# Submission to the UNFCCC: Progress, challenges, gaps and priorities in implementing the gender action plan (GAP) and future work to be undertaken on gender and climate change

## Instructions

In its twenty-eighth session, the Conference of the Parties invited "**Parties, United Nations entities, the UNFCCC constituted bodies and relevant organizations**, in accordance with their respective mandates and priorities, to submit via the submission portal **by 31 March 2024** their inputs on progress, challenges, gaps and priorities in implementing the gender action plan, categorized by deliverable or output for each activity under the gender action plan, and on future work to be undertaken on gender and climate change, with a view to the submissions informing the review"[[1]](#footnote-2) of the enhanced Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan (GAP). [[2]](#footnote-3)

The UN Climate Change secretariat developed this template to support you in drafting your submission. The template contains sections to capture your initiatives that fall under activities of the five GAP priority areas as well as other initiatives that may support the broad objectives of the GAP. It ends with a section to capture forward-looking ideas.[[3]](#footnote-4)

If you would like to report on more than one initiative, please follow the instructions below in [red].

After completing your submission, you are invited to upload it in Word or PDF format in the **UNFCCC submissions portal**: <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>

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## Example

Below you will find a hypothetical example of how to report on an initiative considering the questions provided in the form:

* **GAP priority area:** Priority Area D: gender-responsive implementation and means of implementation
* **GAP activity:** D.7 Enhance the availability of sex-disaggregated data for gender analysis, taking into consideration multidimensional factors, to better inform gender-responsive climate policies, plans, strategies and action, as appropriate
* **Type of initiative:** Technical support and capacity-building
* **Brief description:** Organization XY implemented a project, in partnership with the National Bureau of Statistics of country Z, in Southeast Asia, to enhance the availability of gender and environmental data. It provided capacity-building on gender analysis and technical support in developing a new tool to collect gender and environmental data
* **GAP deliverable/output:** Management and availability of sex-disaggregated data for gender analysis in national systems, as appropriate
* **Expected deliverable/outputs**: (i) existing official data was analyzed through a gender lens and (ii) new data collection tools on the nexus between gender and the environment were implemented
* **Actual output**: Existing official data was analyzed through a gender lens and a new data collection tool was developed but is still in the initial phase of implementation. A second phase of the project is set to begin in mid-2024.
* **Outcome:** Understanding of the gender and climate change nexus in the country is enhanced
* **Timeline:** Completed (2021-2023). A second phase of the project is scheduled to take place between mid-2024-2026.
* **Place of implementation:** Asian States
* **Country**: Z
* **Participants**: 100 employees of the National Bureau of Statistics, among whom 60 were women. The project also included the participation of 20 representatives of Indigenous Peoples, in a pilot component to adapt the survey to consider how Indigenous women contribute to environmental protection and to train community members to collect data.
* **Funding**: Multilateral financial support
* **Additional information:** A hyperlink to the webpage of the initiative is shared in the document, and relevant project documents are attached to the submission OR shared with the Gender team via email (gender-team@unfccc.int)

# Identification

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| **Additional identification information (if needed)** |  |

# Progress, challenges, gaps, and priorities in implementing the gender action plan, categorized by deliverable or output for each activity under the gender action plan – *Initiatives under GAP Activities*

## GAP Priority area and activity

1. To which GAP priority area and activity does the initiative you would like to report on relate?

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| **GAP Priority area**  | [x]  A: capacity-building, knowledge management and communication[ ]  B: gender balance, participation and women’s leadership[ ]  C: coherence[ ]  D: gender-responsive implementation and means of implementation[ ]  E: monitoring and reporting |
| **GAP Activity**  | Raising awareness among local authorities on the advantages of integrating gender aspects into adaptation and mitigation measures to climate change linked to agriculture. |

## Type of initiative

1. Please select the type of initiative you are reporting on

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| [x]  Capacity-building[ ]  Advocacy[x]  Knowledge product | [x]  Technical support[x]  Funding[ ]  Other (*please specify using the box below*) |
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## GAP Deliverables/outputs

1. Does the reported initiative fit one of the deliverables/outputs under the respective GAP?

*In your response, please consider the options provided in the* [*“Deliverables/outputs” column for the respective GAP activity*](https://unfccc.int/documents/627886)*.*

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| [x]  Yes (*please specify using the box below)* | [ ]  No |
| Capacity building is in line with four deliverables /outputs. It’s about (i) Strengthen capacity-building efforts for governments and other stakeholders in mainstreaming gender in formulating, monitoring, implementing and reviewing, as appropriate, national climate change policies, plans, strategies and action, including nationally determined contributions, national adaptation plans and national communications, (ii) Discuss and clarify the role and the work of the national gender and climate change focal points, including through providing capacity-building, tools and resources, sharing experience and best practices, workshops, knowledge exchange, peerto-peer learning, mentoring and coaching, (iii) Strengthen the evidence base and understanding of the differentiated impacts of climate change on men and women and the role of women as agents of change and on opportunities for women, (iv) Promote initiatives for capacity-building in leadership, negotiation and facilitation of negotiation for women delegates including young women, indigenous women and women from local communities, including through webinars and in-session training to enhance women’s participation in the UNFCCC process.Technical support is related to (i) Share experience and support capacity-building on gender budgeting, including on the integration of gender-responsive budgeting into national budgets to advance gender-responsive climate policies, plans, strategies and action, as appropriate, (ii) Promote the deployment of gender-responsive technological solutions to address climate change, including strengthening, protecting and preserving local, indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices in different sectors and for improving climate resilience, and by fostering women’s and girls’ full participation and leadership in science, technology, research and development, (iii) Support the collection and consolidation of information and expertise on gender and climate change in sectors and thematic areas as well as identifying experts on gender and climate change, as needed, and enhance knowledge platforms on gender and climate change and (iv) Engage women’s groups and national women and gender institutions in the process of developing, implementing and updating climate policies, plans, strategies and action, as appropriate, at all levels.Funding initiative is related to (i) Promote travel funds as a means of supporting the equal participation of women in all national delegations at UNFCCC sessions, as well as funds to support the participation of grass-roots local and indigenous peoples’ communities from developing countries, the least developed countries and small island developing States and encourage Parties and relevant organizations to share information on travel funding, (ii) Raise awareness of the financial and technical support available for promoting the strengthening of gender integration into climate policies, plans, strategies and action, as appropriate, including good practices to facilitate access to climate finance for grass-roots women’s organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities.Knowledge product is in line with (i) Monitor and report on the implementation of gender-responsive climate policies, plans, strategies and action, as appropriate, reported by Parties in regular reports and communications under the UNFCCC process. |

## Brief description

1. Please briefly describe the initiative, including elements such as scope, objectives, timeline (max 150 words).

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| Benin is party to the UNFCCC Convention. In the implement of this convention, several documents have been elaborated. One of these documents is gender action plans with many activities which would focus in capacities building. This action plan takes into account the eight vulnerable sectors taken into account in the PNA. It is also linked to the orientations of the African Group of Negotiators.The action we want to develop is “Raising awareness among local authorities on the advantages of integrating gender aspects into adaptation and mitigation measures to climate change linked to agriculture”Benin is one of the Least Developed Countries, which does not have the necessary resources for the implementation of its gender action plan. This project will allow to operationalize Benin's gender action plan.Specifically the project will allow to Provide to local authorities, the informations and tools necessary to take gender aspects into account in climate change mitigation and adaptation measures. |

## Deliverables/outputs and outcomes

1. What was the expected deliverable/output?

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| It was expected that: * tools for integrating the gender aspect into adaptation and mitigation measures in agriculture are developed;
* all stakeholders in the field of agriculture at the local level are identified, trained and implement the training received;
* monitoring of activities is ensured.
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1. Was the actual deliverable/output different from the expected deliverable/output? If yes, please explain how and what was the actual deliverable/output.

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| The document of action plans is developed but no actions is not implemented. In then the actual deliverable is not different from the expected output.  |

1. What was the outcome? Are there lessons learned?

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| No.  |

## Timeline

1. Please select one of the options below to indicate the timeline of the initiative:

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| [x]  Planned[ ]  Current - Ongoing | [ ]  Current – Defined end date[ ]  Completed |

## Place of implementation

1. Please select one of the options[[4]](#footnote-5) below to indicate where the initiative was implemented:

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| [ ]  Global[ ]  Asian States[ ]  Latin American and Caribbean States | [x]  African States[ ]  Eastern European States[ ]  Western Europe and Other States |

1. In which country(ies) was the initiative implemented?

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| In Benin |

## Participants

1. How many people participated or benefited from in the initiative?

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| Many people of Benin About 2.000.000 persons including, stakeholders, governments, NGO’s, women’s group, local communities, private sector and person’s members of National committee of climate change. The identified beneficiaries will be primarily in development pole 4 |

1. Please provide additional information about the different groups of participants, including a gendered breakdown, if possible.

*For your answer, kindly consider this non-exhaustive list of groups: Governments, National Gender and Climate Change Focal Points (NGCCFPs), NGOs, CSOs, Women's Groups, Local Communities, Indigenous Peoples, Private Sector / Non-Party Stakeholders*

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| Stakeholders mentioned above will benefit this project. |

## Funding

1. Identify any funding source/mechanism that is supporting / supported this initiative

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| [ ]  Adaptation Fund (AF)[x]  Global Environmental Facility (GEF)[x]  Bilateral financial support[ ]  Public budget | [ ]  Climate Investment Fund (CIF)[ ]  Green Climate Fund (GCF)[x]  Multilateral financial support[ ]  Not applicable |
| [ ]  Other (*please specify* *using the box below*) |  |
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## Complementarity with other GAP Priority Areas or Activities

1. Does this initiative fall under any other Priority Areas or Activities under the GAP? If yes, please describe.

*Some activities may contribute to the implementation of more than one activity and/or priority area of the GAP. If that is the case, please include a short explanation.*

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| no |

## Additional information

1. Would you like to share any additional information (including hyperlinks) relating to the initiative?

*You can also add attachments to the submission itself, by adding annexes to the same PDF file.*

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| We add the Action Plan of Gender and climate change |

## Reflecting on GAP activity

1. Are there ways to make this GAP activity more impactful? Are there new complementary, or new related activities you think should be included in a future GAP?

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| No, the actions plans are sufficient |

*[If you would like to report on more initiatives under the GAP, please copy and paste questions* ***a-p*** *above and respond it for a new initiative. Please do this process as many times as necessary.]*

# Progress, challenges, gaps, and priorities in implementing the gender action plan, categorized by objectives – *Other initiatives*

## Instructions

**If needed,** please use this page to add any initiatives that may **fulfil the objectives of the enhanced Lima work programme on gender and its GAP, but that do not fall under a specific GAP activity**.

## Type of initiative

1. Please select the type of initiative you are reporting on

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| [x]  Capacity-building[ ]  Advocacy[ ]  Knowledge product | [x]  Technical support[ ]  Funding[ ]  Other (*please specify using the box below*) |
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## GAP Priority area and objective

1. To which GAP priority area and objective does the initiative you would like to report on relate?

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| **GAP Priority area**  | [x]  A: capacity-building, knowledge management and communication[ ]  B: gender balance, participation and women’s leadership[ ]  C: coherence[ ]  D: gender-responsive implementation and means of implementation[ ]  E: monitoring and reporting |
| **GAP objective** *A1* | Strengthen capacity-building efforts for governments and other stakeholders in mainstreaming gender in formulating, monitoring, implementing and reviewing, as appropriate, national climate change policies, plans, strategies and action, including nationally determined contributions, national adaptation plans and national communications |

## Brief description

1. Please briefly describe the initiative, including elements such as scope, objectives, timeline (max 150 words).

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| This initiative aims to improve the capacities of local actors and communities in taking into account the gender aspect in climate change adaptation and mitigation measures. The two gaps identified notably (i) the Strengthen capacity-building efforts for governments and other stakeholders in mainstreaming gender in formulating, monitoring, implementing and reviewing, as appropriate, national climate change policies, plans, strategies and action, including nationally determined contributions, national adaptation plans and national communications is linked to the current project. |

## Deliverables/outputs and outcomes

1. What was the expected deliverable/output?

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| * Implementation of capacity-building for developing gender-responsive climate change policy;
* Dimensions and examples of the gender-differentiated impacts of climate change;
* The role of women as agendas of change;
* Opportunities for women
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1. Was the actual deliverable/output different from the expected deliverable/output? If yes, please explain how and what was the actual deliverable/output.

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| No |

1. What was the outcome? Are there lessons learned?

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| The outcome is the same that I mentioned above |

## Timeline

1. Please select one of the options below to indicate the timeline of the initiative:

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| [x]  Planned[ ]  Current - Ongoing | [ ]  Current – Defined end date[ ]  Completed |

## Place of implementation

1. Please select one of the options below to indicate where the initiative was implemented:

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| [ ]  Global[ ]  Asian States[ ]  Latin American and Caribbean States | [x]  African States[ ]  Eastern European States[ ]  Western Europe and Other States |

1. In which country(ies) was the initiative implement?

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| Benin |

## Participants

1. How many people participated in or benefited from the initiative?

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| For this project about two millions of beneficiaries will impacted. |

1. Please provide additional information about the different groups of participants, including a gendered breakdown, if possible.

*For your answer, kindly consider this non-exhaustive list of groups: Governments, National Gender and Climate Change Focal Points (NGCCFPs), NGOs, CSOs, Women's Groups, Local Communities, Indigenous Peoples, Private Sector / Non-Party Stakeholders*

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| Beneficiaries including governments, national gender and climate change members committee, NGOs, local communities, private sector and non-Party Stakeholders. |

## Funding

1. Identify any funding source/mechanism that is supporting / supported this initiative?

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| [ ]  Adaptation Fund (AF)[x]  Global Environmental Facility (GEF)[x]  Bilateral financial support[ ]  Public budget | [ ]  Climate Investment Fund (CIF)[x]  Green Climate Fund (GCF)[x]  Multilateral financial support[ ]  Not applicable |
| [ ]  Other (*please specify* *using the box below*) |  |
| Information provided in above give sufficient data pour continue the project. |

## Additional information

1. Would you like to share any additional information (including hyperlinks) relating to the initiative?

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*[If you would like to report more initiatives, please copy and paste questions* ***a-m*** *above and respond it for a new initiative. Please do this process as many times as necessary.]*

# Inputs to the review of the enhanced Lima work programme on gender and its GAP, including on further work to be undertaken on gender and climate change

## Instructions

Please use the box below to add general comments or observations for consideration at the review of the enhanced Lima work programme on gender and its GAP, in particular **on further work to be undertaken** to advance gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls thereby enhancing the effectiveness of climate policy and action to achieve the goals and objectives of the Convention and Paris Agreement.

Questions you may wish to consider:

1. What has worked well and could be continued?
2. What has not worked well and why?
3. What else may be needed to facilitate greater gender integration in climate policies, plans, strategies and action?
4. How can an activity’s alignment of objective/purpose, (measurable) deliverable/output/result and possible impact/effect/outcome be assured?
5. Who (Parties, constituted bodies, specific entities, etc.) will implement the activity?
6. What linkages to other UNFCCC processes, milestones or timelines may be relevant?

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| 1. Many actions are identified and planned to enhance mainstreaming of gender approach in project, policies documents and others documents related with climate change.
2. But necessary resources are not available to finance the implementing of mostly ot these actions.
3. It’s important to implement all of these actions plans gender elaborated by country,
4. Actions plans gender including important indicators which will help us to follow and to ensure that activities are in align which objective, and possible impact.
5. To implement the activities, we will set up following bodies: Steering committee, which will ensure by National Committee on climate change, Technical Committee It will be manage by general Directorate of Environment and Climate and others key directions at national level which will be defined later, the project Manage Unity which will be implement the project days to days This unity will include many competencies that will help to achieve the specific goal of project
6. The Focal of UNFCCC at national level will be associated to all activities of this project. It will provide information from other initiatives to avoid duplication and therefore to ensure synergy between this initiative and other projects.
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1. Decision 15/CP. 28 ([FCCC/SBI/2023/L.17](https://unfccc.int/documents/635528)), para. 2. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. [Decision 3/CP. 25 and annex](https://unfccc.int/documents/210471), and amendments adopted by [Decision 24/CP.27 and annex](https://unfccc.int/documents/626564). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. Alternatively, if you prefer to submit your inputs using an Excel format, you can use the Excel template produced by the UN Climate Change secretariat and available here: <https://unfccc.int/gender/final-review#Submission-template> [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. This classification was adopted considering the UN Five Regional Groups. For more information, please refer to: <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/parties-non-party-stakeholders/parties/party-groupings> [↑](#footnote-ref-5)