

Sustainable Development Goal 5 and interlinkages with other SDGs

An Expert Group Meeting in preparation for HLPF 2022: Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Virtual meeting, 27-28 April 2022

Programme

Day 1 (27 April 2022)

8:00 am – 8:15 am	Opening and welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Astra Bonini, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, UNDESA• Maria Francesca Spatolisano, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs and Acting Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology, UNDESA• Anita Bhatia, Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director, UN Women
8:15 am – 9:15 am	Overview of progress on SDG 5 and impacts of COVID-19 <p>Discussion on the data: review of progress on SDG 5 targets and indicators, the socioeconomic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and forecasts and projections of future scenarios</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yongyi Min (Moderator), Chief, SDG Monitoring Section, Statistics Division, UNDESA• Ginette Azcona, Research and Data Policy Specialist, UN Women• Cara Williams, Assistant Director of International Cooperation and Methodology Innovation Centre, Statistics Canada
9:15 am – 9:45 am	Break
9:45 am – 11:05 am	Examination of root causes and persistent barriers to gender equality as well as key areas for strengthening a gender perspective <p>What can different actors do to accelerate efforts to change social and gender norms and laws to end discrimination and prevent and eliminate violence and harmful practices against women and girls? What are the most promising initiatives that are empowering women and girls as agents of change and decision-makers, including in sexual and reproductive health and rights? How can gaps in access to resources including finance, land and social protection be closed to increase opportunities for women? What steps can governments take to address women's and girls' time poverty and disproportionate share of unpaid care and domestic work?</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melissa Upreti (Moderator), Chair of the UN Working Group on discrimination against women and girls • Taveeshi Gupta, Director of Research, Evaluation and Learning, Promundo-US • Nahid Toubia, Director for the Institute of Reproductive Health and Rights, Sudan • Jerome de Henau, Senior Lecturer in Economics, Open University • Beth Roberts, Director, Center for Women's Land Rights, Landesa • Sophia Huyer, Gender & Social Inclusion Leader, CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security • Kristin Diemer, Principle Research Fellow, University of Melbourne
11:05 am – 12:30 pm	<p>Opportunities to accelerate progress towards SDG 5 going forward, including through COVID-19 recovery</p> <p>What has been achieved since SDG 5 was reviewed at the HLPF in 2017 and how can promising initiatives and partnerships be scaled up? What are some of the lessons learned about gender equality during the pandemic and how can these be leveraged to overcome persistent barriers and accelerate progress? What can be done to advance the means of implementation, particularly in the areas of financing and capacity building to advance SDG5?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Turquet (Moderator), Policy Advisor and Deputy Chief, Research and Data Team at UN Women • Sol Prieto, National Director of Economy, Equality and Gender of the Ministry of Economy, Argentina • Gentian Opre, Director, Albanian Ministry of Finance (TBC) • Kate Donald, Acting Executive Director, Center for Economic and Social Rights • Adriana Uex, Member of the National Coordination of Indigenous Women of Mexico (CONAMI) (TBC)
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	<p>Wrap up and preparation for working groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sylvia Hordosch, Policy Advisor, UN Women • Leyla Sharafi, Gender Advisor, UNFPA

Day 2 (28 April 2022)

8:00 am – 8:10 am	<p>Welcome and recap of day 1 messages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lana Zaman, Associate Sustainable Development Officer, UNDESA
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<p>8:10 am – 10:10 am</p>	<p>Parallel working groups to discuss recommendations for accelerating progress on SDG 5, managing trade-offs and generating synergies across the 2030 Agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investing in the care economy and gender-responsive social protection and health systems, including sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR): How can national policies on social protection and social infrastructure be strengthened to integrate a gender perspective, promote women’s labour participation, and reach the poorest and most marginalized women and girls? How can health-care systems and services be strengthened to promote women’s physical and mental health and well-being, as well as their bodily autonomy and universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights? What steps should be taken by governments to invest in the care economy and reduce and redistribute women’s and girls’ disproportionate share of unpaid care and domestic work? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Facilitator: Tara Cookson, Canada Research Chair and Assistant Professor of Gender, Development, and Global Public Policy at the School of Public Policy and Global Affairs (SPPGA), University of British Columbia 2. Integrating a gender perspective in technology and infrastructure development: How can infrastructure systems, including transport, urban design, ICT, and public services better incorporate the needs and preferences of women? What are some best practices in gender-responsive infrastructure? What are the biggest gaps in technology governance that perpetuate gender bias? How can governments and businesses ensure gender-responsive design and development of technology? What can this sector do to ensure marginalized women participate in and benefit from decision-making processes? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Facilitator: Sonal Shah, Founder of The Urban Catalysts 3. Reprioritizing and reforming domestic and international financing for gender equality and promoting equal access to economic resources and inclusive, equitable trade: What steps must governments take to reform economic and fiscal laws and policies as well as restructure budgets to direct resources towards gender equality objectives? How can trade policies, including regional and bilateral trade agreements, integrate a gender perspective and improve women’s access to markets and foreign investments? Are there promising examples of COVID-19 recovery programmes that support women in the labour force, including in the informal sector? What is the role of data in informing gender-responsive budgeting and financial policies?
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10:10 am - 11:00 am	Break
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Discussion in plenary and finalizing recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Facilitator: Nkeiruka Didigu, Senior Inter-Agency Affairs Specialist, UNFPA
1:00 pm – 1:15 pm	Next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Astra Bonini, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, UNDESA