HLPF 2022 SDG Learning Session

Achieving gender equality: measuring progress and advocating for systems change

Thursday, July 7th 2022
2.00 to 3.45 pm EST

About

This SDGs learning session, aligned with the 2022 HLFP theme "Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development'' focuses on the status of implementation of the 2030 Agenda using available gender data, critical data gaps, issues with new models/methods of data production and available tools to help advocate for change.

Organizing Partners (in alphabetical order)

- [Center for Migration, Gender and Justice](#)
- [UN Women](#)
- [Women@theTable](#)
- [Women's Major Group](#)

Objectives/Scope

The COVID-19 pandemic has rolled back the limited progress made over the past 25 years on expanding gender equality and women's rights and opportunities, including in economic participation and political voice. [Young women have witnessed more pronounced employment losses](#) than young men and risk long-term exclusion from labour markets. Women facing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, such as [migrant women](#) and [women with disabilities,](#) are especially affected. [Extreme poverty, on a downward trajectory before COVID-19, has increased](#), as has food insecurity. Women and girls are bearing the brunt of these hardships. Where women have been in leadership positions, the response to the pandemic has often been faster and more attuned to social needs, but at all levels and across sectors, women do not have the same space in decision-making as men.

Comprehensive analysis and policies in areas relevant for Goal 5, but also across all Goals, are necessary to fully achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, but evidence shows that women and girls, and gender diverse people are not sufficiently prioritized, including most recently in the COVID-19 response. This is deeply significant in light of global digitalization, changing technological environments, and the 2030 Agenda.

Drawing insights from the expertise of a range of stakeholders, this learning session will focus on understanding where we are on achieving the SDGs from a gender equality perspective and how, through bold and accelerated action, this bleak picture can be transformed so that we can get back on track to achieving gender equality. The session will be divided into four parts:

Introduction: Status of data availability on the SDGs from a gender perspective

This part of the session will introduce UN Women and UNSD's [Progress on the SDGs: the annual gender snapshot report](#). It will provide an overview of the available data to monitor the SDGs from a gender perspective, highlight the need for mainstreaming of gender across all of the SDGs and briefly touch upon critical data gaps.

Data Gaps/Challenges: Spotlight AI

This part of the session will provide an overview of fast moving and profound digitalization in all parts of the globe, and why and how there is an urgent need for accountable algorithms and machine learning systems designed with and from a gender perspective. This part of the session will support stakeholders to think critically and with a multidisciplinary focus on taking control of the new tools, the need for new social protection models using new methods of data and knowledge production, policy and program design, and the possibilities of cooperation and activism for gender equality, women's rights and intersectionality through the prism of data-driven technologies, innovation & algorithmic decision making.

Data Tools: SDG5 Tracker and Gender-Migration Index (GMI)

This part of the session will present two tools that can help in monitoring progress on the SDGs from a gender perspective.

The first tool is UN Women and UNSD's [SDG 5 tracker](#) which uses data from traditional household surveys as reported by national sources in the SDG indicator database to understand where we are on achieving SDG5 at the global, regional and national level. Globally, 1 in every 15 countries is very far from target or far from target in at least a third of the SDG 5 indicators. In three areas critical to women's empowerment, time spent on unpaid care and domestic work, decision making regarding sexual and reproductive health and gender-responsive budgeting, the world is far or very far from the set target. Progress in other areas critical for women's rights is moderate, including on legal frameworks that promote gender equality. The session will highlight that with only eight years remaining to achieve the goal, moderate progress is deeply insufficient.

The second tool is the Gender-Migration Index (GMI). The [GMI](#) is a guidance tool that facilitates gender-responsiveness and migrant-inclusion in policy by addressing the needs and challenges of women, girls, LGBTQIA+, and gender diverse migrants. The GMI is based on an indicator system that centers migrants' lived experiences to ensure that the intersection of migration and gender is considered in policy planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation.

Data to Action: insights from Civil Society Advocacy

This part of the session will highlight the central role of civil society advocacy in accelerating the move towards achieving Agenda 2030. In this part of the session, the [Women's Major Group](#) will share the advocacy methods, tools and tips that have been utilized by the feminist and LGBTQI+ movements, for transforming the current oppressive systems widening gender inequality, for solidarity and collaboration with other movements and institutions to accelerate our move towards achieving Agenda 2030.

Structure

The virtual learning session will provide a technical briefing on the resources presented. Dedicated time for Q & A will also be provided.

Supporting Materials

- [Progress on the SDGs: the gender snapshot report](#)
- [Data visualization: Are we on track to achieve gender equality by 2030?](#)
- Center for Migration, Gender, and Justice: [Gender Migration Index (GMI)](#)
- Center for Migration, Gender, and Justice: [Gender-Migration Index (GMI) Toolkit](#)
- Women's Major Group: [Until All of Us Are Free Series](#)
- Women's Major Group: [Nourishing Feminist Advocacy Webinar Series](#)
- Women At The Table / <A+> Alliance for Inclusive Algorithms: [From Bias to Feminist AI](#)
- Women At The Table: [The Deadly Data Gap - Gender & Data](#)