

**Gender Equality and Related Language
in the AWG-LCA Negotiation Text of 9 July 2010 (FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/8)**

Text Supported by UNIFEM (part of UN Women), member of Global Gender Climate Alliance (GGCA)

CONTEXT: *The Bali Action Plan reaffirms that economic and social development and poverty eradication are global priorities, and affirms that a shared vision needs to take into account “social and economic conditions and other relevant factors” [Decision 1/CP.13, preamble and 1(a)]. UNIFEM (part of UN Women) advocates that gender equality — including equal participation of stakeholders, equal access to opportunities that mitigation and adaptation strategies bring as well as accounting for the differentiated impacts on women and men from climate change and its response measures — should be included in the climate change agreement, in alignment with various international agreements including but not limited to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).*

TEXT NOTE: *All texts are directly quoted from the LCA Chair’s ‘Text to facilitate negotiations among Parties’ of 9 July 2010. Source paragraphs are noted and **gender specific and other relevant texts supported by UNIFEM are in bold.***

Chapter I — Preamble

Recognizing the need to engage a broad range of stakeholders at global, regional, national and local levels, be they governmental, including subnational and local government, private business or **civil society**, including the youth and persons with disability, and that **gender equality** and the effective **participation of women** and indigenous peoples are important for effective action on all aspects of climate change

Noting resolution 10/4 of the United Nations Human Rights Council on ‘Human rights and climate change’, which recognizes that the adverse effects of climate change have a range of direct and indirect implications for the **effective enjoyment of human rights** and that the effects of climate change will be felt most acutely by those segments of the population that are already vulnerable owing to geography, **gender**, age, indigenous or minority status and disability

Chapter I. Section A. A shared vision for long-term cooperative actions¹

Para 6. Enhanced action on adaptation should be undertaken in accordance with the Convention, follow a country-driven, **gender-sensitive**, participatory and fully transparent approach, **taking into consideration vulnerable groups**, communities and ecosystems, and be based on and guided by the best available science, and, as appropriate, traditional knowledge, with a view **to integrating adaptation into relevant social, economic and environmental policies and actions**, where appropriate.

Chapter II. Section A. Enhanced Action on Adaptation

Para 3. *Affirms* that enhanced action on adaptation should be undertaken in accordance with the Convention; follow a country-driven, **gender-sensitive**, participatory and fully transparent approach, **taking into consideration vulnerable groups**, communities and ecosystems; and be based on and guided by the best available science, and as appropriate traditional knowledge; with a view **to integrating adaptation into relevant social, economic and environmental policies and actions**, where appropriate;

¹ *As this section— the Shared Vision— is a summary of all section, repeated paragraphs and phrases exist.*

Chapter V. Enhanced action on capacity-building

Option 2: [Also decides that action on capacity-building should be enhanced in order to strengthen, as appropriate, subnational, national or regional capacities, skills, capabilities and institutions as appropriate, in order to address emerging capacity-building needs in the areas of adaptation, mitigation and technology development and transfer, as outlined [under the agreed outcome of the building blocks of the Bali Action Plan] [under the agreed outcome for the enhanced implementation of the Convention] through, inter alia:]

(c) Developing and/or strengthening national and/or regional networks for the generation, sharing and management of information and knowledge, **including local and indigenous knowledge**, experiences and best practices of developing countries, through, inter alia, South–South and triangular cooperation;

(e) Strengthening climate change communication, education, training and public awareness at all levels, including at the local and community levels, **taking into account gender issues**;

(f) Encouraging and strengthening participatory and integrated approaches, including the **participation of various stakeholders, including [women and] youth**, taking climate change considerations into account, to the extent feasible, in relevant social, economic and environmental policies and actions;

Chapter VI. Policy approaches and positive incentives on issues relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries; and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries.

Para 7. *Requests* developing country Parties, when developing and implementing their national strategies or action plan, [or subnational strategies] to address, inter alia, drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, **land tenure issues**, forest governance issues, **gender considerations** and the safeguards identified in paragraph 2 above, ensuring the full and effective participation of relevant stakeholders, inter alia, indigenous peoples and local communities;

Chapter VII. Economic and social consequences of response measures

Affirming that responses to climate change should be **coordinated with social and economic development in an integrated manner**, with a view to avoiding adverse impacts on the latter, taking fully into account the legitimate priority needs of developing country Parties for the achievement of sustained economic growth and the eradication of poverty, and the **consequences for vulnerable groups, in particular women and children**,

Chapter IX. Cooperative sectoral approaches and sector-specific actions in agriculture

Recognizing the **interests of small and marginal farmers, the rights of indigenous peoples and traditional knowledge and practices**, in the context of applicable international obligations and taking into account national laws and national circumstances,