

Meeting Our Commitments to the World's Women and Girls: A UN DESA Global Policy Dialogue on Gender Equality

Tuesday, 8 October 2024
10:00-11:15 a.m. EDT (New York time)
SDG Studio, UN Headquarters, and online

Concept note

Introduction

After the United Nations' Summit of the Future, where world leaders highlighted the need to deliver a better present and safeguard the future, it is clear that women and girls will need to be at the heart of the new Pact for the Future. However, the new report from the UN Department of Economic Affairs and UN Women, [“The Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals: The Gender Snapshot 2024,”](#) shows there is much work to be done. The document provides a comprehensive analysis of the current state of gender equality across all 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and highlights prevailing trends, gaps, and recent setbacks on the journey towards achieving gender equality by 2030.

To support the UN in its efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) amid interconnected crises, UN DESA will host a Global Policy Dialogue on 8 October highlighting the key messages of the Gender Snapshot. The dialogue will be divided into two panels that will draw on the report's key findings and recommendations in the hope of catalyzing transformations at the necessary scale and speed, particularly in relation to achieving SDG 5, Gender Equality.

This dialogue is made possible by the UN Peace and Development Trust Fund.

Format

The 75-minute event will include an introductory section, followed by two panel discussions. The discussions will be interactive and led by a professional moderator. Time will be reserved during the event for audience questions and polls. The audience will also be invited to submit questions in advance when completing the Zoom registration.

Location

The event will be recorded in person at the SDG Studio at UN Headquarters in New York, with speakers participating virtually as necessary, and a virtual global audience through Zoom, UN WebTV and UN DESA Facebook Live.

Platform

The event will be organized with the support of the DGC technical team in the SDG Studio. The audience can watch the event through Zoom, UN WebTV, or on [UN DESA's Facebook page](#). The audience also can

access the Slido platform (via QR code or provided link) to participate in the polls, submit their own questions or vote up questions posed by others.

Language

The event will be held in English with multilingual translation and captioning available in the six UN languages on Zoom. Feasibility of International Sign Language will be explored.

Host/moderator

DESA will hire a professional moderator, Shakuntala Santhiran, to facilitate this event.

Programme

Introduction

(6 minutes)

- Moderator makes welcome remarks and provides logistical information
- Moderator launches interactive poll 1
 - Do you think things are getting better for women and girls in your part of the world?
 - Yes
 - No
 - Things are about the same

Video from UN Women: [“Can we achieve gender equality by 2030?”](#)

(2 minutes)

Discussion 1: Exploring the gender data related to the SDGs

(28 minutes)

Speakers:

- **Ms. Yongyi Min**, Chief, Sustainable Development Goals Monitoring Section, Statistics Division, UN DESA
- **Ms. Jessamyn Encarnacion**, Inter-regional Advisor on Gender Statistics, UN Women
- Moderator to launch interactive poll 2
 - What do you think is most needed right now to achieve gender equality around the world?
 - Cultural shifts
 - More financial investment
 - Peace
 - Something else
- Moderator to ask each participant 2-3 guiding questions
 - What is the Gender Snapshot report, and how can it help women and girls around the world?
 - What are the most surprising findings from the report?
 - Are there any bright spots in the data?
 - What, if any, are the gaps in this data and how can we improve data collection?

- Moderator to take 2-3 questions from the audience

Video from UN DESA: “[The SDG Report 2024](#)”

(3 minutes)

Discussion 2: Policy implications of recent gender data on the SDGs

(34 minutes)

Speakers:

- **Ms. Alejandra Tentle**, an Afrodescendant Activist from the Center of AfroMexican Studies Tembembe and part of The Millennials Movement and the UN Major Group on Children and Youth
- **Ms. Foteini Papagiotti**, Deputy Director of Policy and Advocacy, International Center for Research on Women
- **Ms. Anna Tabitha Bonfert**, Economist, Gender Group, World Bank (virtual)
- Moderator to launch interactive poll 3
 - In which part of society do you think gender equality is most needed?
 - At home
 - At the workplace
 - In government
 - In media
 - Somewhere else
- Moderator to ask each participant 2-3 guiding questions:
 - The Gender Snapshot report says that we are off track to achieve SDG 5 by 2030. What kind of investments and solutions would help us get back on track?
 - What do you think are the risks of not achieving gender equality?
 - Can you offer an example of a positive change towards gender equality that you’ve seen in your field? How do you think that progress was able to be made?
 - Why should men and boys feel invested in gender equality?
- Moderator to ask 2-3 questions from the audience

Wrap-up and closing

(2 minutes)

- Moderator final remarks
- Exit survey will launch upon end of Zoom