

Geneva NGO Forum Beijing+20

**Beijing 1995 to Beijing+20**  
and the challenges and  
opportunities of the  
Post-2015 Sustainable Development  
Agenda

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# Progress or roll back ?

- Women Human Rights
  - No funds for national gender action plans, affordable legal support...
  - Growing fundamentalism
- Women in the Economy
  - World Bank report
  - Link to family law; inheritance, marriage, divorce, land rights
  - Austerity measures / economic incentives negative for women
- Women & Politics, Women & Violence, Women & Environment, ....

# Link to SDG / Post2015 agenda

- Watch out: don't allow roll back from existing language and commitments !
- Opportunity: Funding for implementing women's rights !
- Achieved so far: a strong Stand alone goal and more specific targets in 12 goals of the "Sustainable Development Goals"
- Next steps: focus on accountability, monitoring, Means of Implementation

# July 2014 SDGs: Gender Goal

- Standalone goal 5: “Achieve gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls” with its targets to
  - end **all forms** of discrimination;
  - eliminate **all forms** of violence against all women and girls;
  - eliminate **all harmful practices**, such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilations;
  - recognize and value **unpaid care and domestic work** (*as nationally appr*)
  - take measures to ensure women’s **full and effective** participation and equal opportunities;
  - ensure universal access to **sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights** as agreed in accordance with the Programme of Action of the ICPD and the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of their review conferences;
  - and specific Means to Implement gender equality & women’s rights, including legislation, access to **finance**, productive **resources**, **inheritance**, natural resources (*in accordance with national laws*)



# Unpaid care & domestic work

Table: Time spent by women and men in paid and unpaid work around the world (minutes per day)

Country or area	Year	Paid work		Unpaid work		Total work		Ratio of total work (Women / Men)
		Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	
<b>Africa</b>								
<b>Benin</b>								
Urban	1998	235	235	195	60	430	295	1.46
Rural	1998	305	285	195	65	500	350	1.43
<b>Madagascar</b>								
Urban	2001	175	290	225	55	400	345	1.16
Rural	2001	240	360	210	40	450	400	1.13
Mauritius	2003	116	296	277	73	393	369	1.07
South Africa	2000	116	190	216	83	332	273	1.22
United Rep. of Tanzania	2006	251	345	253	75	504	420	1.20
<b>Asia</b>								
Armenia	2004	104	318	346	66	450	384	1.17
Cambodia	2004	237	370	234	56	471	426	1.11
China	2008	263	360	234	91	497	451	1.10
Iraq	2007	28	234	347	60	375	294	1.28
Kyrgyzstan	2005	210	353	342	139	552	492	1.12
Lao PDR	2002/03	270	312	150	36	420	348	1.21
Mongolia	2000	267	404	276	130	543	534	1.02
State of Palestine	1999/2000	32	307	301	76	333	383	0.87

Republic of Korea	2004	181	314	211	44	392	358	1.09
Turkey	2006	68	267	371	88	439	355	1.24
<b>Developed regions</b>								
Australia	2006	141	273	313	172	454	445	1.02
Belgium	2005	128	211	278	177	406	388	1.05
Bulgaria	2001/02	172	235	329	186	501	421	1.19
Canada	2005	186	282	252	162	438	444	0.99
Denmark	2001	233	302	210	146	443	448	0.99
Estonia	1999/2000	206	295	329	191	535	486	1.10
Finland	1999/2000	168	246	274	171	442	417	1.06
France	1998/99	152	252	294	165	446	417	1.07
Germany	2001/02	130	234	301	187	431	421	1.02
Hungary	2000	139	214	297	159	436	373	1.17
Ireland <sup>b</sup>	2005	164	346	307	102	471	448	1.05
Italy	2002/03	127	287	366	126	493	413	1.19
Japan	2006	174	342	258	68	432	410	1.05
Latvia	2003	233	337	279	144	512	481	1.06
Lithuania	2003	230	313	308	166	538	479	1.12
Netherlands	2005	117	236	241	126	358	362	0.99
New Zealand	1999	134	251	286	166	420	417	1.01
Sweden	2000/01	191	274	261	187	452	461	0.98
FYR Macedonia	2004	125	258	342	117	467	375	1.25
United Kingdom	2000/01	161	280	306	175	467	455	1.03
United States	2006	181	272	259	160	440	432	1.02

Source: United Nations. The World's Women 2010 Trends and Statistics. New York: United Nations, 2010.

b Data refer to the average weekday. Paid work includes both employment and study.


# Problematic

- Goal 5 targets specify „according to national laws and circumstances”
  - This contradicts human rights and universality of the agenda
- No mention of “Women’s and Girls’ human rights”
- No mention of the right for women to control their sexuality free of coercion, discrimination and violence (SRHR in full)

- High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development
- Post 2015 process
- Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals
- Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing
- 2nd Committee of the General Assembly
- Rio+20
- Participating States
- Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD)
- Milestones

- 2014  
Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States
- 2013  
Inaugural session of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development
- 2012  
United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20)
- 2010  
Five-year review of the Mauritius Strategy of Implementation (MSI+5)
- 2005  
Mauritius Strategy of Implementation (MSI)
- 2002

### High-Level Political Forum



The United Nations High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development provides leadership and reviews progress on sustainable development.

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### SDGs

Open Working Group proposal for



Open Working Group proposal for Sustainable Development Goals

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### Post 2015

Post 2015 process



The process of arriving at the 2015 development agenda is Member State-led with broad participation from external stakeholders.

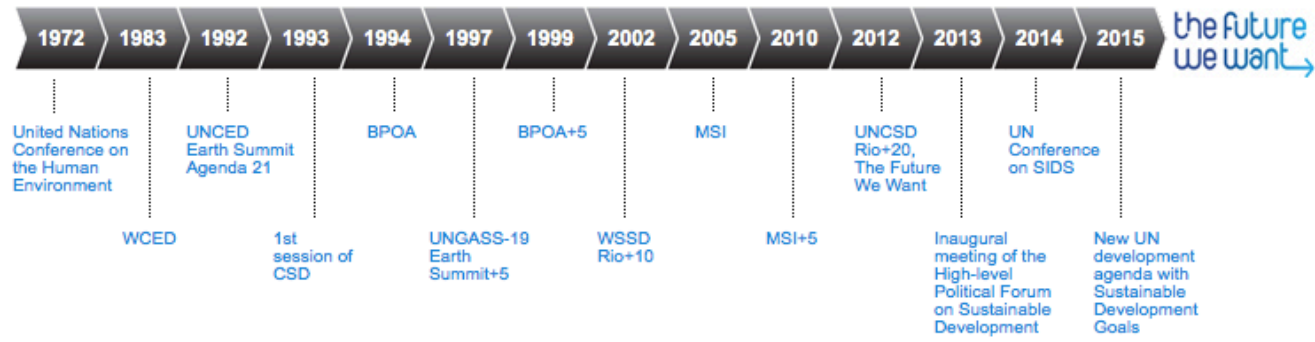
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### Rio+20



Rio+20 resulted in a focused political outcome document which contains clear and practical measures for implementing sustainable development.

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Since the 1972 UN Conference on the Human Environment the reach of sustainable development governance has expanded



# Women's Major Group

## Women's "8 Red Flags" following the conclusion of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

**Women's Major Group Final Statement - 21 July 2014**

*Adoption of Outcome a Significant Step but SDGs Still Lacking Real Ambition for Urgent Transformational Change the World Needs to Achieve Gender Equality, Women's Human Rights, Sustainable Development in Harmony with Nature, and End Inequalities.*

**On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> of July**, the first phase of a 2-year policy process at the United Nations, in which member states proposed a new set of global goals for sustainable development, ended. These new goals will follow in the footsteps of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and will determine new commitments and funding for sustainable development.

The General Assembly's (GA) Open Working Group (OWG) on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) finished its mandate and submits a report with a proposal for sustainable development goals to the 68th session of the UN General

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- Time for action !
- Keep up the pressure and the good work!