

# **Mainstreaming Equality and Social Inclusion**

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- **Partners:** Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR); Collaborative Partnership for Sustainable Wildlife Management (CPW); Conservation International (CI); Global Environment Facility (GEF); Governments of Canada, Botswana, Mexico and Tanzania; Indigenous Women's Biodiversity Network (IWBN); International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN); Traffic, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; Vandana Shiva, WorldFish, World Resources Institute (WRI)
- **Focal Point:** Tanya McGregor (SCBD)
- **Communication:** all presenters and panelists will be invited to broadcast the event on their twitter streams, blogs and other communication channels. The results will be summarized in a report by ENB and published online on the Rio Conventions Pavilion website.

## **OBJECTIVES**

- 1) Highlight synergies between gender equality, social inclusion and environmental sustainability objectives, and showcase opportunities to generate more effective and sustainable outcomes, particularly in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
- 2) Share research findings and experience from local initiatives supporting the enhancement of equitable, inclusive and environmentally sound national strategies and outcomes

## **Description:**

There is increasing international awareness of the importance of equitable and inclusive approaches to achieve sustainable development objectives. Ensuring that measures to combat environmental degradation can serve the needs of all populations and the ecosystems they inhabit involves a number of critical steps: reducing barriers to participation; ensuring the full and informed engagement of all stakeholders; instituting measures to enable equal decision-making authority; and taking into account the needs of those marginalized, excluded and discriminated against. In integrating gender equality and women's empowerment as central cross-cutting themes, the SDGs set the framework for a more inclusive and equitable approach to development.

The integrated approach of the SDGs further recognises the relevance of environmental considerations for achieving diverse development goals. Similarly, Aichi Biodiversity Target 2 promotes the integration of biodiversity in national and local development plans and poverty reduction strategies – an approach with particular relevance for advancing equality and social inclusion, which are important objectives in development and poverty reduction efforts. In this respect, attention to issues of gender equality and to the engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities, the poor and the marginalized in the context of biodiversity and environmental sustainability provides an avenue for bridging discourses on biodiversity, the environment, poverty alleviation, and development planning.

This half-day programme will explore available and emerging opportunities to advance social and environmental objectives at the national level, in particular through the implementation of the SDGs. From national policy frameworks to local action, this programme will examine the value of participatory,

inclusive and equitable approaches to achieve more effective and sustainable results for biodiversity, climate change and land management.

The first session will share experience and practice from the international community on approaches to integrate gender equality and related considerations into planning and programming for national development and for environmental issues. It will share national efforts to address gender and social inclusion as cross-sectoral themes in development and environmental policy processes, and highlight emerging opportunities, particularly in respect to country plans to achieve the SDGs.

The second session discusses the pathways and steps necessary to build on local level experience in integrating gender and cultural diversity, towards achieving social and environmental outcomes at sub-national and national levels. Representatives from non-governmental organizations including Conservation International (CI), International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), WorldFish and the Indigenous Women’s Biodiversity Network will discuss their institutional approaches, case examples, emerging opportunities and challenges.

## PROGRAMME

Time	Presentations	Organization
9:00 – 9:30	<p><b>Opening Remarks:</b> Dr. Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias, CBD Executive Secretary</p> <p><b>Welcome Address:</b> Why gender equality and social inclusion matter to achieve environmental sustainability Vandana Shiva – video presentation, online for Q&amp;A</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>	<i>SCBD, Vandana Shiva</i>
9:30 - 11:00	<p><b><u>Session 1: Maximizing opportunities for participatory and inclusive sustainable development</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Key Note Address:</b> Mainstreaming biodiversity and gender equality for international development and environmental sustainability: Objectives and outcomes Dr Risa Smith, Manager, International Biodiversity Policy, Environment and Climate Change Canada</li> <li>• <b>UN Special Rapporteur on Rights of Indigenous Peoples:</b> Examples and opportunities for advancing inclusive and equitable agendas at national and international levels Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</li> <li>• <b>Financing biodiversity, climate change and land management in a gender-responsive and socially inclusive manner: Progress and potential</b> Yoko Watanabe, Senior Biodiversity Specialist, Global</li> </ul>	<i>Global Environment Facility (GEF), Government of Canada, Government of Botswana, Government of Mexico, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i>

	<p>Environment Facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Country perspectives:</b> Mexico: Ana Cecilia Conde Alvarez, General Coordinator for Adaptation to Climate Change, Instituto Nacional de Ecología y Cambio Climático Botswana: Khulekani Mpofu, Ministry of Environment, Wildlife and Tourism</li> <li>• <b>Panel discussion:</b> What opportunities do the SDGs present to take a more integrated approach to planning and programming for national development and for environmental issues?</li> <li>• <b>Q&amp;A</b> Facilitator: SCBD</li> </ul>	
<p>11:15 - 12:45</p>	<p><b><u>Session 2: From the ground up: Drawing the links from community-level initiatives to national action to achieve the SDGs</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Key Note Address:</b> Knowledge and Gaps: What is needed to reconcile and strengthen social and environmental outcomes Amy Duchelle, Scientist, Forests and Livelihoods Program, Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)</li> <li>• <b>Case examples:</b> Experience from local level initiatives – conditions and factors required for integrated, equitable and inclusive approaches: Implications for scaling up Monica Morales, Socio-economic Manager, Conservation International (CI); Maggie Roth, Communications Officer, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN); Lucy Mullenkei, Indigenous Women’s Biodiversity Network (IWBN); Afrina Choudhury, Gender Specialist, WorldFish</li> <li>• <b>Panel discussion:</b> What are the information needs, opportunities and challenges to scale up and build on local-level approaches to achieve strengthened national outcomes for equality, social inclusion and environmental sustainability?</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b> Facilitator: Natalie Elwell, Senior Gender Advisor, World Resources Institute (WRI)</p>	<p><i>CI, CIFOR, IUCN, IWBN, WorldFish, WRI</i></p>
<p>13:15 – 14:45</p>	<p><b><u>**Presentation of a pilot Gender Layer for Global Forest Watch</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of a new pilot resource for gender equality data to better understand gender implications of forest management.</li> </ul>	<p><i>WRI</i></p>

	<p>Forestry sector experts and practitioners are invited to provide input into the development of this new information resource</p> <p><b>** Presentation will be held in the Marie Khan Women’s Caucus Room, Sunrise Building, Second Floor</b></p>	
<p>18:15 - 19:45</p>	<p><b>**<u>Gender Dimensions in Sustainable Wildlife Management</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Presentation:</b> Role of Gender Equality in Sustainable Wildlife Management – Key issues, challenges and opportunities Tanya McGregor, Gender Programme Officer, SCBD</li> <li>● <b>Armchair Discussion:</b> Experiences and perspectives on gender integration from organizational initiatives in different regions, and plans to take further action CIFOR: Amy Duchelle, Scientist, Forests and Livelihoods Program, Traffic: Gayle Burgess, Consumer Behavioural Change Coordinator Government of Tanzania: John Kaaya IWBN: TBC</li> </ul> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Catalina Santamaria, Programme Officer, SCBD</p> <p><b>**Presentation will be held in the Marie Khan Women’s Caucus Room, Sunrise Building, Second Floor</b></p>	<p><i>CIFOR, Government of Tanzania, Traffic, IWBN, SCBD</i></p>