

Intervention on SBSTA

Distinguished Delegates and Colleagues,

My name is Andrea Quesada and I speak today on behalf of the Women and Gender Constituency.

In these past months SBSTA has made substantial progress integrating gender in some of its agenda items. Particularly, the Constituency welcomes the report of technical expert meeting on available tools for the use of indigenous knowledge and practices for adaptation, and the application of gender-sensitive approaches and tools for adaptation considered under agenda item 3 on the Nairobi Work Programme. Discussions to elaborate the modalities under the programme should incorporate the recommendations to develop gender sensitive approaches at the international, national and community level highlighted in the report. This report is a step forward on properly addressing gender considerations within the technical and scientific discussions, and we invite discussions on other agenda items to follow suit.

Particularly, we feel that is necessary to have specific discussions about gender considerations under Agenda item 6 on Research and systematic observation, as the recent IPCC only acknowledges women as vulnerable to climate change, but it fails to provide information about gender-sensitive approaches to mitigation and adaptation actions and their contributions to climate solutions. Agenda item 6 should consider information on gender-specific climate change impacts and the impacts of climate policy on women.

Additionally, current negotiations under agenda item 5 should propose that non-carbon benefits are intrinsic to REDD+ and not add-ons. These negotiations should define a framework of international criteria (including gender criteria) for the types of national non-carbon benefits and consider performance on social and gender aspects of REDD+ in results-based payments; support enabling conditions need to deliver social and gender related non-carbon benefits, and providing ex-ante finance to deliver social gender-related non-carbon benefits.

Lastly, all **land sector and land use negotiations** should recognize and incorporate gender as a crucial crosscutting issue; recognize women as stakeholders with unique needs, preferences and contributions; focus on resources on/from land, and not the land itself; and ensure that actions proposed are based on a gender-responsive approach.

Thank you.