



Women's Major Group (WMG) Intervention

Intergovernmental consultations on the political declaration
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The Women's Major Group (WMG) is committed to strengthening women's meaningful participation and dramatically accelerating SDG implementation and accountability. We have three concrete recommendations to tackle structural gender inequalities, discrimination, and violence and ensure the SDGs truly benefit those who are marginalized and systematically excluded.

First, strengthen interlinkages between the SDGs and human rights:

- We call on UN Special Rapporteurs on Human Rights and members of treaty bodies including CEDAW, UPR, CRC, CESCRC to make interpretive comments or recommendations on the SDGs and integrate relevant aspects into their work.
- We call on human rights special procedures and treaty bodies to participate in panels and sessions of the HLPF.
- We call on member states to address CEDAW and UPR recommendations in Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs), and for the UN to include queries on action taken on these reviews in VNR Guidelines.

Second: strengthen synergies between the SDGs and other UN processes:

- We emphasise that the Ministerial Declaration should call for an integrated approach that joins up action by the UN system and at the country level.
- We call on Member States to identify and support concrete actions that promote policy coherence across all action for gender equality (including around Beijing+25, WPS+20, NPT+50, and UN+75)

Third, strengthen women's meaningful participation:

- We call on member states to reaffirm Rio Principle 10, which affirms the importance of substantive participation based on access to information, public participation, and justice.
- We call for SDG review processes to support alternative reports, increase time to discuss VNRs and for Q&A, incorporate human rights periodic review recommendations into VNR guidelines, and integrate women's and feminist groups in the process including through civil society engagement mechanisms, capacity building, and core, ongoing, sustained funding

Delaying action for women and girls is not an option. The time is now for women's leadership and a women's rights and peace agenda for every woman and every girl of every age, place, ability and status, and for all of us!