The Global Gender Office (GGO) of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) congratulates Parties, the UNFCCC Secretariat and all stakeholders on progress toward ensuring that gender equality and women’s empowerment are well-integrated into climate change response at all levels and across all key themes.

GGO herein identifies possible areas for collaboration with the Secretariat and Parties toward the effective implementation of UNFCCC gender mandates based on the Draft Compilation document. In complement, as an intergovernmental environmental organization, IUCN is in a unique position to offer assistance to its members, which span the majority of Governmental Ministries that are Party to the Convention. To reinforce the implementation of the 2-year Lima Work Programme on Gender (LWPG), IUCN GGO proposes potential technical support in the following areas:

To UNFCCC Secretariat:

- Provide monitoring and evaluation on the status of gender decisions, through datasets of the GGO’s Environment Gender Index;
- Generate technical knowledge and provide best practices on gender within specific sectors (e.g. REDD+, forest and landscape restoration, energy, nature-based solutions);
- Increase access to various networks and knowledge platforms such as The Gender and Renewable Energy platform, and The REDD Desk; and
- Build capacities of decision makers and practitioners within COP and intersessional sessions on gender and climate change with the intention for catalyzing implementation.

To UNFCCC Parties:

- Provide capacity building and technical guidance at the regional and national level to support and mobilize action on, and implementation of, gender decisions;
- Develop national and regional gender-responsive climate change policies according to UNFCCC mandates; and
- Enhance opportunities to access funding for those historically excluded through our role as an implementing agency of the GEF and GCF.

These concrete suggestions derive from a close review of the Draft Compilation, as noted above. Proposals have been made and are open to exploration in proactive anticipation of potential challenges for implementation of the LWPG and UNFCCC gender mandates, including the following:

- There is a need for Parties to enhance their understanding in relation to gender mandates under UNFCCC, and identify areas for progress on gender into their national communications;
- Parties may lack the knowledge and/or capacity for deciphering the mandates into action for developing gender-responsive approaches (e.g. indicators, policies, projects, etc.);
- Identification and adaptation of appropriate gender-responsive methodologies;
- Transferability of gender mandates and policies into distinct sectors, such as REDD+, adaptation, mitigation, technology, etc.;
- Capacity may be lacking at national level for various stakeholders, including environmental ministries and gender ministries but also NGOs, CSOs, and women’s organizations, for linking gender and climate change and in developing gender-responsive approaches;
- Lack of knowledge on gender and climate change links in new areas, particularly mitigation; and
- Access to finance and resources at the national level for Parties, or CSOs, to implement actions.

IUCN GGO looks forward to fruitful collaboration toward full implementation of the 2-year programme under the LWPG.