

**Women and Gender Equality in AWG-LCA Negotiating Text**  
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*The following is a compilation<sup>1</sup> of the gender equality texts retained in the AWG-LCA Negotiating Text, dated 13 August 2010, which remains on the table as discussions begin in Cancun for COP-16.*

**Chapter I**  
**Preamble**

*Recognizing* the need to engage a broad range of stakeholders at global, regional, national and local levels, be they governmental, including subnational and local government, private business or civil society, including the youth and persons with disability, and that **gender equality** and the effective **participation of women** and indigenous peoples are important for effective action on all aspects of climate change, *(page 5)*

*Noting* resolution 10/4 of the United Nations Human Rights Council on ‘Human rights and climate change’, which recognizes that the adverse effects of climate change have a range of direct and indirect implications for the effective enjoyment of human rights and that the effects of climate change will be felt most acutely by those segments of the population that are already vulnerable owing to geography, **gender**, age, indigenous or minority status and disability, *(page 5)*

**Chapter I**  
**A. A shared vision for long-term cooperative action**

*(This section summarizes each building block of the Bali Action Plan)<sup>2</sup>*

1 bis. [Parties shall, in all climate change-related actions, ensure the full respect of human rights, including the inherent rights of indigenous peoples, **women**, children, migrants and all vulnerable sectors, and also recognize and defend the rights of Mother Earth to ensure harmony between humanity and nature.] *(page 6)*

6. Enhanced action on adaptation [to the impact of climate change and to the impact of response measures] should be undertaken in accordance with the [principles and provisions of the ]Convention [and relevant international human rights instruments], follow a country-driven, **gender-sensitive**, participatory and fully transparent approach, taking into consideration vulnerable groups, communities and ecosystems, and be based on and guided by the best available science, and, as appropriate, traditional [and indigenous] knowledge, with a view to integrating adaptation into relevant social, [public health, ]economic and environmental policies and actions, where appropriate. *(page 8)*

**Chapter II**  
**Enhanced Action on Adaptation**

3. *Affirms* that enhanced action on adaptation should be undertaken in accordance with the Convention; follow a country-driven, **gender-sensitive**, participatory and fully transparent approach, taking into consideration vulnerable groups, communities and ecosystems; and be based on and guided by the best

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<sup>2</sup> Note of explanation, WEDO

available science, and as appropriate traditional knowledge; with a view to integrating adaptation into relevant social, economic and environmental policies and actions, where appropriate; (page 31)

## **Chapter V**

### **Enhanced Action on capacity-building**

#### Option 2:

(e) Strengthening climate change communication, education, training and public awareness at all levels, including at the local and community levels, taking into account **gender issues**; (page 50)

(f) Encouraging and strengthening participatory and integrated approaches, including the participation of various stakeholders, including [**women** and] youth, taking climate change considerations into account, to the extent feasible, in relevant social, economic and environmental policies and actions; (page 50)

## **Chapter VI**

### **Policy approaches and positive incentives on issues relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries; and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries**

#### Option 1

7. [*Requests* developing country Parties, when developing and implementing their national strategies or action plan, [or subnational strategies] to address, inter alia, drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, [land tenure issues,] forest governance issues, **gender considerations** and the safeguards identified in paragraph 2 above, ensuring the full and effective participation of relevant stakeholders, inter alia, indigenous peoples and local communities;] (page 54)

#### Option 2 (The text in FCCC/AWG/LCA/2010/8 Chapter VI):

7. *Requests* developing country Parties, when developing and implementing their national strategies or action plan, [or subnational strategies] to address, inter alia, drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, land tenure issues, forest governance issues, **gender considerations** and the safeguards identified in paragraph 2 above, ensuring the full and effective participation of relevant stakeholders, inter alia, indigenous peoples and local communities; (page 58)

## **Chapter VII**

### **Economic and social consequences of response measures**

*Affirming* that responses to climate change should be coordinated with social and economic development in an integrated manner, with a view to avoiding adverse impacts on the latter, taking fully into account the legitimate priority needs of developing country Parties for the achievement of sustained economic growth and the eradication of poverty, and the consequences for vulnerable groups, in particular **women** and children, (page 60)