

GWI United Nation Representative Advocacy Report 8/16/2020

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)

On line report: UN this week

Subject of session/meeting:

"The UN Development Goals are seriously off Track" as reported by Babara Cosette in Pass Blue

Sustainable Development Goals addressed:

All

Relevant treaties/conventions/resolutions referenced/addressed:

Summary of session/meeting:

A recent report by the UN Commission for Development Policy, an independent advisory group under ECOSOC, exposed some basic problems following a review of reports of member states re progress of SDGs.

Excluded groups not addressed in the country reports for the third year in a row were mostly:

**Children,
The disabled,
The elderly,**

**Refugees and Migrants,
Minorities – religious, ethnic, and LBGTQ.
Those living in poverty.**

Access to childcare especially in the Covid era when women are bearing extra heavy burdens was not addressed.

Gender equality is not getting the adequate attention necessary.

The pandemic will make it harder to achieve success with SDGs by 2030.

For the full article see

<https://www.passblue.com/2020/08/10/the-un-development-goals-are-seriously-off-track-an-expert-says/>

Explain trends in development in this particular subject.

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

Next steps: (What needs to be done)

Continuing and persistent advocacy to keep the momentum going.

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