

Romania's talking points:

Focus area 5. Gender equality and women's empowerment

Attain gender equality and women's empowerment everywhere

- a) by 2030 end **all forms of discrimination against women of all ages**ⁱ
- b) by 2030 end **violence against women and girls in all its forms**,ⁱⁱ
- c) by 2030 ensure equal access to education at all levelsⁱⁱⁱ
- d) by 2030 ensure equal employment opportunities for women and equal pay for equal work^{iv}
- e) by 2030 **ensure equal access to, and control of, assets and resources, including natural resources management**^v
- f) ensure equal participation and leadership of women in decision-making in public and private institutions^{vi}
- g) by 2030 end child, early and forced marriage^{vii}
- h) by 2030 reduce the burden of unpaid care work^{viii}
- i) by 2030 ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights^{ix}
- j) promote the availability of gender disaggregated data to improve gender equality policies, including gender sensitive budgeting^x

Appropriate means of implementation

Comments:

- appreciation for maintaining a dedicated focus area to gender equality and women's empowerment;
- possible targets :
 - o target a) end all forms of discrimination against women of all ages (*indicators* to assess: existence of legal framework combating discrimination, effective complaint and remedy mechanisms, employment opportunities for women; ensuring equal pay for equal work); add at the end "and harmful practices, including female genital mutilation". Target would read: end **all forms of discrimination against women of all ages, and harmful practices, including female genital mutilation**;
 - o target b) strengthen the language by adding prevention, in accordance with the CSW57 agreement (*indicators* to assess: level and forms of VAWG; existence of legislation on VAWG and its enforcement and

levels of enforcement and services for women who have experienced violence); target would read: preventing and eliminating **violence against women and girls in all its forms**;

- target e) while access is important, we would like to see reflected also the necessity to respect women's right to own and inherit a property, land and other productive resources and assets;
- target f) reformulation of the target to read as follows: ensure equal participation and leadership of women **in all spheres** decision-making in public and private **lives**;
- target i) advocate for SRHR – universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights;
- We support a holistic approach to disaggregated data in all focus areas and we consider this to be an important tool within a separate goal on means of implementation. We therefore request deletion.

ⁱTrinidad and Tobago (CARICOM); Latvia; Guatemala/Colombia; Romania/Poland; Pakistan; Australia/Netherlands/UK; Montenegro/Slovenia; China/Kazakhstan/Indonesia.

ⁱⁱ Australia/Netherlands/UK; Mexico/Peru; Ethiopia; Guatemala/Colombia; Sweden; Pakistan; France/Germany/Switzerland; Romania/Poland; Trinidad and Tobago (CARICOM); Montenegro/Slovenia; Cyprus/Singapore/UAE; Brazil/Nicaragua; Denmark/Ireland/Norway.

ⁱⁱⁱ Latvia; Argentina/Bolivia/Ecuador; Colombia/Guatemala; Cyprus/Singapore/UAE; Montenegro/Slovenia; Brazil/Nicaragua.

^{iv} Colombia/Guatemala; Argentina/Bolivia/Ecuador; Australia/Netherlands/UK; Benin (LDCs); Zambia (Southern Africa Group); Trinidad and Tobago (CARICOM); Montenegro/Slovenia; Cyprus/Singapore/UAE.

^v Argentina/Bolivia/Ecuador; Canada/Israel/UK; Romania/Poland; Zambia (Southern Africa Group); Montenegro/Slovenia; Cyprus/Singapore/UAE; Denmark/Ireland/Norway. Possible indicators: Equal right of women to own and inherit property, sign a contract, register a business, open a bank account and secure credit (Pakistan).

^{vi} Latvia; Mexico/Peru; Cyprus/Singapore/UAE; Ethiopia; Sweden; Canada/Israel/UK; Argentina/Bolivia/Ecuador; France/Germany/Switzerland; Zambia (Southern Africa Group); Trinidad and Tobago (CARICOM); Montenegro/Slovenia; Denmark/Ireland/Norway.

^{vii} Sweden; France/Germany/Switzerland; Ethiopia; Australia/Netherlands/UK; Pakistan; Canada/Israel/US; Montenegro/Slovenia; China/Kazakhstan/Indonesia; Denmark/Ireland/Norway.

^{viii} France/Germany/Switzerland, Latvia; Trinidad and Tobago (CARICOM); Montenegro/Slovenia; Brazil/Nicaragua; Denmark/Ireland/Norway; Women, Children & Youth, NGOs, Local Authorities

^{ix} Ethiopia; Latvia; Sweden; Denmark/Ireland/Norway; Australia/Netherlands/UK; Canada/Israel/US; France/Germany/Switzerland; Zambia (Southern Africa Group); China/Kazakhstan/Indonesia; Brazil/Nicaragua.

^x Trinidad and Tobago (CARICOM); Montenegro/Slovenia; Brazil/Nicaragua; France/Germany/Switzerland; Australia/Netherlands/UK.

Focus area 6. Water and sanitation

Water and sanitation for a sustainable world

- a) by 2030, provide universal access to safe and affordable drinking water, sanitation and hygiene^x, especially for women and girls^x
- b) by 2030, improve wastewater management, recycling and reuse by x%^x
- c) by 2030, improve water-use efficiency^x by x% in all sectors, with particular focus on agriculture^x
- d) implement integrated water resource management, including appropriate trans-boundary co-operation^x
- e) by 2030, bring fresh water extraction in line with sustainable supply, protect and restore ecosystems, to provide water-related services^x
- f) by 2030, significantly improve water quality, eliminate pollution and dumping of toxic materials in water bodies, and protect aquifers^x
- g) invest in water harvesting and storage technologies, and double the rainwater harvested by 2030^x
- h) decrease by x% mortality and serious injuries, and decrease economic losses caused by water-related disasters, by 2030^x

Appropriate means of implementation

Comments:

- We are in favour of a separate goal on water and sanitation.
- In target a), add at the end “people with disabilities”. Target would read: by 2030, provide universal access to safe and affordable drinking water, sanitation and hygiene^x, especially for women and girls and persons with disabilities;
- We support a separate target on sanitation that would read: end open defecation. Flexible on the placement;

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- The particular focus on target c) on agriculture creates overlaps with FA 2c) and we have stressed in the sustainable agriculture discussion, we see strong interdependencies between sustainable use of water and water governance;
 - In target d) welcome trans-boundary cooperation and add ‘participatory management of water resources’ to strengthen to water governance. Target would read: implement participatory management of water resources, including appropriate trans-boundary co-operation;
 - Target e) should read - by 2030, bring fresh water extraction in line with sustainable supply to provide water-related services, **especially from forest and mountain sources**, while protecting and restoring those ecosystems. Since mountains provide 60 to 80% of the earth’s freshwater resources, we believe that they should be given universal importance and need a special attention in the SDGs, especially under water and eco-systems goals.
 - Support f), g), h).