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Presentation by Tidiane Boye (UNIDO) on the implementation of the sustainable development goals: the role of partnership. The presentation and ensuing discussion was followed by an administrative segment. There were references made to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) number 4.4, 5.5 and 5.a.

This meeting served GWI members in a number of ways. It helped to explain trends in development in this particular subject, explain why these trends and developments are relevant to GWI and NFAs and outline what needs to be done at international and national levels.

Reference was made to women’s role in building human capital. Women’s place in this partnership program is essential as it concerns areas in which women play a prominent role such as countries like Senegal and professions such as agriculture, financing, and fishing. The program/partnership tries to help women produce fruit and thus establish small businesses relating to SDG #5.5, SDG #5.a. One goal is the industrial emancipation of women. It is important to consider how women’s skills can be upgraded tying into SDG #4.4. To address SDG #4.4 and 5.a training programs should be developed.