In partnership with Civil Society

GENERATION EQUALITY FORUM

Mexico: 7 – 8 May 2020
Paris: 7 – 10 July 2020
Generation Equality Forum
What? Where? When?

The Generation Equality Forum will be an intergenerational and intersectional gathering for gender equality convened by UN Women and co-chaired by France and Mexico, in partnership with civil society.

Discussions will focus on action and accountability for the full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and intersecting, emerging issues for gender equality.

Dates:

**Mexico: 7-8 May 2020**
Mobilizing
Action Coalition blueprint developed

**France: 7-10 July 2020**
Action Coalitions announced and roadmap launched
Connected to satellite sessions across the world through technology

A moment to reaffirm multilateralism, strengthen movement building, support youth and multi-stakeholder engagement for gender equality
About the Generation Equality Forum

Global public conversations, satellite sessions across the world supported by innovative technology

• Decentralized simultaneous global conversations and mobilization.
• Connect through real-time live conversations and continuous, moderated live coverage.
• Focus on intersectional, intergenerational, feminist mobilizing for implementation.

Creative and innovative approaches in engaging audiences

• To include TED Talks, VR/Gaming, Digital Safe Spaces, marches, art/concerts/festival.
• Discussions and dialogues, working groups/brainstorming sessions on key challenges, sharing good practices, highlighting the work of activists, building solidarity and strengthening networks, especially youth mobilization.

Use of technology, social, digital and traditional media to ensure wide reach

• Comprehensive Communications, Outreach, Mobilization Strategy for wide impact through traditional media outreach, digital and social media engagement.
• Partnerships with media, technology companies, social media platforms and other partners
Generation Equality Forum: Outcomes

1. Compelling feminist multi-lateral agenda for gender equality

2. Action Coalitions

Voices of women and youth drive the gender equality agenda forward

Immediate actions for implementation:
Action Coalitions set up with funding for 2020-2025

2025-2030 States, stakeholders and citizens together achieve gender equality
Inter-linkages between Beijing+25 and Generation Equality Forum

UN WOMEN

Sept 23 - UNGA High-Level meeting
July 7 – 10, Paris: Generation Equality Forum culmination
May 7 - 8, Mexico: Generation Equality Forum kick-off
March 9 – 20: CSW-64

Beijing+25 regional multi-stakeholder consultations and intergovernmental reviews
Beijing+25 national reviews

Civil society
Other actors
Member States
UN System
The Generation Equality Forum will launch a set of Action Coalitions, which are **global, innovative, multi-stakeholder initiatives** that will:

- **Mobilize** governments, civil society and the private sector to...
- **Catalyze** collective action and spark global conversations among generations and...
- **Drive** increased public & private investment and...
- **Deliver** concrete, yet game-changing results to advance equality for women and girls.
## Action Coalitions: Components

**Action Coalitions will be organized around 6 global themes...**

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<th>Action</th>
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- A specific intervention within a theme that has real potential to deliver concrete, measurable results
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- Broad enough to encompass a subset of actions and include a broad set of stakeholders, but narrow enough to analytically identify the biggest opportunities
- Narrow enough to be costed/measured and tied to sub-components of theme. Actions will drive the largest and most accelerated progress within 5 years
- Includes i) rationale for the theme, ii) 2-3 audacious actions that will deliver concrete results, iii) design principles, iv) funding analysis, v) a set of commitments for AC members, and vi) measures of success against the baseline
Action Coalitions: Methodology

1. Create a leveled longlist
   Examine 5 lenses including the original Beijing Declaration Areas of Concern, a future forward analysis of global trends, SDGs, regional deliberations, and women and civil society perspectives.

2. Prioritize themes
   - Assess nature of need (A)
   - Assess degree of readiness (B)
   - Assess ACs’ ability to deliver game-changing results (C)
   Consider how weighting certain criteria more heavily might shift themes within the portfolio, and make strategic decisions for optimization.

3. Create potential portfolios
Action Coalitions: Longlist

1. The longlist was leveled by looking through *5 lenses*

This led to **20** potential Action Coalition themes
### Intergovernmental regional reviews

#### Regional Intergovernmental reviews held in 2019

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The **LAC** declaration is not yet available

#### Key messages

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Voices of women, youth and civil society

Regional CSO, youth, and expert group meetings

**Mexico Feminist Framework:** “Women Radically Transforming a World in Crisis”

**Africa** CSO and youth meetings

**MENA** CSO and youth consultation

**UNECE region** CSO and youth consultation

Asia Pacific and LAC consultations are not yet available

Key messages

1. There is a need for interlinked and complementary solutions to address structural inequalities.
2. We cannot ignore the diversity of women and must aim to include marginalized groups.
3. Gender is not binary, and LGBTI people have been historically marginalized.
4. We must ensure rights of young people and engage youth as leaders and decision makers.
5. Sexual and reproductive health and rights require more focus across regions, including SRHR education for youth.
6. Across regions, there is a need to recognize and support women in all forms of work, esp. unpaid care work.

Implications for themes

- Important to take a *portfolio approach* to themes and identify linked actions.
- Themes need to identify *which women* are supported within actions.
- Potential additional theme on *sexuality and non-binary genders*.
- Potential actions additional theme on *adolescent girls*.
- Need a specific theme on *SRHR*.
- Need a specific theme on *unpaid care work* and one to support *equal work*.
# Global trends reveal future priorities for gender

## Major global trends since 1995

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| 1 | The rapid spread of digital technologies have reshaped every aspect of public and private life | **Internet users**<sup>1</sup>  
1995: 74 million  
2019: 3,900 million  
2050: -  
| 2 | Internal conflicts and humanitarian emergencies have escalated forced displacements | **IDPs & Refugees**<sup>2</sup>  
1995: 38.7 million  
2019: 66.7 million  
2050: -  
| 3 | Climate change has accelerated, along with its negative environmental and societal impacts | **Natural disasters**<sup>3</sup>  
1995: 248  
2019: 282  
2050: -  
| 4 | The weakening of democracy has eroded institutions and women’s rights in many parts of the world | **Growth in free countries**<sup>4</sup>  
1995: +8%  
2019: -2%  
2050: -  
| 5 | The world’s youth population is growing, straining economic and social resources | **Youth unemployment**<sup>5</sup>  
1995: 0.6 billion (11%)  
2019: 1 billion (13%)  
2050: 1.3 billion (13%)  
| 6 | Urbanization has been persistent, more women and girls now live in cities | **Urban population**<sup>6</sup>  
1995: 2.6 billion (45%)  
2019: 4.1 billion (55%)  
2050: 6.5 billion (68%)  
| 7 | A boom in innovative financing and social investing, including gender lens, has altered the investing landscape | **Gender lens inv. AUM**<sup>7</sup>  
1995: Insignificant  
2019: $2.4 billion  
2050: -  

## Supporting data

1. ITU (2016)  
2. IDMC for IDP data; UNHCR/UNRWA  
3. EMDAT (2019); OFDA/CRED Int’l Disaster Database  
4. Freedom House (2019; calculated as growth in share of free countries in the world over previous 10 years)  
5. ILOSTAT database  

**Note:** Data are approximate only; 2050 is extrapolated based on current trends. Sources: 1) ITU (2016) 2) IDMC for IDP data; UNHCR/UNRWA 3) EMDAT (2019); OFDA/CRED Int’l Disaster Database 4) Freedom House (2019; calculated as growth in share of free countries in the world over previous 10 years) 5) ILOSTAT database 6) World Bank Dev. Indicators (2019) 7) Veris Wealth Partners (2018)
For which themes is there the greatest need?

Prioritize themes

Assess nature of need
How great is the need to address the theme?

Assess degree of readiness
How ready is the world to act on the theme?

Assess ACs’ ability to deliver game-changing results
Why are ACs well-placed to take on the theme?

Filtering questions

Analytical criteria

Depth
Has the theme proven deeply entrenched and persistent over the last 25 years?

Breadth
How universal in scope is the impact of the theme on women and girls around the world?
Which themes is the world most ready to act upon?

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Human resources
- Are people engaged and energized to address the problem at scale?

Financial resources
- Is there alignment of funding, or the ability to catalyze new funding?

Intellectual resources
- Do we know what works, supported with data, to successfully solve this problem?
Why must Action Coalitions take on this theme?

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Collective effort
Does success in tackling this theme require collective effort across multiple types of stakeholders?

New players
Does this theme inspire the commitment of new players to gender equality?
Action Coalitions: Proposed Themes

1. Gender-based Violence

2. Economic justice and rights

3. Bodily autonomy and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR)

4. Feminist action for climate justice

5. Technology and innovation for gender equality

6. Feminist movements and leadership

**Cross-cutting levers:**

- Financing for impact
- Intersectional discrimination
- Transforming gender norms
- Law & policy reform
- Gender data & accountability
- Systemic change
Action Coalitions: Next Steps

A **blueprint** is a **guideline for implementing** each of the Action Coalitions. Each blueprint will include:

- **Rationale** for why the theme was selected
- **2-3 actions** that will unite diverse efforts and deliver game-changing results to advance gender equality
- **Design principles** to inform and guide how actions are undertaken
- A **financing analysis** which estimates the overall costing to deliver results
- A **catalogue of commitments** that Action Coalition members must undertake to advance progress
- **Accountability framework and annual success goalposts** which highlight how actions will be measured and assessed
Generation Equality Forum: Legacy

✓ Multilateral agenda revitalized through the power of women and youth.

✓ Lasting impact in the lives of women around the world.

✓ New model of mobilizing and inclusion that is bold, transformative and ambitious.

✓ Substantial change that is grounded in the feminist agenda and principles.

✓ Reclaiming the best aspirations of the UN as the agenda for equality, rights, peace and justice.