The Caucus continued investing in collective learning, peer exchange and political capacity-building to strengthen feminist engagement in biodiversity governance processes at all levels.

TRAINING	• Peer-to-peer training for SBSTTA-27 & SB8j-1 August – September 2025 Online • CBD Women's Caucus New Members Induction 24 July 2025 Online	
CROSS-CONSTITUENCIES LEARNING	• Cross-Learning Session: Gender Action Plans in Practice — National Implementation for Biodiversity and Climate 25 March 2025 Online	
WEBINARS	• Gender Justice at the Heart of Conservation: The Road to IUCN WCC 2025 17 September 2025 • The Impact of Pollution and Biodiversity Loss on Women 4 June 2025 • Women Who Care for Life: Voices from Biodiversity 25 November 2025	

AWARENESS & OUTREACH

Throughout 2025, the Caucus strengthened its communications and outreach efforts to amplify feminist perspectives within biodiversity governance, increase visibility of women's leadership and contributions, and make CBD processes more accessible to broader audiences.

ONLINE PLATFORMS

The Caucus maintained an active multilingual digital presence across platforms, supporting real-time advocacy, knowledge dissemination, and community engagement. Digital communications reached approximately 78,000 people across platforms during 2025, generating over 130,000 views across the website, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube, a growth of 169% in website traffic compared to the previous year.

- Regular multilingual content across Instagram, LinkedIn, Youtube, X/Twitter
- Live coverage of the CBD Women's caucus engagements across platforms
- Collaborations with allied organisations and communication partners



CAMPAIGNS

The Caucus developed and amplified strategic communications campaigns highlighting women's leadership, feminist advocacy, and collective mobilisation within biodiversity processes.

- Gender & Biodiversity Champion commitment
- CBD Women's Caucus History
- Road to SBSTTA-27
- Voices from SBSTTA-27
- Women smallholder farmers

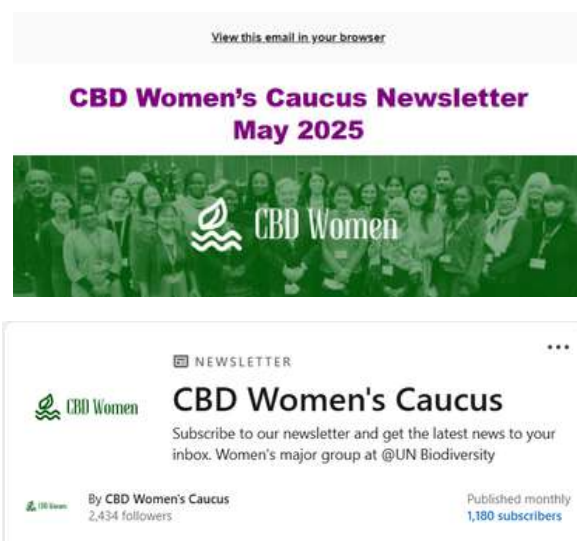


NEWSLETTER

The monthly newsletter remained a key communication and accountability tool, documenting advocacy processes, opportunities, and collective reflections.

Newsletter circulation reached approximately 973 subscribers by the end of 2025.

- [CBD Women's Caucus Newsletter N°1](#)
- [CBD Women's Caucus Newsletter N°2](#)
- [CBD Women's Caucus Newsletter N°3](#)
- [CBD Women's Caucus Newsletter N°4](#)
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- [CBD Women's Caucus Special edition](#)
- [CBD Women's Caucus Newsletter N°10](#)
- [CBD Women's Caucus Newsletter N°11](#)
- [CBD Women's Caucus Newsletter N°12](#)



COMMS ALLIES

The Caucus collaborated with communications allies and platforms to strengthen outreach and visibility.

- **Flotilla Group** is an open and voluntary informal group established under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) to coordinate biodiversity communication efforts globally. It brings together Parties to the Convention, United Nations agencies, indigenous people and local communities, women, youth representatives, and civil society organizations, all united by a shared commitment to raising awareness about biodiversity. Operating without binding decisions, it serves as a flexible and inclusive space where members exchange information, align messaging, and coordinate outreach in support of the CBD's global biodiversity framework. Its name captures its essence: independent organizations moving together toward a common goal
- **CBD Community Group:** A group of CBD constituencies and civil society organisations, led by the Forest Peoples Programme. The group aims to share updates and help spread the word to a wider audience. The CBD Women's Caucus was very actively engaged in the meeting, voicing the demands of women and girls in biodiversity decision-making and reinforcing the importance of coordinated advocacy across constituencies.

INITIATIVES

In 2025, the CBD Women's Caucus strengthened and expanded a series of initiatives designed to advance gender-responsive biodiversity governance, evidence generation, leadership, and coordination. These initiatives created spaces for peer learning, collective advocacy, and visibility for women and girls in all their diversity across biodiversity policy and practice.

GENDER & BIODIVERSITY FOCAL POINTS NETWORK

The Gender & Biodiversity Focal Points Network was formally consolidated in 2025 as a coordination mechanism facilitated by the CBD Women's Caucus. It provides a dedicated space for officially designated Focal Points to exchange experiences, share tools, and coordinate approaches to advance gender-responsive biodiversity policies at national, regional, and global levels. The Network brought together 71 Gender and Biodiversity Focal Points from 60 countries.



ACTIVITIES

- Network formally consolidated in 2025
- Adoption of collectively developed Terms of Reference
- Bimonthly meetings for peer-to-peer exchanges
- Peer exchange on national experiences implementing Target 23 and the Gender Plan of Action
- Visual identity developed

GENDER & BIODIVERSITY DATA INITIATIVE

The Gender and Biodiversity Data initiative, in partnership with IIED, maps the capacities, gaps, and opportunities of women-led organisations in generating and influencing biodiversity data. It responds to a structural challenge: the invisibility of women's contributions to biodiversity conservation within national and global monitoring frameworks. The initiative contributed to increasing recognition of women-led organisations as key actors in biodiversity data generation, communication, and monitoring processes.



ACTIVITIES

• Survey

The survey aimed to understand the extent and nature of women's organisations' engagement with data, particularly data that are gender-responsive and/or women-led. It seeks to explore how such data are collected, managed, and used, the barriers encountered at each stage, and the types of support and capacity-building that may be required. It was launched during SBSTTA27/SB8J01 in Panama in October 2025 and was open for a month for participants to contribute in three languages (ENG/FR/ESP).

• Report (to be published in early 2026)

The assessment explores how women-led and community-based organisations working on biodiversity generate and use gender-responsive data, and the barriers they face in doing so. Based on responses from 70 organisations, it highlights strong community-rooted data practices alongside critical gaps in resources, systems, and policy access. The findings will inform next steps for peer learning, capacity strengthening, and advocacy within the CBD Women's Caucus network.

• Brief (forthcoming in 2026)

This Policy Brief will distill key findings from the study on gender and biodiversity data, highlighting how women-led organisations are generating critical evidence for conservation and advocacy.

GENDER & BIODIVERSITY CHAMPIONS

The Gender & Biodiversity Champions initiative brings together leaders from diverse sectors who commit to leading forcefully to ensure women's rights are upheld in biodiversity policies, financing, and actions. By the end of 2025, 43 public declarations had been collected from Champions across sectors and regions.

ACTIVITIES

- Champions registration continued and was promoted throughout 2025
- I am a Gender & Biodiversity Champion. A public declaration campaign asking Champions to share their personal commitments to gender justice in biodiversity
- CBD Executive Secretary Ms. Astrid Schomaker's declaration
- Champions mobilised for COP-16.2, SBSTTA-27 and SB8j-01
- Champion spotlights featured in the newsletter on YouTube and social media



PARTNERS AND FUNDERS

In 2025, the CBD Women's Caucus strengthened collaboration with a wide range of networks, women's rights organisations, Indigenous Peoples' and local community partners, research institutions, UN entities, CBD constituencies, and funders. These partnerships supported policy advocacy, technical analysis, capacity-building, communications, participation in international biodiversity processes, and the advancement of gender-responsive implementation of the KM-GBF.

NETWORKS AND COALITIONS

These collaborations strengthened collective advocacy on human rights, gender equality, land rights, and biodiversity governance across international policy spaces.

- Human Rights and Biodiversity Working Group – joint advocacy on human rights-based approaches within CBD negotiations and implementation.
- Gender and Environment Data Alliance (GEDA) – collaboration on gender and environment advocacy and coordination.
- Women's Land Rights Initiative – engagement on women's land and resource rights within biodiversity governance discussions.

ALLIES AND PARTNERS

The Caucus collaborated with civil society organisations, research institutions, UN entities and intergovernmental actors on policy analysis, side events, technical inputs, outreach and capacity-building initiatives.

- Convention on Biological Diversity Secretariat
- FARN - Fundación Ambiente y Recursos Naturales
- WEDO - Women's Environment and Development Organization
- WECF - Women Engage for a Common Future
- GFC - Global Forest Coalition
- WiGSA - Women in Global South Alliance for tenure and climate
- RRI - Rights and Resources Initiative
- Bioversity Alliance / CGIAR
- IIED - International Institute for Environment and Development
- IUCN - International Union for Conservation of Nature, including the Human Rights Centre and CEESP.
- UN Women
- Global Environment Facility

CBD CROSS-CONSTITUENCY PARTNERS

The Caucus continued strengthening collaboration with other CBD constituencies to advance coordinated civil society advocacy and inclusive participation within CBD processes.

- Global Youth Biodiversity Network
- CBD Alliance
- International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity

ACROSS CONVENTIONS

The Caucus expanded collaboration across the Rio Conventions to strengthen coherence between gender and environmental agendas.

- UNFCCC Women and Gender Constituency
- UNCCD Gender Caucus
- GEF Women and Gender Caucus

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- International Union for Conservation of Nature
- Women's Environment and Development Organization
- Women Engage for a Common Future
- Global Forest Coalition
- Greenpeace International
- World Wide Fund for Nature

These collaborations reflect the growing recognition of the importance of feminist leadership, gender justice and human rights-based approaches within biodiversity governance.



THANK YOU!

The CBD Women's Caucus remains committed to strengthening collective action and partnerships to advance the effective and equitable implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity, its Global Biodiversity Framework and its Gender Plan of Action.

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