

WMG Response to Zero Draft

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Chapeau

Recommendations

The Chapeau Should:

1. Recognize that **gender equality, the human rights of women and girls, and their effective and meaningful participation are core to the SDGs** and must be guaranteed *including through the repeal of discriminatory laws and the removal of formal barriers*

The Chapeau Should:

2. Recognize the need to **redistribute** not only **wealth** but also **power** and **resources**

The Chapeau Should:

3. Recognize the crucial importance of **addressing climate change** for poverty eradication

Goal 5: Achieve *Attain* gender
equality, the full realization of
women and girls human rights and
empowerment of all women and girls
everywhere

We Welcome

- Proposed language on **gender equality and women's empowerment**, *which is in line with various agreements on the human rights of women and girls.*
- **Inclusion of girls** in the wording of the goal and relevant targets
- Inclusion of a target to eliminate harmful practices such as **child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation.**

There is a Need For:

- Addressing Women's Human Rights
- Time-Bound targets
- Ensure gender is robustly addressed across the entire framework – including in MOI
- Keeping targets 1-3 separate
- An additional target calling for ensuring access to information and justice for all women and girls.

Target 5.6 – Unpaid Care Work

- Imperative to maintain this target
- By 2030 reduce and redistribute the burden of unpaid domestic and care ~~and domestic~~ work through shared responsibility by states, private sector, communities, and men and women.

Target 5.8 – Decision-Making

- By 2020 ensure full, equal and effective participation and leadership of women and girls at all levels of decision-making in the public and private spheres, including in conflict prevention, mediation and resolution.

Target 5.9 – SRHR

- By 2030 ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and ~~reproductive~~ rights free from stigma, violence, coercion and discrimination for all women and girls of all ages ~~in accordance with the Programme of Action of the ICPD~~

Goal 1 & 2: Ending Poverty & Hunger

Ending Poverty

- Measure of \$1.25
- Need to address multi-dimensional causes
- Living wages – 60% of national wage income
- Role of Climate Change

Ending Hunger

- Cannot wait another 15 years
- Need to focus on **securing land rights** for men and women
- Volatility of food prices
- Control over traditional seeds and genetic resources

Goal 4: Provide equitable and inclusive quality education and life-long learning opportunities for all

Furthering Education

- Appreciate life-long learning
- Need for safe schools – Nigeria, US
- Austerity measures
- Needs to include comprehensive sexuality education, including education on human rights, gender-equality, non-discrimination, conflict resolution, climate change as well as on sustainable development.

Goal 8: Ensure decent work for all
~~Promote strong,~~ and inclusive and
sustainable economic ~~growth~~
development

Goal 8

- Focus this goal on the right to “**decent work**”, as the “economy” is only a means to the end.
- It should include language on **redistribution**, *i.e. fiscal and monetary policies which are strong in reducing income inequalities, not in creating more millionaires.*
- It needs a new target on ensuring a ‘**living wage**’ *particularly for women, domestic, and migrant workers.*

Goal 13: ~~Promote actions at all levels~~
~~to~~ Enact strongest ~~address~~
measures for climate change
protection at all levels

Addressing Climate Change

- Any action to adapt, mitigate or address loss and damage must be undertaken via **gender-responsive, socially just and environmentally sound** actions that take into account **equity between countries, generations and genders.**

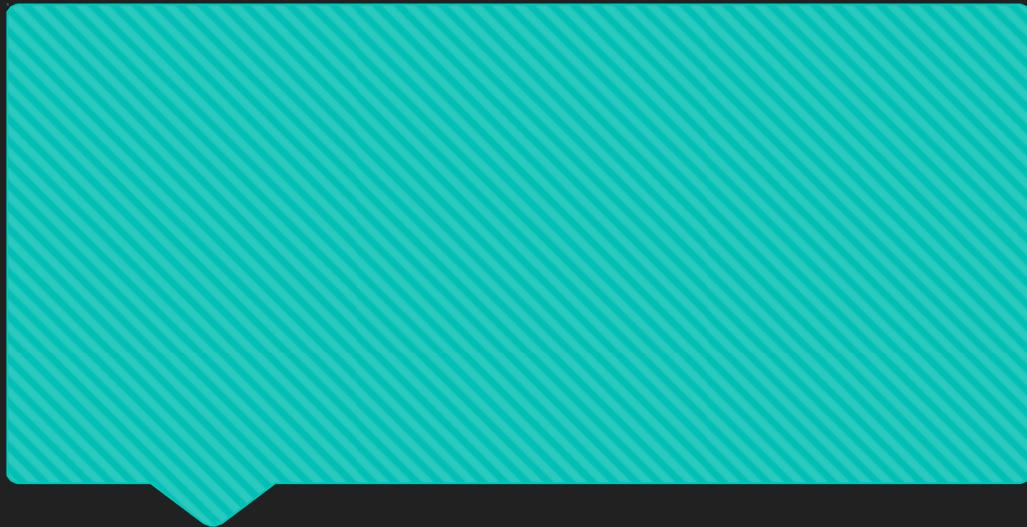
Goal 16: Achieve peaceful and inclusive societies, rule of law, ~~effective~~ responsive and capable institutions and just governance

- Fundamental interlinkages between peace & development
- Reduce and reallocate military budgets
- Address links between militarization, military spending, arms proliferation and impunity – exacerbate inequalities and violence
- Role of women in peace processes and decision-making

Goal 17: Means of Implementation

Financing

- Illicit Financial Flows
- Fiscal policies/ GRB
- **Reallocate military budgets**
- Reform Tax, Debt, Trade and Finance architectures
- Progressive Taxation, Tax Evasion, Tax Havens
- PPP – profits prior to people
- Socially & environmentally fair Tech Transfer



To address the full range of structural barriers to gender equality, it is absolutely essential to include **transformative and measurable gender equality targets in each proposed goal.**

**Further elaboration on
each of the 17 goals
will be shared**