



# GWI United Nation Representative Advocacy Report 2019

## GWI advocacy goals

1. 100% of United Nations Member States commit to policy, legislation, budget and infrastructure to facilitate transition of girls from primary to secondary school and ensure gender parity and gender equality throughout secondary education by 2030.
2. By 2030 100% of United Nations low income Member States have increased access to tertiary education for girls and women by 50%.
3. 100% of United Nations Member States commit to and implement policies for continuing education to empower women throughout the life course, within the formal and informal economies.
4. Influence the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4.
5. All 17 SDGs will include girls' education targets.

**Please bear in mind these five overarching, long-term goals during any United Nations intervention that you make on behalf of GWI. Any intervention should push these five goals further.**

**NB:** *Although these goals represent GWI's mission, our United Nations Representatives are should always promote all GWI key messages and represent GWI professionally.*

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**Session/meeting attended: (place, date, time, name of meeting)**

Webinar: December 5, 2019

Taking stock on HLPF first Cycle: lessons learned and what's ahead for the next four years

**Subject of session/meeting:**

Together 2030 Webinar Description:

The "Implementation Series" webinars provide members of Together 2030 with an opportunity to discuss technical and political aspects related to the implementation and accountability of Agenda 2030 at global, regional and national levels. The Webinars aim at bringing voices from different levels and sectors to share their experiences/concerns/recommendations around the implementation of Agenda 2030. The Together 2030 Webinars will focus on concrete issues related to implementation of Agenda 2030 and action recommendations.

## **Sustainable Development Goals addressed:**

Agenda 2030

## **Relevant treaties/conventions/resolutions referenced/addressed:**

Agenda 2030/HLPF/Trends and Findings in Achieving Agenda 2030

## **Summary of session/meeting: (From Together 2030 Webinar Concept Note & Overview)**

The [High Level Political Forum \(HLPF\)](#) is the global structure responsible for assessing progress achievements and challenges faced by developed and developing countries. It is, in part, a forum for review - of a yearly, rotating set of Sustainable Development Goals, of overall global progress, and of national progress and challenges presented by countries in Voluntary National Reviews. In the 2030 Agenda, Member States have also emphasized that the HLPF should draw high-level political attention to gaps or areas where commitments are lagging behind and provide political leadership, guidance and recommendations for follow up to accelerate progress.

Since 2016, Together 2030 and a team from the Politics Department at Newcastle University have collaborated to produce an annual survey on stakeholder participation in Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. At the end of the first four year “cycle” of review at the High Level Political Forum, Together 2030 and Newcastle University prepared the paper [Stakeholder engagement in VNRs 2015-2019 Four years of the Together 2030 and Newcastle University stakeholder perceptions survey](#). This document brings together and summarizes the main trends and findings of the surveys over the years, reflecting on how the survey – and the SDG context – has changed over this period, and where it might go next.

On 24 and 25 September 2019, Heads of State and Government gathered at the United Nations Headquarters in New York to follow up and comprehensively review progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDGs Summit initiated the HLPF review process that will unfold during the 74th Session of the General Assembly. This context represents a unique opportunity to reflect on the current working methods and organization of the Forum in order to drive the processes to direct transformative actions. Together 2030 and partners, also prepared paper with [shared principles](#) to guide the upcoming HLPF review.

## **Purpose of the Webinar:**

- 1) Reflect on the first cycle of the HLPF sharing trends, successes and challenges and:
- 2) Exchange perspectives on the next four years, potential shortfalls and opportunities to make the HLPF a forum for acceleration action on SDGs implementation.

**Overview:**

- 1) Lessons Learned from National Reporting: Towards Second Generation VNRs
- 2) Four years of the Perception Survey: Trends and Findings
- 3) First cycle of the HLPF: Regional Perspective
- 4) Review of the first cycle of the HLPF and views on the HLPF Review based on four years of HLPF support
- 5) Discussions

**Intervention by GWI representative:****How this serves GWI members:**

- a. Explain trends in development in this particular subject.
- b. Explain why these trends and developments are relevant to GWI and NFAs.
- c. Outline what needs to be done at international and national levels.

Gain better understanding of the HLPF Review Process and its relevance in the work of GWI and NFAs in the achievement of Agenda 2030

**Next steps: (What needs to be done)**

Review the Together 2030 website for relevant documents, webinar recordings, presentations, and speaker bios for information regarding the HLPF Review Process and its intention to address gaps and areas where commitments are lagging behind. Review website to learn more about trends and findings regarding the HLPF Review Process and the achievement of Agenda 2030.

<https://www.together2030.org/get-involved/webinars-2/>

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