

Call for a gender/women paragraph in the Shared Vision document

Option 1:

Proposed paragraph to be included in the Shared Vision preamble:

Paragraph 7 (bis)

Recalling the international commitments to gender equality and participation, the full integration of gender perspectives is essential to effective action on all aspects of climate change, including adaptation, mitigation, technology sharing, financing, and capacity building. The advancement of women, their leadership and meaningful participation, and their engagement as equal stakeholders in all climate related processes and implementation must be guaranteed.

Option 2 :

Proposed paragraph for Shared Vision paragraph 16:

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Background

The UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon has clearly articulated the important role of women in addressing climate change. Therefore, any outcome of the AWG LCA that does not clearly reference women and gender would be very weak and critically flawed.

The Women and Gender Constituency would like to recall that the UNFCCC process, as all other UN processes, should ensure compliance with existing women's rights standards and best practice as enshrined in CEDAW, MDGs and Security Council Resolution 1325.

Currently references to women and gender in the LCA documents are fragmented and completely omitted in some parts of the document, e.g. the sections on financing and technology transfer lack any reference to women. Moreover, there is a risk that existing references might disappear during the "cleaning" of the text. To ensure the proper inclusion of women (in all aspects of ...) we propose to add a comprehensive paragraph on women in the Shared Vision that would avoid duplication and unnecessary complexity while summarising the main elements of the inclusion of gender.

CEDAW: UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women

MDGs: Millenium Development Goals

SCR 1325: Security Council Resolution 1325 on Peace-Building