

GWI United Nation Representative

Advocacy Report

2023

GWI advocacy goals

- 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.
- By 2030 100% of United Nations low-income Member States have increased access to tertiary education for girls and women by 50%.
- 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.
- Influence the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4.
- 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.

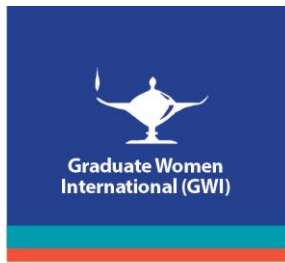
NB: *Although these goals represent GWI’s mission, UN Reps are also invited to promote GWI key messages on areas where especially relevant e.g., women in STEM, securing investment in women teachers, addressing barriers to girls’ education such as child marriage.*

UN Announces High Impact Initiatives for SDG Transformations

Achievement of the 2030 SDGs is at risk. To address this, and in anticipation of the upcoming SDG Summit 2023, the UN issued a report on High Impact Initiatives (23-267 – *UN SDG Summit 2023 High Impact Initiatives; United Nations Decade of Action SDG Summit 2023; 7-7-2023*) that provided information for this summary. The intent was to demonstrate that transformative SDG progress is possible and to mobilize further leadership, investment, and support for impact at scale. The selected initiatives address **6 transitions, 1 cross-cutting topic,** and **5 enablers** key to driving progress on the SDGs. In addition, member states were encouraged to put forward commitments on two levels – national and global*

Six Transitions					
Energy Compacts	Biodiversity & Nature	Transforming Education	Social Protection & Jobs	Food Systems	Digital Public Infrastructure
Cross-Cutting Topic					
Violence Against Women					
Enablers					
SDG Stimulus	Trade	SDG Localization	Public Sector Capabilities	Data Dividend	

* SDG Summit National and Global Commitments to SDG Transformation: Pathways, Investments, and Means of Implementation – Guidance Notes for States (5-2023)



Goals for the **Six Transitions** are as follows:

Energy Compacts – Go from billions to trillions to ensure the urgency and scale needed to achieve SDG7 and just, inclusive, and equitable energy transitions towards net zero. (Point of contact: takada@un.org. UN Leads/Co-Leads: UNEnergy)

Biodiversity & Nature – Launch a coalition of leading countries to drive game-changing economic policy reform that puts nature and biodiversity at the heart of sustainable development and economic decision-making. (Point of contact: mmurillo@un.org. UN Leads/Co-Leads: UNEP with key UN entities)

Transforming Education – Catalyze a global push for transforming education ahead of the 2024 Transforming Education Summit Stocktake (TESS) and the 2024 Summit of the Future. (Point of contact: asif.memon@un.org. UN Leads/Co-Leads: Special Adviser to Secretary General; EOSG with UNESCO and UNICEF)

Social Protection & Jobs – Create 400 million jobs and extend social protection to 4 billion people through integrated policy solutions backed by adequate financing and whole-of-government approach. (Point of contact: barth@ilo.org. UN Leads/Co-Leads: Key UN entities)

Food Systems – Integrate decision-making in the water, energy, food and environment sectors to ensure good nutrition, strengthen food and water security and sanitation, support climate action, and maintain biodiversity and forests. Invest in green infrastructure for water management. *Source: SDG Summit National and Global Commitments to SDG Transformation: Pathways, Investments, and Means of Implementation – Guidance Notes for States 5-2023.* (TBD)

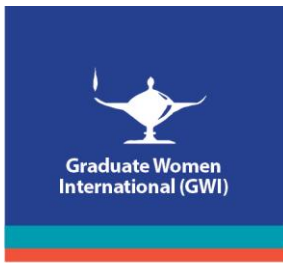
Digital Public Infrastructure – Strengthen local digital ecosystems in 75 countries with new data and technology capacities and innovative financing. (Point of contact: keyzom.ngodup@undp.org. UN Leads/Co-Leads: UNDP & ITU)

The Cross-Cutting Topic is Violence against women. Demonstrate that transformative progress and acceleration is possible on the SDGs through investment in gender equality and the elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls. This includes, but is not limited to, passing laws and putting in place emergency response plans that prevent and eliminate violence against women and girls, both on and offline, by 2025. (Point of contact: philippe.lustbianchi@un.org. UN Leads/Co-Leads: Spotlight Initiative Secretariat and participating UN entities)

The **Enablers** set the following goals:

SDG stimulus – Offset challenging market conditions faced by developing countries, address short-term crises, establish long-term sustainable development finance, and increase SDG financing to \$500 billion per year, (Point of contact: schwnc@un.org. UN Leads/Co-Leads: DESA, UNCTAD, UNDP)

Trade – Foster productive capabilities and structural economic transformation. Drive inclusive growth and sustainable development through clear identification of gaps, comparative advantages, and key binding constraints at the national level leveraging National Productive



Capabilities Gap Assessments – NPCGAs. (Point of contact: mussie.delelegn@un.org. UN Leads/Co-Leads: UNCTAD)

SDG Localization - Exemplify and strengthen socio-economic and environmental transitions central to the achievement of the SDGs taking root at local and sub-national levels. (Point of contact: shipra.narang-suri@un.org. UN Leads/Co-Leads: Local 2030 Coalition)

Public Sector Capabilities – Develop future public sector capabilities by upskilling, reskilling, and multi-skilling, support countries in data-driven policy making, and budget for the SDGs as well as public sector innovation labs that support them. (Point of contact: kwok@un.org. UN Leads/Co-Leads: DESA & UNDP)

Data Dividend – Unleash the data dividend for the SDGs by increasing financial and political support for improved data production, management, analysis, and utilization. (Point of contact: fedgina@data4sdgs.org. UN Leads/Co-Leads: GPSDD, DESA, WHO on behalf of CCS-UN, UNFPA)

Nations are encouraged to include in their National Commitment to SDG Transformation their priority transitions and areas they will invest in to maximize progress across the SDGs, a national benchmark for poverty and inequality by 2027, and steps towards strengthened national planning and institutional frameworks to support progress in these areas.

Organizations such as GWI and its NFAs should be informed on the transitions, cross-cutting topic, and enablers that the UN has determined will help us meet the 2030 SDGs. General queries regarding the above information can be found on decadeofaction@un.org.

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[Transformative Actions \(/en/sdg-summit-2023/page/transformation-action\)](https://en.sdg-summit-2023/page/transformation-action)

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