



# Women's Environment & Development Organization

## Organization of the second and subsequent meetings of the Durban Forum on Capacity-building (SBI)

The Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO)<sup>1</sup> is making a submission on including the specific issue of gender aspects to be considered at the second meeting of the Durban Forum.

WEDO recalls recent decisions including decision 1/CP.16, which *decides that capacity-building support to developing country Parties should be enhanced with a view to strengthening endogenous capacities at the subnational, national or regional levels, as appropriate, taking into account gender aspects, to contribute to the achievement of the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention*; and decisions 13/CP.17 and 15/CMP.7, which both *reaffirm the importance of taking into account gender aspects and acknowledging the role and needs of youth and persons with disabilities in capacity-building activities*. All three of the decisions reflect the importance of 'gender aspects' in capacity-building.

As Parties decide what issues should be considered at the second meeting of the Durban Forum, WEDO recommends that 'gender aspects' be among the themes covered. It will be important for Parties to understand and decide how to define capacity-building activities that take into account gender aspects and what gender aspects mean in the context of capacity-building. Lessons learned and best practices can be presented and drawn from existing gender and climate change capacity-building activities as well as with advice from gender experts, women's organizations and other relevant networks, organizations and stakeholders working specifically on gender and climate change issues.

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