



**Commission on the Status of Women
Sixtieth session**

Interactive Expert Panel:

**Participation and multi-stakeholder partnerships for
gender-responsive implementation of 2030 Agenda
for Sustainable Development**

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10.00 a.m. — 1.00 pm.

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1. Introduction

Under the priority theme “Women’s empowerment and the link to sustainable development,” the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 60) will hold an interactive expert panel on “Participation and multi-stakeholder partnerships for gender-responsive implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.”

The interactive expert panel is an opportunity to identify key policy initiatives and strategies in order to accelerate implementation on the basis of an exchange of national, regional and global experiences, lessons learned, good practices and new insights. It should be based on evidence, research and evaluation, with an emphasis on results achieved. It should strengthen dialogue and commitment for further action. Experts will highlight the steps and measures necessary and planned to ensure the gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the full, effective, and accelerated implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action. Experts are encouraged to identify what needs to be done and who should take the required steps and measures for such implementation. The report of the Secretary-General on the priority theme of the sixtieth session, on women’s empowerment and the link to sustainable development ([E/CN.6/2016/3](#)), provides further information.

2. Elements for discussion

A. Background

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development calls for the participation of all countries, all stakeholders and all people. Effective participation and multi-stakeholder partnerships will be critical for the realization of gender equality and the Sustainable Development Goals. Gender-responsive multi-stakeholder partnerships and arrangements are needed to ensure that decision-making, policy action and budgeting reflect gender equality

considerations and benefit all women and girls. Given the breadth and scope of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, all parts of government will be involved in its implementation, in partnership with civil society organizations, women's groups, multilateral financial institutions, foundations, the private sector and the United Nations system. Having voice and participation in the political processes and decisions that determine their lives is a fundamental dimension of women's and girls' empowerment and critical for achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Strong coordination with civil society organizations, especially women's advocacy and human rights groups, will be indispensable for gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Stakeholders at different levels are building alliances and strengthening networks to link with processes and mechanisms tasked with implementation, follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at national, regional and global levels. These partnerships need to be inclusive and accountable, and in line with international normative commitments, including gender equality commitments.

The experts will reflect the knowledge, experience and contributions of different stakeholder groups towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This panel will explore gender-responsive implementation from the perspective of five key stakeholder groups, including: city government and local authorities; parliamentarians; multilateral development banks; women's civil society organizations and networks; and the UN system. The panel will provide concrete examples of participation mechanisms and how different stakeholders and partnerships will contribute to the gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

B. Questions for discussion

What are the roles of different stakeholders in ensuring that commitments to the Beijing Platform for Action, the 2015 Political Declaration of the Commission on the Status of Women, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development are implemented towards realizing gender equality and women's and girls' empowerment and their human rights?

How can multi-stakeholder partnerships mobilize and share knowledge, experience, technologies, and financial resources to support the achievement of gender equality and women's empowerment in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?

Parliamentarians

What role can Parliamentarians play towards ensuring that gender equality objectives are reflected in national development planning and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?

How can parliamentarians work together with other stakeholders, and in particular national gender equality mechanisms, to ensure that gender equality issues are centrally addressed in the implementation of the entire 2030 Agenda for

Sustainable Development?

City government and local authorities

What are some of the key elements to be highlighted for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the municipal level to achieve gender equality and women’s empowerment?

What approaches can be used by city and local governments to ensure that all women and girls participate in and benefit from the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development so that “no one is left behind”?

Women’s civil society organizations and networks

What role can civil society play in creating innovative partnerships and alliances for gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?

How can women’s civil society organizations mobilize for the full and effective participation and leadership of women and girls in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?

Multilateral development banks

What role can multilateral development banks play in supporting gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?

What approaches have multilateral development banks employed to advance the full and effective participation, voice, and agency of women and girls at global, regional and national levels that can support the gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?

UN System

How can the United Nations system, especially at regional level, foster collaboration and cooperation to advance gender equality and women’s empowerment objectives in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?

How can the United Nations system facilitate participation and partnerships among key stakeholders for gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?

Format

The panel will be chaired and moderated by a Vice-Chair of the Commission, who will introduce the theme of the panel and the experts. Following introductory remarks, each panellist will make a short presentation. The Vice-Chair will then open for questions from the floor, primarily from delegates and, if time permits, a few selected civil society organizations and UN entities. Experts will have the opportunity to respond to questions asked and make brief concluding remarks.