

Exploring options for financing and investing in the gender-biodiversity nexus

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CBD COP side event [#4987](#)

Co-convenors: UNEP-WCMC, OECD, GEF, Women4Biodiversity, Colibri Catalyst, México and Canada

BACKGROUND

The preamble of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) recognizes the vital role that women play in the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, and the need for the full participation of women at all levels of policy making and implementation for biodiversity conservation. Parties to the CBD have also acknowledged the importance of gender equality and empowerment of women, as well as gender-responsiveness for the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The gender plan of action for the post-2020 period, and the proposed target on gender equality (target 22), will support and advance the gender-responsive implementation of the post-2020 framework.

There are a number of national examples that illustrate that integrating gender considerations into biodiversity initiatives leads to multiple benefits – social, economic, and environmental ([CBD Secretariat, 2022](#)). However, findings from the review of the gender plan of action (2015-2020) highlight that financing remains a critical gap to be addressed in the post-2020 period to ensure that gender equality and biodiversity objectives are met ([CBD/SBI/3/2/ADD3](#)). As such, the draft gender plan of action (GPA) for the post-2020 period includes specific objectives and actions aimed at strengthening financing for meeting gender and biodiversity commitments ([CBD/SBI/3/4/Add.2/Rev.2](#)).

This side event aims to explore financing and investment options for the gender-biodiversity nexus.

Side event objectives:

1. Examine the current gender-biodiversity financing gap that needs to be addressed for the gender-responsive implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
2. Explore options that can help to address the gender-biodiversity financing gap to deliver on biodiversity, climate and gender commitments

Panel of speakers

1. Development finance for the gender equality and biodiversity nexus

Dominique Blaquier, Policy Analyst at OECD

Amelia Arreguin, UN CBD Women's Caucus Co-Coordinator

2. Financing gender-responsive biodiversity projects through the GEF

Verona Collantes-Lebale, Senior Gender Specialist, Global Environment Facility

4. National approaches for gender responsive biodiversity finance

Camila Zepeda, General Director of Global Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, México

Catherine Potvin, Deputy Director, Global programs and policy, Environment division,
Global Affairs Canada

5. Land-use financing for meeting biodiversity, climate and gender commitments

Andreanne Grimard, Co-founder Colibri Catalyst and Investment Portfolio Director

Chair: Katherine Despot-Belmonte – Nature, Gender and Rights lead at UNEP-WCMC

Agenda

Time	Session	Facilitator/Speaker
13:15 – 13:25	Introduction and opening remarks • Welcoming participants to the session • Agenda	Katherine Despot-Belmonte, UNEP-WCMC
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13:25 – 13:45	Development finance for the gender equality and biodiversity nexus	Dominique Blaquier, OECD Amelia Arreguin, UN CBD Women's Caucus
13:45 – 13:55	Financing gender-responsive biodiversity projects through the GEF	Verona Collantes-Lebale, Senior Gender Specialist, GEF

13:55 – 14:05	National approaches from Mexico	Camila Zepeda, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, México
14:05 – 14:15	Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy	Catherine Potvin, Global Affairs Canada
14:15 – 14:25	Land-use financing for meeting biodiversity, climate and gender commitments	Andreanne Grimard, Co-founder Colibri Catalyst and Investment Portfolio Director
14:25 – 14:30	Closing remarks	Katherine Despot-Belmonte, UNEP-WCMC