

‘Meaningful’ Participation

“Recognizing also the vital role that women play in the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and affirming the need for the full participation of women at all levels of policy-making and implementation for biological diversity conservation”

The CBD Women’s Caucus in CBD processes


The unique opportunity of COP17



COP17

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**TAKING ACTION
FOR NATURE**



Kunming-Montreal
GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

Global Review of collective progress in the implementation of the KM-GBF



23

Ensure Gender Equality with Equal Rights, Participation, and Leadership for Women and Girls

Mid-term review of the GPA

Progress:
more gender-related targets at national level; champion Parties; more leadership positions

Gaps:

- Women-led initiatives and contributions to KM-GBF and the convention still undervalued
- 20% of national targets addressed the issue of women's equal rights and access to land and natural resources
- fragmented or insufficient collection of sex and gender-disaggregated data
- limited access to gender-responsive funding programmes
- lack of adequate, predictable resources for implementing the Gender Plan of Action.

Participation (Target 22: Full, equitable, inclusive, effective and gender-responsive representation and participation)



Elevating Voices, Strengthening Influence, Empowering the Women's constituency at COP17

- **WC Roadmap to COP17:** a journey for self-strengthening
- **Negotiations:** ensuring that Women's rights, needs and solutions are integrated in COP decisions
- **Side events and other formal spaces** for engagement, visibility, raising the bar of gender-responsive implementation of the KM-GBF
- **Dialogues** with Parties, Major Groups and other stakeholders



Lingering challenges

- **Participation** is more than '*number of women attending*'; investing in women's networks: self-documentation, self-strengthening; biodiversity related policy- and decision-making
- Gender Justice in CBD and sustaining and strengthening **HRBA and whole of Society** (Section C)
- Going beyond '**best practices**'
- **Gender transformative leadership**





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