

**SBI in-session workshop**

**To further develop ways to enhance the  
engagement of observer organizations**

**Bonn, 8 June 2011**

**Women and Gender Presentation**

# **Session I: Proposals for enhancing existing means of participation**

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## Participation: Capacity Building

- ▶ **Importance of capacity of underprivileged stakeholders**
- ▶ **More resources provided by Parties for capacity building for civil society**

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## Support for proposals of other constituencies

- ▶ **Trust Fund** to support the participation of civil society, in particular underrepresented groups
- ▶ **Effective Complaint Mechanism** to review decisions limiting the access or participation of civil society in specific meetings

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## Participation: Guiding Principles

- ▶ **Open meetings should be the rule when following a participatory approach within the process**
- ▶ **Balance between Parties' and Observers' statements and submissions**

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## Participation: Submissions and Interventions - details

- ▶ **Interventions during the sessions /contact groups need to be more balanced compared to Parties' statements in terms of timing (flexibility)**
- ▶ **Publish interventions on web site**
- ▶ **Include civil society's submissions in official documents (e.g. a list of the submissions and one page summary versions)**

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# Session II: Proposals for new means of participation

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# Online Consultation System

## ▶ Features

- ▶ Online forum on important agenda items
- ▶ Providing a limited amount of space for input from each Party and Observer grouping on specific items

## ▶ Purpose: Enhance interaction and debate

## ▶ Benefits

- ▶ More flexibility for input from Parties and stakeholders to present ideas
- ▶ Immediate access to the various opinions on a certain topic

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# Gender Advisory Group

## ▶ Purpose

- ▶ Respond to the need for more gender expertise in this process in order to implement gender provisions
- ▶ Highlight need for addressing the gender dimension in new text and provisions
- ▶ Ensure coherence and collaboration with existing institutional settings on gender

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## Gender Advisory Group (cont.)

- ▶ **Financial implications**
  - ▶ **Should not go at the expense of the Secretariat's budget**
  - ▶ **Small additional funding required from Parties committed to gender issues**
- ▶ **Women & Gender is looking forward to feedback on this idea**
- ▶ **Seeking consultation with interested Parties and Secretariat**

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## Further Proposals

- ▶ **Representatives of civil society should be involved as observers in the UNFCCC Bureau**
- ▶ **This is common practice in some other international processes, and would make the process more open**

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