Women4Biodiversity: Bridging Gender and Biodiversity

The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) website provides a wealth of information on processes and meetings related to the CBD. But for many, the sheer amount of information can feel overwhelming. For those interested in following developments on gender and biodiversity, the Women4Biodiversity (W4B) website is an excellent resource. It offers updates on initiatives, meetings, publications, reference materials, and the participation of women and girls in championing their rights to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment.

Maintained by Women4Biodiversity, the website features inspiring, women-led restoration projects from Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Pacific. These can serve as models for other organizations interested in replicating similar efforts at the national or local level. For those seeking practical guidance on how such initiatives can be carried out, reports and restoration site updates are available under the Gender and Restoration section.

What's New, Webby?



By Ronald Rodrigues (rrodriguez.icsf@gmail. com), Programme Officer, ICSF Those following the Gender-Responsive Implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) will also find helpful video information sessions in English, French, and Spanish. Additional resources for understanding biodiversity through a gender lens can be found under the Publications section. This includes analysis, working papers, guidelines, and country reports on womenled biodiversity initiatives in Argentina, Cameroon, Costa Rica, Kenya, Myanmar, and the Solomon Islands, with some materials available in English, Spanish, and French.

The site also offers Explainers on the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF) targets, providing an accessible introduction to the 23 targets from a gender perspective. To deepen understanding and action, users can access a dedicated Training Module, developed by Women4Biodiversity with support from WWF International. This module can be read online or downloaded for offline use, offering guidance on how to advance women's rights and gender equality under the KM-GBF.

As an organization advocating for women's rights and gender equality in international biodiversity spaces, Women4Biodiversity provides regular updates on its efforts to ensure women's voices are heard in conservation. During Biodiversity Day 2025, the group highlighted the vital connections between human rights, biodiversity, and sustainable development through a series of events and discussions. They also hosted a webinar on Digital Sequence Information (DSI) and the Cali Fund, focusing on equitable benefit-sharing from genetic resources. Details of meetings and events attended by the group are curated on the website.

The site also features a podcast series where gender advocates share their stories, insights, and practical solutions. While the eight available episodes can be accessed via YouTube or Spotify, links to each episode are conveniently listed in the Podcast section of the website. Listeners can also subscribe to the W4B channel on YouTube or Spotify to stay updated on future episodes.

For those who want to get more involved, the Restore HER Rights Initiative offers opportunities to connect with the women supporting W4B's work. Interested individuals can email restoreherrights@women4biodiversity.org. Subscribing to the group's Newsletter is another way to stay updated on their activities and engagements.

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