



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The Sustainable Development Goals are the globally agreed goals guiding the new development agenda towards 2030. Gender is mainstreamed throughout the 17 SDGs while Goal 5 specifically calls on states to: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

International Agreements

CEDAW
The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) is an international treaty described as the international bill of rights for women. CEDAW defines what constitutes discrimination against women and makes states accountable to end it, with periodic reporting to the CEDAW Committee.

UN Women
is the the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women. The agency acts on the premise that every woman has the right to live a free life from violence, poverty, and discrimination, and that gender equality is central to achieving prosperous and peaceful development.

CEDAW Committee
is an expert body established in 1982, composed of 23 experts on women's issues from around the world. The Committee monitors the compliance of states that have signed the CEDAW.

UNITE
is the United Nations Secretary General's global campaign to end violence against women. Launched in 2008, UNITE aims to raise public awareness and increase political will and resources to prevent and end all forms of violence against women and girls.

International Day to End Violence against Women
25th of November

16 Days of Activism to End Gender-Based Violence
25th of November to the 10th of December (Human Rights Day)

SDG 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

Mechanisms and Institutions

Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)
The CSW is the principal global intergovernmental body dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women. During the Commission's annual two-week session, UN Member States meet to evaluate progress on gender equality, set global standards and agree on further actions.

Campaigns

Planet 50-50 by 2030: Step it Up for Gender Equality
is a UN Women-led initiative where governments are asked to make national commitments to address the challenges that are holding women and girls back from reaching their potential.

HeForShe
is a UN Women-led initiative to engage men and boys in taking action to create a gender equal world. The campaign invites people from every country to stand together as a bold, visible force for gender equality.

International Women's Day
8th of March

National Women's Machineries
are the institutions in UN Member States that lead government efforts to achieve gender equality and women's empowerment. Their main task is to support government-wide mainstreaming of gender equality perspectives into national laws, public policies and programmes.

Agreed Conclusions of the CSW
are the principal output of the UN Commission on the Status of Women. Containing a set of concrete recommendations on gender equality and women's empowerment, the conclusions also include an analysis of priority themes.

Beijing Platform for Action (BpFA)
As a defining framework for change, the BPfA is a comprehensive agenda for women's empowerment. Agreed upon in Beijing in 1995 at the Fourth World Conference on Women, this progressive platform is an important blueprint for advancing women's rights.