



GWI United Nation Representative

Advocacy Report

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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.*

Ministerial Declaration Adopted at the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) – 7/24

This year's HLPF focused on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) aimed at ending poverty and hunger, taking action on the world's climate, fostering partnerships, and building peace, justice, and strong institutions. At the conclusion of the forum, UN Member States adopted a Ministerial Declaration committing to advancing progress on gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls across the 2030 agenda. The commitments in that declaration include:

Increasing investments to close the gender gap and strengthen support for institutions in relation to gender equality and the empowerment of women at the global, regional, and national levels.

Eliminating all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls including through the engagement of men and boys.

Committing to redoubling efforts to resolve or prevent conflict and to support post-conflict countries, including by ensuring that women have a role in peace building and state building.

Recognizing the importance of the participation of women in all stages of peace processes, conflict prevention, conflict resolution, and peace building to maintain and promote international peace and security.



Recognizing the need to make special efforts to meet nutritional needs, especially of women of reproductive age, and recognize that infant and young child mortality can be reduced with improvements in the nutritional status of women.

Agreeing that women and girl must enjoy equal access to quality education, economic resources, and political participation as well as equal opportunities with men and boys for employment leadership and decision making at all levels.

For a more in-depth report by UN Women go to <https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/news/2024/07/high-level-political-forum-places-women-and-girls-at-the-heart-of-the-2030-agenda>

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