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“Unity in diversity for the advancement of peace, sustainable development, and human dignity for everyone, everywhere”

Priority: Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment



The issue explained: Gender equality is vital for a peaceful and sustainable world. Thirty years since the Fourth World Conference on Women was held, and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action adopted, some progress has been made, but it remains slow and uneven. Unless we close the gender gap, the world will not achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and the commitments in the Pact for the Future.

An estimated 736 million women-almost one in three-have been subjected to physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence, non-partner sexual violence, or both at least once in their life. Gender gaps in employment, earnings, entrepreneurship, and social protection remain a pervasive feature of the global economy. In 2024, only five women were elected Heads of State out of 31 direct presidential elections worldwide. There is an estimated annual funding gap of US\$360 billion for promoting gender equality. At the current rate of progress, gender equality will not be achieved for another 300 years.

It is critical to remove the barriers to women's enjoyment of their rights and their equal participation in the economic, social and political spheres. Addressing discrimination, societal bias and the lack of supportive policy and legal frameworks is key. More resources must be mobilized and allocated for gender equality.

Gender Priorities: Women's economic empowerment, investing in the education of women and girls and bridging the gender gap in digital access are key gender priorities of the President. The President has also committed to integrating gender equality into all aspects of the General Assembly's work, including mandated high-level meetings and flagship events.

Initiatives: The [Advisory Board on Gender Equality](#) and taking up the role of [International Gender Champion](#).

More Information: [Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment](#)