SBI in-session workshop
To further develop ways to enhance the engagement of observer organizations

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Women and Gender Presentation
Session I: Proposals for enhancing existing means of participation
Participation: Capacity Building

- Importance of capacity of underprivileged stakeholders
- More resources provided by Parties for capacity building for civil society
Support for proposals of other constituencies

- **Trust Fund** to support the participation of civil society, in particular underrepresented groups
- **Effective Complaint Mechanism** to review decisions limiting the access or participation of civil society in specific meetings
Participation: Guiding Principles

- Open meetings should be the rule when following a participatory approach within the process
- Balance between Parties’ and Observers’ statements and submissions
Participation: Submissions and Interventions - details

- Interventions during the sessions / contact groups need to be more balanced compared to Parties’ statements in terms of timing (flexibility)
- Publish interventions on web site
- Include civil society’s submissions in official documents (e.g. a list of the submissions and one page summary versions)
Session II: Proposals for new means of participation

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Online Consultation System

- **Features**
  - Online forum on important agenda items
  - Providing a limited amount of space for input from each Party and Observer grouping on specific items
- **Purpose:** Enhance interaction and debate
- **Benefits**
  - More flexibility for input from Parties and stakeholders to present ideas
  - Immediate access to the various opinions on a certain topic

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Gender Advisory Group

- **Purpose**
  - Respond to the need for more gender expertise in this process in order to implement gender provisions
  - Highlight need for addressing the gender dimension in new text and provisions
  - Ensure coherence and collaboration with existing institutional settings on gender
Gender Advisory Group (cont.)

- Financial implications
  - Should not go at the expense of the Secretariat’s budget
  - Small additional funding required from Parties committed to gender issues
- Women & Gender is looking forward to feedback on this idea
- Seeking consultation with interested Parties and Secretariat

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Further Proposals

- Representatives of civil society should be involved as observers in the UNFCCC Bureau
- This is common practice in some other international processes, and would make the process more open