

Intro

Excellencies, distinguished guests and colleagues, the WMG believes that strong international cooperation and multi-stakeholder governance is imperative for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and for lasting, transformative change for women and girls in all their diversity. However, efforts to achieve broad-based inclusive growth in line with the SDGs have not matched the scale and intensity of current global crises—nor have they sufficiently addressed the disproportionate impact of conflict, climate change and deepening inequality on the lives and well-being of all women and girls. We note with particular concern the erosion of international human rights instruments and the fracturing of the multilateral system by acts of commission and omission.

We call on stakeholders to recommit to peace, climate justice and inclusive, sustainable growth for all, with gender equality as a cross-cutting goal. It is time to reimagine our partnerships and align them with the feminist principles and goals of systemic transformation, intersectionality, inclusion, accountability and policy coherence.

- We need **transformative** partnerships that seek to challenge power imbalances at the global, national, regional and local level and disrupt racist, patriarchal, exploitative and militaristic systems.
- We need **intersectional** partnerships that promote and protect the human rights of all marginalized communities, particularly those traditionally excluded, and ensure that all partners hold power and exercise influence equitably.
- We need **accountable** partnerships, that prioritize adequate, predictable financing for Agenda 2030 and gender equality, without undermining domestic resource mobilization, as well as robust monitoring and reporting mechanisms to evaluate impact and enable informed contributions to policy making from those directly affected by the policies in question.
- We need partnerships that are **collaborative and inclusive**, ensuring adequate opportunities for feedback from affected communities, paying particular attention to language and other accessibility barriers.
- Finally, we need partnerships that ensure **coherence and coordination** across human rights and development systems and processes, including at the regional and national levels.

Thank you.

