

Gender Mentions in COP28 Decisions

A brief overview of the integration of language related to gender in decisions adopted at COP28 in Dubai

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COP

Gender

1. Decision 15/CP.28: Gender and Climate Change

See full decision for relevant language.

Full Decision: [English](#)

Finance

1. Decision 5/CP.28: Matters relating to the Standing Committee on Finance

12. Welcomes accelerating climate action and resilience through **gender-responsive** finance as the topic for the 2024 Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance and accelerating climate action and resilience through financing for sustainable food and agricultural systems as the topic for the 2025 Forum;

[...]

16. Also encourages the Standing Committee on Finance to continue to enhance its efforts to ensure **gender responsiveness** in implementing its workplan and requests Parties to consider **gender balance** and geographical representation when nominating members to the Committee;

Full Decision: [English](#)

2. Decision 7/CP.28: Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility

22. Welcomes the policy on **gender equality** adopted by the Council of the Global Environment Facility and encourages the Global Environment Facility to ensure that all its implementing agencies apply this policy;

Full Decision: [English](#)

3. Decision 6/CP.28: Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund

14. Encourages the Board to continue to implement the Green Climate Fund updated **gender policy and gender action plan**;

Full Decision: [English](#)

Loss & Damage

1. Decision 1/CP.28: Operationalization of the new funding arrangements, including a fund, for responding to loss and damage referred to in paragraphs 2–3 of decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.4

Acknowledging that climate change is a common concern of humankind and that Parties should, when taking action to address climate change, respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on human rights, the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, the right to health, the rights of Indigenous Peoples, local communities, migrants, children, persons with disabilities and people in vulnerable situations and the right to development, as well as **gender equality, empowerment of women** and intergenerational equity,

[...]

Annex I: Governing Instrument of the Fund

I. Objectives and purpose

5. The Fund will operate in a transparent and accountable manner guided by efficiency and effectiveness and sound financial management. The Fund will pursue a country ownership approach to programmes and projects and seek to promote and strengthen national response systems through, among other means, the effective involvement of relevant institutions and stakeholders, including non-State actors. The Fund should be scalable and flexible; practise continuous learning, guided by monitoring and evaluation processes; strive to maximize the impact of its funding for responding to loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change while promoting environmental, social, economic and development co-benefits; and take a culturally sensitive and **gender-responsive approach**.

[...]

III. Governance and institutional arrangements

C. BOARD

19. The relevant regional groups and constituencies will nominate representatives with the appropriate technical, finance, loss and damage, and policy expertise, with due consideration given to **gender balance**, to serve as Board members, including alternate members.

20. The Board will enhance the engagement of stakeholders by inviting active observers, including youth, **women**, Indigenous Peoples and environmental non-governmental organizations, to participate in its meetings and related proceedings.

D. RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE BOARD

28. The Fund will establish consultative forums to engage and communicate with stakeholders. The forums will be open to a wide range of stakeholders, including representatives of civil society organizations, environmental and development nongovernmental organizations, trade unions, Indigenous Peoples, youth, **women**, climate-induced migrants, industries and sectors impacted by climate change, community-based organizations, bilateral and multilateral development cooperation agencies, technical and research agencies, the private sector and governments. Participation in such forums should reflect a balance among United Nations geographical regions.

29. The Fund will develop mechanisms to promote the input and participation of stakeholders, including private sector actors, civil society organizations and the groups most vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, including **women**, youth and Indigenous Peoples, in the design, development and implementation of the activities financed by the Fund.

[...]

E. SECRETARIAT

32. The Fund will be serviced by a new, dedicated and independent secretariat, which will be accountable to the Board. The secretariat will have effective management capabilities to execute the day-to-day operations of the Fund. The secretariat will be run by professional staff with relevant experience, including experience in a range of issues related to responding to loss and damage and experience in financial institutions. The selection of staff will be managed by the Executive Director of the Fund and will be a merit-based, open and transparent process, taking into account geographical and **gender balance** and cultural and linguistic diversity.

[...]

V. Eligibility, country ownership and access

B. COUNTRY OWNERSHIP AND ACCESS MODALITIES

43. The Fund will seek to promote and strengthen national responses for addressing loss and damage through pursuing country-led approaches, including through effective involvement of relevant institutions and stakeholders, in particular **women**, vulnerable communities and Indigenous Peoples.

Annex II: Funding arrangements

III. Recommended actions with regard to the funding arrangements

18. A wide variety of sources, including innovative sources, should be made available to support and complement the new and existing arrangements, including sources, funds, processes and initiatives under and outside the Convention and the Paris Agreement, and they should be made available in ways that ensure the new and existing funding arrangements target people and communities in climate-vulnerable situations (including **women**, children, youth, Indigenous Peoples, and climate-induced migrants and refugees in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change).

Full Decision and Annexes: [English](#)

2. Decision 2/CP.28: Santiago network for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage under the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts

Annex*: Memorandum of understanding between the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, on the one hand, and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction and the United Nations Office for Project Services, on the other, regarding the hosting of the Santiago network secretariat

[...]

VIII. Review of the Santiago network secretariat

38. The Santiago network secretariat shall commission one independent review of the performance of the network, including sustainability and sources of funding, adequacy of funding levels relative to technical assistance requests, timelines, effectiveness, engagement, **gender-responsiveness** and delivery of technical assistance to communities particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, in a timely manner so that the findings of the review can feed into the subsequent review of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts for determining the need for further independent reviews of the performance of the Santiago network.

Full Decision and Annex: [English](#)

Technology Transfer

1. Decision 9/CP.28: Enhancing climate technology development and transfer through the Technology Mechanism

10. *Commends* the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network on their continued efforts to mainstream **gender considerations** in the implementation of the joint work programme of the Technology Mechanism for 2023–2027, including the launch of the global roster of **gender and climate change** technology experts and the endorsement of the Climate Technology Centre and Network **gender policy and action plan**, and invites them to continue **mainstreaming gender considerations** in their work;

[...]

13. *Notes with concern* that **gender balance** in the composition of the Technology Executive Committee and the Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network has not yet been achieved and encourages Parties to take steps to achieve a **gender balance** by nominating more **female** candidates as members of these bodies;

Full Decision: [English](#)

CMP

Adaptation

1. Decision 3/CMP.18: Matters relating to the Adaptation Fund

2. *Notes* the following information, actions and decisions relating to the Adaptation Fund Board presented in the report referred to in paragraph 1 above:

(i) The development of options for an Adaptation Fund policy on safeguarding against sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment;

(j) The continued implementation of the updated **gender policy and action plan** of the Adaptation Fund;

[...]

13. Welcomes the progress of implementation of the updated **gender policy and action plan** of the Adaptation Fund and the commencement of the pilot phase of application of the Adaptation Fund gender scorecard and requests the Adaptation Fund Board to increase the gender-responsiveness of the resources provided by the Adaptation Fund;

Full Decision: [English](#)

CMA

Shared Vision

1. Decision 1/CMA.5: Outcome of the First Global Stocktake

Acknowledging that climate change is a common concern of humankind and that Parties should, when taking action to address climate change, respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on human rights, the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, the right to health, the rights of Indigenous Peoples, local communities, migrants, children, persons with disabilities and people in vulnerable situations and the right to development, as well as **gender equality, empowerment of women** and intergenerational equity,

[...]

55. *Encourages* the implementation of integrated, multi-sectoral solutions, such as land use management, sustainable agriculture, resilient food systems, nature-based solutions and ecosystem-based approaches, and protecting, conserving and restoring nature and ecosystems, including forests, mountains and other terrestrial and marine and coastal ecosystems, which may offer economic, social and environmental benefits such as improved resilience and well-being, and that adaptation can contribute to mitigating impacts and losses, as part of a country-driven **gender-responsive** and participatory approach, building on the best available science as well as Indigenous Peoples' knowledge and local knowledge systems;

[...]

64. *Affirms* that the framework for the global goal on adaptation includes the following targets in relation to the dimensions of the iterative adaptation cycle, recognizing the need to enhance adaptation action and support:

(b) Planning: by 2030 all Parties have in place country-driven, **gender-responsive**, participatory and fully transparent national adaptation plans, policy instruments, and planning processes and/or strategies, covering, as appropriate, ecosystems, sectors, people and vulnerable communities, and have mainstreamed adaptation in all relevant strategies and plans;

[...]

122. *Recognizes* the importance of particularly vulnerable developing countries and segments of the population that are already vulnerable owing to geography, socioeconomic status, livelihood, **gender**, age, minority status, marginalization, displacement, or disability, as well as the ecosystems that they depend on, in responding to loss and damage associated with climate change impacts;

[...]

161. *Urges* Parties and non-Party stakeholders to join efforts to accelerate delivery through inclusive, multilevel, **gender-responsive** and cooperative action;

[...]

178. *Also encourages* Parties to implement climate policy and action that is **gender-responsive**, fully respects human rights, and empowers youth and children;

[...]

179. *Affirms* that consideration will be given to the outcome of the review of the **enhanced Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan**, including to the application of this outcome mutatis mutandis in considering the outcomes of the first global stocktake;

Full Decision: [English](#)

Just Transition

1. Decision 3/CMA.5: United Arab Emirates Just Transition work programme

Acknowledging that climate change is a common concern of humankind and that Parties should, when taking action to address climate change, respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on human rights, the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, the right to health, the rights of Indigenous Peoples, local communities, migrants, children, persons with disabilities and people in vulnerable situations and the right to development, as well as **gender equality, empowerment of women** and intergenerational equity,

Full Decision: [English](#)

Adaptation

1. Decision 2/CMA.5: Global goal on adaptation referred to in decision 7/CMA.3

10. *Decides* that the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience includes the following targets in relation to the dimensions of the iterative adaptation cycle, recognizing the need to enhance adaptation action and support:

(b) Planning: by 2030 all Parties have in place country-driven, **gender-responsive**, participatory and fully transparent national adaptation plans, policy instruments, and planning processes and/or strategies, covering, as appropriate, ecosystems, sectors, people and vulnerable communities, and have mainstreamed adaptation in all relevant strategies and plans;

[...]

13. *Encourages* Parties, when implementing the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience and their adaptation efforts, when integrating adaptation into relevant socioeconomic and environmental policies and actions and in pursuing the targets referred to in paragraph 9–10 above, to take into account, where possible, country-driven, **gender-responsive**, participatory and fully transparent approaches, as well as human rights approaches, and to ensure intergenerational equity and social justice, taking into consideration vulnerable ecosystems, groups and communities and including children, youth and persons with disabilities;

Full Decision: [English](#)

2. Decision 12/CMA.5: Matters relating to the Adaptation Fund

2. Notes the following information, actions and decisions relating to the Adaptation Fund Board presented in the report referred to in paragraph 1 above:

(i) The development of options for an Adaptation Fund policy on safeguarding against sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment;

(j) The continued implementation of the updated **gender policy and action plan** of the Adaptation Fund;

[...]

13. Welcomes the progress of implementation of the updated **gender policy and action plan** of the Adaptation Fund and the commencement of the pilot phase of application of the Adaptation Fund gender scorecard and requests the Adaptation Fund Board to increase the gender-responsiveness of the resources provided by the Adaptation Fund;

Full Decision: [English](#)