

**Submission on elements for the gender action plan under the Lima Work
Program on Gender**

by Ethiopia on behalf of the Least Developed Countries Group

The LDC Group welcomes the opportunity to submit its views on possible elements for the gender action plan under the Lima Work Program on Gender and matters to be addressed at the in-session workshop to be held during SB-44. The LDC Group believes that gender is one of the key crosscutting issues that affects response to climate change and achievement of sustainable development goals.

We welcome the adoption of the decision by parties to extend the Lima work program on gender and requesting the SBI to develop a gender action plan to support the implementation of gender related decisions and mandates under the UNFCCC process.

We believe that this will provide focussed strategic guidance for ensuring gender balance and equality, gender responsive climate policies and women's empowerment in relevant programs and actions of the Convention and associated work by the UNFCCC Secretariat, Parties and Observer Organizations.

A. Workshop Content

The LDC Group believes that the workshop could include:

1. A presentation and review of gender action plans (GAPs) under United Nations and other intergovernmental processes, including but not limited to those under the GCF and the CBD, and the UN SWAP. Both the substance and the process of developing these GAPs and lessons learnt from implementing them should be addressed;
2. Lessons and best practices from other mechanisms and work programmes under the Convention, such as the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage, which could inform Parties in developing the UNFCCC GAP;

3. Review and lessons on how to address gender-related climate vulnerability, and what indicators and benchmarks are being used;
4. A review of NAPAs and (existing) NAPs from a gender perspective in order to identify the gender gap, so that the GAP could include practical steps to integrate gender in future NAPAs and NAPs;
5. review of lessons, challenges and successes in implementing the provisions of the gender-specific and gender-sensitive decisions adopted thus far under the UNFCCC; This should be followed by a brainstorm on how the GAP can accelerate action on these, and what means of implementation are required, including financial resources allocation;
6. Experiences from country Parties, observers and INGOs in developing and implementing GAPs;

B. Workshop format

The LDC Group would like to propose that the workshops be a composite of:

- a) Presentations/panels from UN organizations such as the CBD Secretariat, the GCF and other relevant UN Agencies on lessons acquired from the development and implementation of their respective GAPs;
- b) Presentations/panels from selected parties and INGOs, observers regarding policy provision, challenges (experienced and foreseen) and lessons learnt;
- c) Break out groups on issues, key takeaways from the presentations and discussions that would contribute to the development of a robust UNFCCC GAP.

The Group is further of the view that the secretariat should produce a workshop report in order to help inform Parties in the subsequent negotiations on SBI conclusions and consequently on a COP decision on principles and elements for the GAP under the UNFCCC.