



# GWI United Nation Representative

## Advocacy Report

### 2024

#### 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.*

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#### UN Women Initiatives & the High-Level Political Forum

UN Women announced two important initiatives during the HLPF (7/27). The first initiative introduced 10 Gender Equality Accelerators, which offer a flexible framework for progress adaptable to each country's unique needs. Participants at the event stressed the importance of collaboration among national governments, UN agencies, Civil Society, and the private sector to drive accelerated action and systemic change.

The 10 Gender Equality Accelerators offer essential solutions to overcoming existing challenges in achieving women and girls' human rights and SG5, pertaining to gender equality. These accelerators provide a flexible framework for driving progress, recognizing that there is no 'one-size-fits-all' solution. Accelerators can be tailored to match the unique needs and priorities of each country with the active involvement of national stakeholders.

The **10 Gender Equality Accelerators** are as followed:

#### 1. Women's Equal Participation in Political Decision-Making and Institutions

Addressing the systemic barriers to women's political participation through evidence-based programming, advocacy, and greater system-wide accountability to accelerate progress towards achieving gender balance in political decision making and institutions.



## **2. Gender-Responsive Planning and Budgeting**

Sharing evidence, capacities, and skills to embed gender equality in government planning and budgeting.

## **3. Transforming the Care Economy**

Comprehensive “5R” policies: to *recognize, reduce, redistribute, represent, and reward* paid and unpaid care and domestic work, by boosting public investments in social care infrastructure and sparking the creation of millions of decent jobs for women.

## **4. Decent Work and Entrepreneurship**

Leveraging social protection and gender-responsive procurement for women in business, promoting decent work, and ensuring income security.

## **5. Gender-Responsive Climate Action and Green/Blue Economies**

Promoting gender equality and women's rights while transitioning to sustainable economies with the focus on resilience, leadership, and livelihood.

## **6. Ending Violence Against Women and Girls**

Preventing and responding to all forms of violence against women and girls in all their diversity. This includes addressing the multiple root causes fueling this violence and strengthening coordination and delivery of quality, essential services across different sectors and settings.

## **7. Women, Peace, and Security**

Increasing global peace and security through women's leadership and inclusion in prevention, peacemaking, peacebuilding, gender-responsive justice, and protection.

## **8. LEAP - Women's Leadership, Access, Empowerment, and Protection in Humanitarian Coordination and Response**

Promoting women's leadership, safety, education, and livelihoods during humanitarian emergencies and protracted crises through partnerships with local women's organizations, national governments, and UN agencies.

## **9. Women's Resilience to Disasters**

Empowering women to lead in disaster and climate-risk reduction and resilient efforts. Ensuring decision-making and governance systems are gender-responsive and implementing measures to boost the resilience of women and girls against current and future disasters and threats.

## **10. Making Every Woman and Girl Count**

Supporting countries to improve the production and use of gender-disaggregated data to monitor progress on the SDG's and scale up data-driven policy action for women and girls globally.

UN Women's second initiative involved the launch of the first-ever [UN System-wide policy guidance on the care economy](#) at a high-level ECOSOC event in the margins of the forum. Under the leadership of Amina J. Mohammed, UN Women led the development of that policy guidance through an inter-agency effort with sister agencies UNDP, ILO, ECLAC and OHCHR.

The guidance, titled “Transforming Care Systems in the Context of the SDGs and Our Common Agenda,” underscores the importance of care work for social and economic wellbeing and the need to transform care systems to achieve



sustainable development and gender equality. It provides the entire UN System with common definitions, principles, analytical framework, approaches, and context-specific policy options on the care economy.

**Recommendations:**

GWI needs to emphasize how important a role education can play in achieving the Gender Equality Accelerators and promoting the evolution of the care economy.

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