



Summary notes of the Gender Breakfast to discuss the operationalization of the Gender Action Plan (GAP)

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I. Background and objectives

1. On the occasion of the 48th subsidiary bodies session, the COP23 Presidency, in collaboration with the UNFCCC secretariat, invited participants to a working breakfast to discuss the operationalization of the Gender Action Plan (GAP). The purpose of the discussions was to raise awareness about the GAP and its priority areas; enabled National Gender and Climate Change Focal Points (NGCCFPs) and Heads / Deputy Heads of Delegation (HoDs) to identify and discuss opportunities and challenges in the implementation of the GAP and its deliverables and ways to mobilize the financial resources and technical expertise required for successful implementation of the GAP.
2. The breakfast also provided an opportunity for NGCCFPs to identify any capacity-building needs they may have in order to perform their roles, and for representatives of relevant organizations to provide information on how they could support those needs. There was also a call to action, including for all delegations that have not nominated a NGFP to nominate one.
3. Following a short opening session, participants focused their table discussions on three questions:
 - (a) How can NGCCFPs and HoDs raise awareness on the goals of the GAP nationally, including within their own delegation?
 - (b) How can you integrate the priorities under the GAP into the national planning and implementation processes; and what additional resources might be needed?
 - (c) What type of support do NGCCFPs need to successfully perform their role?

II. Summary of ideas shared in plenary feedback session

4. In response to the first question, '*how can NGCCFP and HoDs raise awareness on the goals of the GAP nationally, including within their own delegation?*' participants offered the following ideas:
 - (a) Including grassroots women in delegations is useful but they must be fully integrated into the delegation. Suggestion to have them shadow delegates on various agenda items to provide capacity building and real-time opportunity to contribute;
 - (b) Ensure that the GAP is read and understood by the whole delegation. NGCCFPs and HoDs can raise awareness within their delegation and at the national level;
 - (c) Look at gender and climate change policies – check them against GAP. How can GAP be more integrated into national climate policy work?
 - (d) NGCCFPs should be working towards raising awareness of GAP to help with its implementation;
 - (e) NGCCFPs could share with each other, as a network, how they are raising awareness so that others can build upon successful models;
 - (f) There is a need to increase the number of female delegates, especially in developing country delegations;

(g) Think about the objective behind appointing a NGCCFP. Why do we do this? We want NGCCFPs that are empowered to go back home and implement, not just NGCCFP for the sake of having one.

5. In response to the second question, *‘how can you integrate the priorities under the GAP into the national planning and implementation processes; and what additional resources might be needed?’* participants offered the following ideas:

- (a) Through the sharing of knowledge and experience, focal points should identify processes that could be implemented at the national level. Link what is being done successfully in other processes with the climate change agenda;
- (b) Similarly, the sharing of information between focal points can be used to inform national planning and implementation initiatives;
- (c) Integrate the GAP into national planning by finding linkages to the Sustainable Development Goals and building it in from there;
- (d) Find a way to institutionalize the GAP so that you don’t lose momentum or knowledge when changes occur in the staff and government;
- (e) Map out government structures and the key policies so that the GAP can be integrated across ministries;
- (f) Organize a forum focused on budgeting and how to integrate gender dimensions into national planning and budgets;
- (g) Integrated gender analysis must be done upstream for any initiatives/projects relating to National Adaptation Plans / Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions / Nationally Determined Contributions.

6. In response to the third question, *‘what type of support do NGCCFPs need to successfully perform their role?’*, participants offered the following ideas:

- (a) Checklist for focal points on what a focal point should do – key actions they could take, what structures exist, how to bring concepts to the national level – a capacity-building approach for gender focal points would be very useful;
- (b) Create a space for a network (AILAC has been nominated to run this). e.g a WhatsApp group;
- (c) Build expertise on gender (like IPCC guidelines);
- (d) Support additional forums, like this one, but focused on implementing through national budgets;
- (e) UNFCCC should extend gender focal points into their administration to give full coherence to process;
- (f) Use UNDP and other organizations that are supporting at the country level. Find out about them and use them;
- (g) Need more of these types of events but also at the regional levels – building contacts and networks at regional levels would be useful;
- (h) Identify women in leadership roles that can act as Champions. Need to sensitise leaders in targeted communications;
- (i) Learning from doing – use the resources for capacity building that exist in developing country gender focal points – find out about their experiences and bring these back to national levels (developing and developed);
- (j) Capacity building in unpacking the GAP, even for gender focal points;
- (k) Secretariat to support showcasing success stories;

- (l) How can secretariat help support linking between SDG focal points and national gender and climate change focal points?
- (m) How can secretariat support establishing a mentoring or pairing process for the national gender and climate change focal points?
- (n) How can secretariat support funding of national gender and climate change focal points?

Annex I

Programme

Welcome greetings and introductory remarks

Timaima Vakadewabuka
COP23 Presidency, Fiji
Socialising the GAP

Catherine Stewart
Head of Delegation, Canada
Mobilizing financial resources and technical expertise for the implementation of GAP

Pieter Terpstra
Deputy Head of Delegation and Gender Focal Point, The Netherlands
Opportunities and challenges in implementation of GAP

Ovais Sarmad
Deputy Executive Secretary, UNFCCC secretariat
Support to operationalization of the GAP

Table discussions

Feedback and call to action
