

Gender at COP 17 – what to track

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Issue/Agenda item	Current status	What to track at COP 17	Current status
Green Climate Fund	In October 2011, a draft governing instrument of the GCF was prepared by the Transitional Committee. There is a number of gender references included in the text, including in relation to the selection of board members and the establishment of the Secretariat. As there is no consensus on the design by the TC of the GCF, the text is likely to be opened up for further discussion in Durban.	Track that the existing gender references are maintained in the final text and that the text on the composition of the board of the GCF includes a reference to the need for gender balance/equal representation of men and women.	Negotiations on the text are still underway. This will be a large focus of the Indaba today. It is reported that the gender language is not in danger but it is important to track this and note the gender references in the text when it is issued.
Standing Committee	There is a draft co-facilitators consolidated text on the Standing Committee dated 7 October 2011. The draft text contains three options on the composition and modalities of the Standing Committee (paragraph 6). Only one of these includes a reference to the need to achieve gender balance.	Track the final text makes reference to the need for gender balance/equal representation of men and women.	AWGLCA/2011 CRP.38 (draft text issued 7 Dec. 2011) states that the Standing Committee should take into account “the need to achieve gender balance in accordance with decision 36/CP.7”.
Adaptation Committee	In October 2011, the AWG LCA issued a draft decision text which will serve as the basis for finalising negotiations on making the Adaptation Committee operational. The draft text includes a number of gender references, including a reference to Decision 36/CP.7.	Track that gender references are retained and if possible strengthened in the final text. Ask that the final text includes a reference to the need for gender balance/equal representation of men and women.	AWGLCA/2011/CRP.38 (draft text issued 7 Dec. 2011) states that the nomination of experts to the Adaptation Committee should take into account “the need to achieve gender balance in accordance with decision 36/CP.7”. However, a number of gender references that were included in last week’s LCA draft text have been deleted. For example – the need for a country-driven, gender-sensitive, participatory, fully transparent approach; emphasizing that the work of the Adaptation Committee should take into account gender perspectives. These references should be re-inserted in the text.
National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)	The modalities and guidelines for NAPs have been developed over the last year. On 4 November 2011 a synthesis report was issued, which contains seven gender references. On 10 November 2011, the SBI	Track that gender references are retained and if possible strengthened in the final text.	Discussions are ongoing. There is a need to make gender language stronger, for example - include gender references in the framing section. This is an area where efforts are

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	issued a report on the expert meeting of the NAP modalities and guidelines, which contains at least four references to gender.		needed to strengthen gender.
Work Programme on Loss and Damage	The SBI issued a synthesis report on the work programme in June 2011. This report makes reference to the importance of including women and children in the guiding principles of the work programme.	No outcome is expected in Durban but submissions will be considered and the process of defining the work programme will begin. Gender should be included in these initial discussions.	The text on the work programme on loss and damage is finalised. It does not contain any references to gender. However, there will be opportunities to inform the work programme throughout 2012.
Technology Mechanism	CTCN: the draft text from Panama states that the mission of the CTCN should bear in mind the different needs of women and men in order to build or strengthen their capacity to identify technology needs. It also calls for a roster of technology experts in relevant fields of expertise, including gender.	Track that gender references are retained and if possible strengthened in the final text.	In AWLGLCA/2011/CRP.38 the CTCN gender language is bracketed. It is important to remove the brackets and retain the gender references. These institutions will be more effective if they are gender responsive.
	TEC: the November 2011 draft working paper of the expert group on Technology Transfer requires that the composition of the TEC take into account the need to achieve gender balance.	Very little to track at COP 17. The WP of the TEC may be discussed in Durban but most of the activity will take place next year (the TEC meeting will decide its work programme in February 2012).	A revised draft decision text on modalities and procedures was presented on Monday this week. Work on a new text is underway by a small drafting group. This is an area to watch.
Finance	MRFCJ and others working on gender and climate change will track fast-start finance and long-term finance to ensure that vulnerable men and women have access to and benefit equally from climate finance.		Negotiations on sources of long-term finance are continuing.