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"Gender perspectives on climate change"

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Moderator's summary

planting and nursery development.

10. Actions that are being taken to increase women's participation in climate change activities include global and national networks, awareness-raising, advocacy for greater

15. On the intergovernmental level, participants noted with concern that gender has not been a component of the international negotiations, and that climate change discussions have tended to be gender-blind. The different international instruments, such as the Kyoto Protocol and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), do not make reference to the gender aspects of climate change. Participants suggested that efforts should be made to include a gender perspective in a post-Kyoto regime.

16. Participants suggested that climate change should be approached from a human rights perspective. Action needed to be taken to ensure that the UNFCCC complied with requirements in human rights frameworks, including the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. Participants highlighted the need for social justice to become an integral part of the process to combat climate change, and for