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## Nordic ministerial panel highlights four fundamental goals for prosperity

**Time: Wednesday 16 March,  
11.30-12.45**

**Location: CR 11, UN Headquarters**

Gender equality is both a prerequisite and a major catalyst towards reaching the sustainable development goals. In this panel, the Nordic ministers for gender equality will discuss gender equality as a critical enabler for development in some selected sustainable development goals: quality education, good health, decent work and reduced inequalities. In these areas, the Nordic countries have extensive experience in how societies can be transformed by investing in gender equality – for all.

The ministers will discuss the role of gender equality in striving towards sustainable development, and draw on Nordic experiences - the challenges, lessons learnt and key principles in making progress.

### Participants:

- **Eygló Harðardóttir**  
*Minister of Social Affairs and Housing,  
Iceland*
- **Solveig Horne**  
*Minister of Children and Equality,  
Norway*
- **Åsa Regnér**  
*Minister for Children, the Elderly  
and Gender Equality, Sweden*
- **Juha Rehula**  
*Minister of Family Affairs and  
Social Services, Finland*
- **Eyðgunn Samuelsen**  
*Minister of Social Affairs,  
Faroe Islands*
- **Ellen Trane Nørby**  
*Minister for Children, Education  
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