

Intervention by Maira Zahur

GenderCC - on behalf of the Women and Gender Constituency

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Chair, thank you for this opportunity to address the floor. I am Maira Zahur from Pakistan.

On behalf of the Women and Gender Constituency, we endorse in spirit the efforts by the UNFCCC and the other stakeholders to improve the collective understanding and assessment of climate change's impacts to communities and the latter's vulnerability and adaptation. We also strongly recognize the importance of this learning process to inform decisions on practical adaptation actions and measures.

In light of the various initiatives taken under the umbrella of the Nairobi Work Programme, we recommend the following:

- While the Nairobi Work Programme on advancing scientific and technical knowledge is being reviewed, the process must also include a stock-taking on its work on gender, if there is any. It should explicitly look into issues around human resource, capacity building and various knowledge management tools.
- We look forward to release of the Nairobi Work Programme's "Compendium on methods and tools to evaluate the impacts of, and vulnerability and adaptation to, climate change." However, we urge that the compendium be disseminated beyond the internet, taking into account people's varying constraints in accessing information, along gender lines and other social, political, cultural, environmental and economic contexts.
- In the implementation of the Nairobi Work Program, along with the representatives of Parties and focal points of organizations and institutions, we foresee a role of the Constituency. Direct engagement with the women groups on gender and development must be considered.
- We also welcome the initiative of a pool of experts trained in the use of the IPCC guidelines. As they would organize and facilitate activities such as training of trainers workshops and even work with the IPCC in promoting the use of the Emission Factor Database, we recommend that gender be included as a cross-cutting theme.
- Finally, we support the idea of identifying research themes by involving a range of stakeholders. We definitely see our role in the process.

Thank you.