



Women + Power: enabling gender-responsive conservation in a post-2020 era

Date: 5 September, Sunday

Time: 16:00 - 17:30 (CEST)

Room: Virtual Channel 4

Why attend:

The deepening gender inequalities resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic contribute to increased urgency to address gender issues, including in the environmental sphere. The development of a post-2020 gender plan of action for the Convention on Biological Diversity provides an opportunity to strengthen the achievement of gender responsive biodiversity outcomes. With the deadline for achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals closer in sight, there is much ground to be gained in the coming decade.

This session seeks to magnify the voice of women and showcase their experience to advance gender equality. Please join us to learn about the development of a post-2020 Gender Plan of Action for the CBD and what it proposes to address, as well as best practice examples and experiences from different parts of the world. We'll explore how we can all work together to scale up gender responsiveness in the post-2020 era.

Your engagement is needed to support a robust and ambitious post-2020 gender plan of action for the CBD, and to help strengthen commitment for implementation towards a more equitable and sustainable future.

Description:

Ensuring gender equality and promoting women's empowerment can go a long way to solving some of today's most pressing environmental and social challenges. Evidence shows that empowering women can have a multiplier effect, generating innovation, economic growth, supporting environmental conservation and social progress. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development has given countries a clear mandate to integrate gender in national efforts to develop sustainably. This session will introduce the draft outline of a post-2020 Gender Plan of Action for the CBD, and will look at best practice examples and relevant experiences that can help guide implementation in the next decade. Drawing on examples from Asia, Latin America and Europe, we will explore the role of women in conservation and natural resources management, identifying persistent barriers and sharing success stories of gender responsive action that is catalyzing change. The event will also discuss solutions for scaling up women's empowerment in sustainable development and addressing gender issues in the context of biodiversity action in the decade ahead.

Objectives:

- Raise awareness of women at the grassroots level on the development and content of the draft outline of a post-2020 gender plan of action for the CBD;
- Make the links between global and local action, sharing best practices and experience from the global, regional and local level on gender-responsive action on biodiversity;

- Consider creative and innovative solutions for scaling up women's empowerment in sustainable development and action on biodiversity.

Agenda:

Facilitator – Charo Lanao

Opening Remarks: Jyoti Mathur-Filipp, Director of Implementation Support, CBD Secretariat (5 min)

Introductory Presentation: Tanya McGregor, Gender Programme Officer, CBD Secretariat.

- Introduction to the draft outline of a post-2020 Gender Plan of Action for the CBD (10-12 min)
- Q&A (5-7 min)

Discussion Panel

Sharing best practice examples, experience and inputs from different regions and perspectives
(40 min total)

Guiding questions:

- What motivates you to address gender issues related to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits?
- How do you see the CBD gender plan to action as an opportunity for further engagement and action on women's empowerment at a local scale?

Speakers:

- **India** – Sonali Ghosh, Forest Service Office. Linking nature-culture and capacity building in the natural heritage sector.
- **Mexico** – Andrea Cruz Angón, Coordinator of Biodiversity Strategies and International Cooperation, Comisión Nacional para el Conocimiento y Uso de la Biodiversidad de México, CONABIO. Mexico's experience in integrating gender in their national biodiversity strategy and action plan
- **Latin America and the Caribbean** – Nicole Puschel, Red de Mujeres en Conservación de Latinoamérica y el Caribe (Red MeC). Will discuss how the Women in Conservation Agenda, co-built by more than 380 women over 5 years, contributes to the implementation of a proposed new Gender Plan of Action for the CBD
- **Global** – Mrinalini (Tina) Rai, Caucus Lead, CBD Women's Caucus. Advocacy work of the CBD Women Caucus as a global collective and how they have been engaging in capacity building and negotiations in the Post-2020 GBF
- **Global** – Carmen Niethammer, Senior Gender Specialist, European Investment Bank. What the financial sector can do (and is doing) to incentive gender responsive approaches from local to global scales
- **Moderator and Closing remarks.** María Moreno de los Ríos, Red de Mujeres en Conservación de Latinoamérica y el Caribe (Red MeC).

Discussion Session (20 min)

Guiding questions:

- What is the change we want to see by 2030, to ensure a gender responsive approach to the conservation and sustainable/fair and equitable use of biodiversity and genetic resources?
- What key opportunities could you identify to enable effective implementation of gender responsive biodiversity actions?

Closing Remarks: Maria Ana Borges, Water for Landscapes Manager, IUCN (5 min)