GENERATION EQUALITY FORUM
STATUS UPDATE
UN Women is taking leadership in raising awareness and addressing the gendered dimensions of the COVID-19 outbreak.

The GEF Core Group upholds full commitment to convene GEF in Mexico and Paris, maintaining the same sequence of the two forums.

GEF will be postponed until 2021. New dates will be communicated in the coming months.

Wide dissemination of a public communication from the Core Group formally confirmed the postponement of the GEF to 2021.
Next Steps: Broader Stakeholder Engagement

Postponement of the Forum presents an opportunity…

- to **center-stage** stakeholder engagement;
- to **broaden, deepen and enhance** coordinated outreach and mobilization of new and existing partners;
- to **integrate** the use of online connections and outreach to foster inclusion;
- to **increase** efforts to make sure that the most marginalized communities are included in the diverse stakeholder groups;
- to **rethink** the modalities in which different stakeholders can contribute;
- to **ensure** a broad and diverse participation of feminist activists.
GEF in a post Covid-19 world

- **Online platforms and digital public conversations** as a space for individuals and organizations to strengthen social mobilization and maintain momentum towards the Forums and ACs.

- **Satellite Sessions** will be enhanced, allowing allies and advocates from all over the world to influence the GEF.

- The **physical gatherings in Mexico City and France** will be key activation opportunities to gather multi-stakeholder, intersectional feminist allies, particularly women from vulnerable/marginalized communities.

- This is the moment to launch forward the **ambitious drive for concrete, transformative change** in the next five years.
Action Coalitions

STATUS UPDATE
Action Coalitions: Status Update

- **Revision of Action Coalitions’ timeline** (including the announcement of the Leadership Structure) in the context of the global COVID-19 crisis

- **Importance to continue momentum on the Action Coalitions** as a transformative, multi-stakeholder platform that is poised to advance concrete results on gender equality and women’s rights within the UN Decade of Action

- The Action Coalitions can be shaped to support UN Women partners in driving a **gender-intentional response to the COVID-19 crisis**

- **Willingness to continue the work and engagement with partners** on the Action Coalitions in a COVID and post COVID world, while adapting the timeline, content, and modalities of engagement
Action Coalitions: Adaptations

1. REVISED TIMELINE TO:
   - Expand outreach efforts to ensure full regional, thematic and private sector representation in the AC leadership structures
   - Engage with leaders and members to advance clear, concrete and transformative commitments
   - Build momentum through broader set of stakeholders through public conversation via digital platforms

2. ADAPTING CONTENT OF AC BLUEPRINTS IN LIGHT OF THE COVID-19 CRISIS TO:
   - Incorporate analysis of COVID-19 within the AC blueprints towards increased impact on gender inequalities
   - Focus on the most vulnerable populations in a COVID-19 / post COVID-19 world

3. NEW AND INNOVATIVE VIRTUAL MODALITIES OF ENGAGEMENT TO:
   - Catalyze collective action and spark global and local conversations across generations via virtual modalities
## Action Coalitions: Progress to date

### ACTION COALITIONS’ THEMES
- **6 themes defined and announced** to drive results across key gender inequalities following a data-driven and collaborative design process.

### ACTION COALITIONS’ BLUEPRINTS
- **Rationale** for why the theme was selected
- **A focused set of concrete actions** that will unite diverse efforts and deliver game-changing results
- **Design principles** to inform and guide how actions are undertaken
- **A costing analysis** which estimates the overall costing needed to deliver results
- **A catalogue of commitments (including national commitments)** that Action Coalition members must undertake to accelerate progress
- **Accountability framework and annual success goalposts** which highlight how actions will be measured and assessed

### ACTION COALITIONS’ LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE
- **Criteria for Leadership** confirmed and announced
- **1,353 submissions received and assessed**
- **Announcement of the Leadership Structure postponed** in light of the current COVID-19 crisis

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**Action Coalitions: Timeline of Next Steps**

**April-July 2020**
- **Mini Virtual AC Workshops**
  - Final analytical landscape completed
  - A series of mini virtual workshops with AC leadership to confirm and shape 2-3 actions per AC theme.
  - Mini virtual workshops will advance work on

**Summer 2020**
- **Virtual Public Engagement**
  - This virtual public conversation will be focused on engaging a citizen-focused conversation on the vision and actions for each AC theme, with a COVID-19 lens.
  - Clarity of AC Leader Commitments

**September – December 2020**
- **Ongoing leadership engagement**
  - Ongoing engagement to co-develop and shape AC blueprints
  - Leadership of each AC refines the draft blueprint
  - Accountability frameworks for each Action Coalition are developed

**TBD: 2021**
- **Mexico City Forum**
  - Engagement with members around commitments to create a strong, vibrant and results-driven Coalition of partners
  - Final announcement of AC themes, actions, blueprints and leadership

**TBD: 2021**
- **Paris Forum**

**PURPOSE**
- A set of actions with tactics per theme determined.
- Blueprints are drafted including costing, design principles, catalogue of commitments

**ACTIVITIES & DECISIONS**
- Momentum is advanced on engagement of potential members for ACs.
- Blueprints are refined.
- Specific AC Leader Commitments are developed.
- Accountability plans for ACs are finalized.
- Draft blueprints are advanced based on additional input from each Action Coalition Leadership Team
- Leaders and Members Commitments are confirmed
- Blueprints are launched with full engagement of Action Coalition Leadership Structure
Work is on-going to advance **specific actions** that use cross-cutting tactics to drive systemic change.

In partnership with Civil Society.
There are three inputs which serve different and complementary purposes to identify actions:

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