



Beijing (+25) to Transforming our world, the 2030 Agenda : Is Gender Equitable World in the Making?

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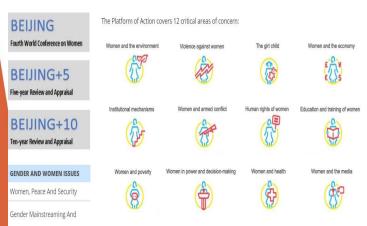


## **Concepts and Context**

**Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action** - outlined 12 key areas

The fourth conference, September 1995, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the United Nations

Since 1975, UN has 4 world conferences on Women at Mexico, Copenhagen, Nairobi and Beijing



https://archive.unescwa.org/ourwork/beijing-declaration-and-platform-action

- ► The member nations are determined to advance the goals of equality, development and peace for all women everywhere in the interest of all humanity
- Acknowledging voices of all women everywhere and taking note of the diversity of women and their roles and circumstances.....
- ▶ Recognize that the status of women has advanced in some important respects in the past decade, but that progress has been uneven, inequalities between women and men have persisted and major obstacles remain, with serious consequences for the well-being of all people,
- ▶ Recognize that this situation is exacerbated by the **increasing poverty** that is affecting the lives of the majority of the world's people, in particular women and children, with origins in both the national and international domains,
- ▶ Dedicate ourselves unreservedly to addressing these constraints and obstacles and thus enhancing further the advancement and empowerment of women all over the world and agree that this requires urgent action in the spirit of determination, hope, cooperation and solidarity, now and to carry us forward into the next century.

**Action**: Governments, the international community and civil society, including non-governmental organizations and the private sector, are called upon to take strategic action in the following critical areas of concern:

- The persistent and increasing burden of poverty on women
- Inequalities and inadequacies in and unequal access to education and training and unequal access to health care and related services
- Violence against women
- Inequality in **economic structures and policies**, in all forms of productive activities and in access to resources
- Inequality between men and women in the sharing of power and decision-making at all levels
- Mechanisms at all levels to promote the advancement of women......

https://www.un.org/en/events/pastevents/pdf s/Beijing Declaration and Platform for Actio n.pdf



SDG #5 GENDER EQUALITY
SDG #13 CLIMATE ACTION
SDG #17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

## The time is now.

In conjunction with the 25th Anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, ARROW developed a joint statement on the overall status of gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls.

Endorsed by 90 CSOs, women's group, feminist networks and likeminded individuals, the statement puts forward a set of concrete recommendations to accelerate progress towards the realisation of gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls.



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The Asian-Pacific Resource & Research Centre for Women (ARROW)



#### World Conferences on Women

The United Nations has organized four world conferences on women. These took place in Mexico City in 1975, Copenhagen in 1980, Nairobi in 1985 and Beijing in 1995, The last was followed by a series of five-year reviews.

The 1995 Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing marked a significant turning point for the global agenda for gender equality. The Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action, adopted unanimously by 189 countries, is an agenda for women's empowerment and considered the key global policy document on gender equality. It sets strategic objectives and actions for the advancement of women and the achievement of gender equality in 12 critical areas of concern:

- · Women and poverty
- · Education and training of women
- · Women and health
- · Violence against women
- · Women and armed conflict
- · Women and the economy
- · Women in power and decision-making
- · Institutional mechanism for the advancement of women
- · Human rights of women
- · Women and the media
- · Women and the environment
- · The girl-child

The Beijing conference built on political agreements reached at the three previous global conferences on women, and consolidated five decades of legal advances aimed at securing the equality of women with men in law and in practice. More than 17,000 participants attended, including 6,000 government delegates at the negotiations, along with more than 4,000 accredited NGO representatives, a host of international civil servants and around 4,000 media representatives. A parallel NGO Forum held in Huairou near Beijing also drew some 30,000 participants.

#### Before Beijing

1975: The Commission on the Status of Women called for the organization of the first world conference on women to coincide with International Women's Year. The World Conference of the International Women's Year was subsequently held in Mexico City; 133 governments participated, while 6,000 NGO representatives attended a parallel forum, the International Women's Year Tribune. The conference defined a World Plan of Action for the Implementation





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#### Featured Publication



Beijing Platform for Action, Beijing+5 outcome

Considered the most progressive blueprint ever for advancing

women's rights, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action has been





#### n focus: International Youth

his year on International Youth Day, 12 August. ve're celebrating youth around the world who are peaking up for climate justice and food security inder the theme "Transforming Food Systems: outh Innovation for Human and Planetary



In Focus: Women and girls in Sport As some of the world's top women athletes prepare for the FIFA Women's World Cup in

nmatched potential of women and girls in sport, and alling for action to address issues such as unequal or

Women on the situation in Afghanistan

support women and girls in Afghanistan We will remain operational and engaged with our partners at this critical juncture

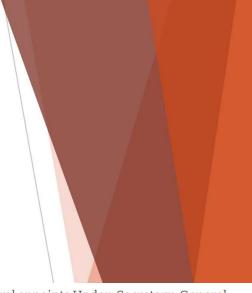
#### Global Acceleration

The Global Acceleration Plan for Gender Equality is a transformative roadmap esigned by the Generation Equality Action Coalition leaders to advance concrete results in the six Action Coalition themes over five years



Young women entrepreneurs from Moldova support the local marke with healthy lifestyle-promoting





#### UN Secretary-General appoints Under-Secretary-General Pramila Patten as officer-in-charge of UN Women

Date: Wednesday, August 18, 2021

The United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres has appointed Under-Secretary-General Pramila Patten as officer-in-charge of UN Women, effective 18 August 2021.

Ms. Patten, who has since April 2017 served as the United Nations Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict, will lead UN Women during the transition period to the incumbency of the next Executive Director, succeeding Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka after her eight-year tenure.

Ms. Patten has deep experience in the field of gender equality and women's empowerment, including service as a member of the Committee on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) from 2003 to 2017. She was the Chairperson of the Working Group on General Recommendation No. 30 on "Women in conflict prevention, conflict and post-conflict



Under-Secretary-General Pramila Patten. Photo: Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict.

situations". She has been a member of several high-level panels and projects, including the High-Level Advisory Group for the "Global study on the implementation of UN Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on women, peace and security", and the Advisory Panel for the African Women's Rights Observatory (AWRO) within the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA).

A national of Mauritius, Ms. Patten has been a practicing lawyer since 1982 and a member of the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn. She also served as an Adviser in the Ministry of Women's Rights, Child Development and Family Welfare of Mauritius from 2000 to 2004.

2000-2015











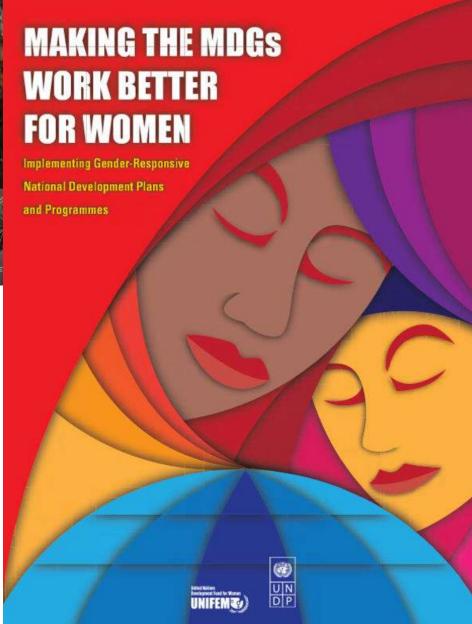












## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)

17 goals, 169 targets, several indicators per target





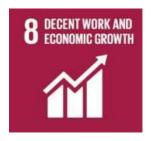






























Adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future



## **Addressing Interlinkages: Climate Change and**

**Technology Context** 

Targets	Indicators		
5.1 End discrimination	5.1.1 Legal frameworks		
5.2 End violence	5.2.1 Domestic violence 5.2.2 Sexual violence		
5.3 End harmful practices	5.3.1 Child and youth marriages 5.3.2 Female genital mutilation		
5.4 Recognize and value women's work	5.4.1 Time spent on un/under paid domestic/care		
5.5 Full/equal participation in leadership and decision-making roles	5.5.1 Women in governmental positions 5.5.2 Women in managerial positions		
5.6 Ensure healthcare and access to healthcare	5.6.1 Informed decisions about sexual health 5.6.2 Number of nations with sexual health laws		
5.A.1 Number of women owning land. 5.A.2 Legal frameworks for women's participation			
5.B Enhance technology use	5.B.1 Women who own mobile phones		
5.C Establish policies and regulations	5.C.1 Countries tracking empowerment		





SPOTLIGHT ON

## WOMEN IN Leadership

Women remain underrepresented in leadership and management level positions in the battle and produce or g/SCI sectors. While quotas have been implemented to boost women's participation in politics and corporate boards, parity is far from reality.

#### **Politics**

Proportion of women in national parliaments (single or lower house) globally

2000

13.2%

2017

39%

of countries worldwide have used some form of quota system to increase women's representation in politics.

#### **Management**

**LESS THAN** 

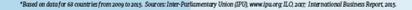


of senior- and middle-

of world business leaders say they are in favor of gender quotas on corporate boards.

The 2015 development agenda brings hope for further progress and illustrates how society can progress toward the goal of gender equality.

>half of the total world population is women.
As such gender context is connected with each of the 17 SDGs



### **Trends and Patterns for SDG 5**





#### SPOTLIGHT ON

## GENDER Data gap

Data on the varying factors that impact women and girls is largely missing. This lack of data makes it harder to accurately identify, analyze and monitor the separate needs and vulnerabilities of women, girls, men and boys and develop effective evidence based policies and solutions.

Only

of countries dedicate a budget to gender statistics.

Only

of countries have legislation that mandates specialized gender-based surveys.

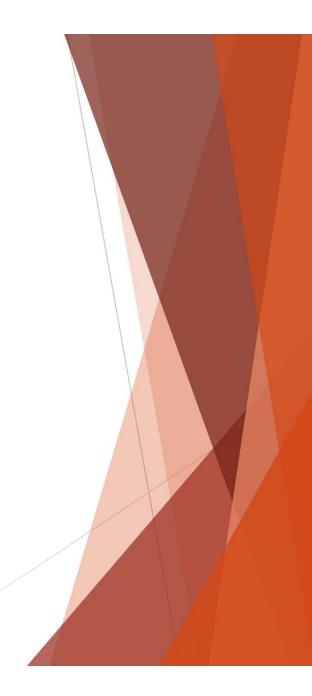
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of countries regularly produce violence against women data.

#### OUR RESPONSE: MAKING EVERY WOMAN AND GIRL COUNT

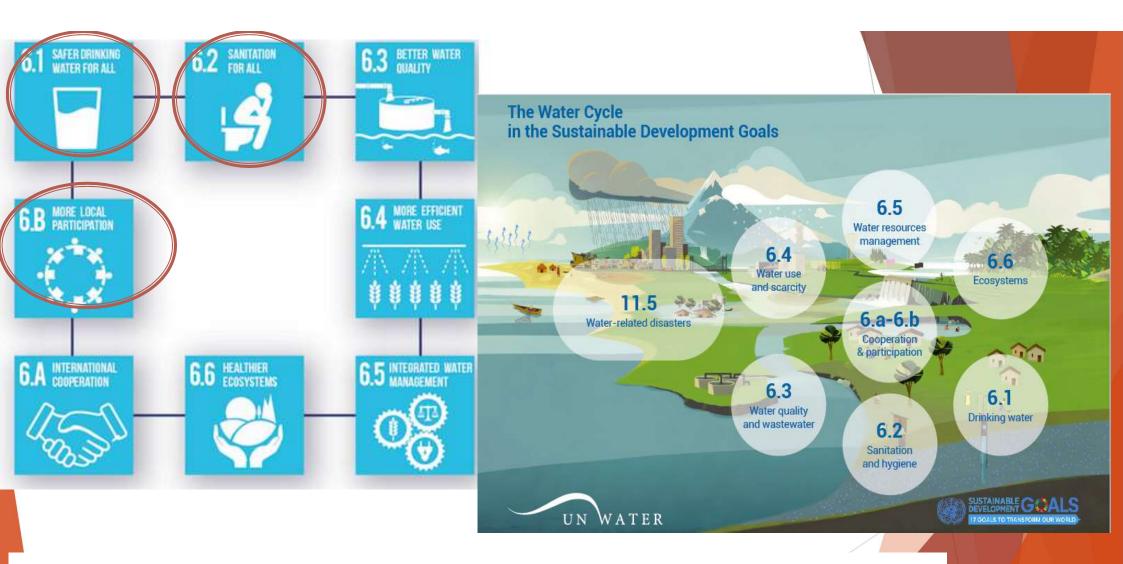
Through our flagship programme, Making Every Women and Girl Count, UN Women aims to bring about a radical shift in how gender statistics are created, used and promoted at the global, regional and national levels.

Working together with governments, civil society, academia and other international agencies, the programme will support efforts to increase the availability of data on gender equality and women's rights in order to inform policy and decision-making.



Source: United Nations, 2013.

https://www.nationsglobalconsulting.org/sdg-5-in-focus



SDG6: "ENSURE AVAILABILITY AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION FOR ALL"





# 8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

## DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH:

WHY IT MATTERS

#### What's the goal here?

To promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all.

#### Why?

Sustained and inclusive economic growth can drive progress, create decent jobs for all and improve living standards.

Even before the outbreak of COVID-19, one in five countries – home to billions of people living in poverty – were likely to see per capita incomes decline in 2020. Now, the economic and financial shocks associated with the pandemic—such as disruptions to industrial production, financial market volatility, and rising insecurity—are derailing the already tepid economic growth and compounding heightened risks from other factors.

## What does "decent work" mean?

Decent work means opportunities for everyone to get In 2019,
22 per cent
of the
World's
Youth
were not
engaged
in either
education,
employment
or training

- Providing youth, the best opportunity to transition to a decent workspace.
- Investing in education and training of the highest possible quality
- Providing youth with skills that match labor market demands,
- Giving young people access to social protection

Countries to build dynamic, sustainable, innovative and gender sensitive economies.

https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/E\_Infographic\_08.pdf

#### **ICE PRESENTS**

SUSTAINABLE ENGINEERING IN ACTION

https://edition.pagesuiteprofessional.co.uk/html5/reader/product ion/default.aspx?pubname=&edid=efdf6 aa1-81e0-4h29-h8d7-e08945023de5 UN75: Sustainable Engineering in Action, was launched by the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE UK) on 16 November 2020.

## Interlinked thinking

The United Nations University's collaborative research contributes to resolving the global problems of human survival, development and welfare that are the concern of the UN and its Member States, as its new report on water and migration exemplifies

Do migrants willingly choose to flee their homes, or is migration the only option available? There is no clear, one-size-fits all explanation for a decision to migrate – a choice that will be made today by many people worldwide, and by an ever-rising number in years to come because of a lack of access to water, climate disasters, a health cruiss and other problems.

Data are scarce on the multiple causes, or "push factors", limiting our understanding of migration. What we can say, though, is that context is everything. The United Nations University (UNU) — a global think tank and postgraduate teaching organisation headquartered in Japan—is among the organisations looking for direct and indirect links between migration and the water crisis. This is a problem that has different faces—unsafe water in many places, chronic flooding or drought in others.

The challenge is separating those push factors from the social, economic and political conditions that contribute to the multi-dimensional realities of vulnerable migrant populations, all of them simply striving for dignity, safety, stability and sustainability in their lives.

A new UNU report, "Water and Migration: A Global Overview", from the UNU Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH), offiers Insights into water and migration interlinkage, and suggests how to tackle existing upps and needs. Its information can be understood easily by stakeholders and proposes ideas for better informed migration related policymaking, including a three-dimensional framework applicable by scholars and planners at multiple scales and in various settings.

The report also describes some discomforting patterns and trends. By 2050, a combination of water- and climate-driven problems and conflicts will force 1 billion people to migrate, not by choice but as their only option. Links to the climate change and water crises are becoming more evident in a dominant trend-rural urban migration.

That said, there is a severe lack of quantitative information and understanding regarding direct and indirect water and climate related drivers of migration, limiting effective management options at local, national, regional and global scales. Global agreements, institutions and policies on migration are concerned mostly



## A matter of urgent attention.

## Rethinking Water-Migration Interlinkages Within the Context of the COVID-19 Crisis

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Prior to the emergence of COVID-19, the <u>WASH situation in the DRC</u> was already dire, with only a quarter population having access to drinking water and sanitation systems. <u>The situation for internally displaced people and refugee settlements</u> is even more precarious given its limited attention and resources and its access and rights dimensions. <u>UNHCR</u> states "with some 630,500 Congolese refugees in the region and 4.49 million IDPs, the situation in DRC is one of the world's most complex, challenging, protracted, and forgotten crises", while highlighting a key fact — 78% Of Congolese refugees are women and children. The water needs of the people living in these vulnerable settings. particularly in the time of COVID-19, is a matter of urgent attention.

https://ourworld.unu.edu/en/rethinking-water-migration-interlinkages-within-the-context-of-the-covid-19-crisis

#### **GAPS and NEEDS**

By 2021, for every 100 men aged 25 to 34 living in extreme poverty (living on 1.90 USD a day or less), there will be 118 women, a gap that is expected to increase to 121 women per 100 men by 2030.



WHO WE ARE

WHAT WE DO



**OUR IMPACT** 

**GET INVOLVED** 

HOME / NEWS CENTRE / COVID-19 WILL WIDEN POVERTY GAP BETWEEN WOMEN AND MEN, NEW UN WOMEN AND UNDP DATA SHOWS

# COVID-19 will widen poverty gap between women and men, new UN Women and UNDP data shows

POSTED ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

## Women, Water and COVID

- ☐ Calls for better access to WASH and healthcare to implement adequate prevention strategies and maintain sufficient resources to address these dimensions in the pandemic response plans
- ☐ For Pandemic-related WASH interventions- the need for data, disaggregated by gender, age and circumstances, is evident



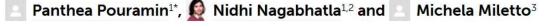




COVID-19 has also had an impact on women's mental health. Fear of the virus and lacking social support during a pandemic will affect their psychosocial health (UN Women, 2020). Other barriers to WASH access, violence, increased responsibilities and other factors discussed above may also be a source of stress.

https://www.unwomen.org/en/digital-library/publications/2020/04/policy-briefal covid-19-on-women





<sup>1</sup>United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU INWEH), Hamilton, ON, Canada

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization World Water Assessment Programme (UNESCO WWAP), Perugia, Italy



Water (i.e., WASH), gender, and sustainability. An analysis of both observational and interventional studies

71% of identified studies reported a health outcome, suggesting an intersection of water and gender with health.

Significant WASH inequities in women and girls further manifest as health burdens, providing strong evidence that the water-gender-nexus intersects with health. Addressing these inequities holds the potential to alleviate disease burden and have a significant impact on achieving the SDGs, including SDG 3,5 and 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>School of Geography and Earth Science, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada

Table 4: Individual countries and their modes of addressing menstrual hygiene management in the humanitarian response plans (Grey = No HRP released; Red = No MHM-related terms found; Green = MHM-related terms found; Yellow = Dignity kits).

	Year				
	Countries	2016	2017	2018	
	AFRICA				
1	Cameroon	NFI & WaSH Kits	Hygiene Kits	"Menstrual Hygiene" products	
2	Nigeria	Dignity & NFI Kits	Dignity & NFI Kits	Hygiene and NFI Kits, Menstrual Pads	
3	Somalia	No HRP released	Hygiene Kits	Dignity & Hygiene kits	
4	Libya	Dignity & Hygiene Kits	MHM not mentioned	Hygiene, Dignity & NFI kits	
5	Mali	WaSH kits with pads	MHM not mentioned	Dignity & WaSH kits	
6	Burundi	Hygiene kits & "Reproductive Health" products	No HRP released	Hygiene kits	
7	Djibouti	WaSH kits	No HRP released	No HRP released	

Gender gaps in humanitarian response: -

design of gender responsive
WASH projects and identification
of gender sensitive indicators
(time gain for women..)
Design and plans of projects
dominated implemented by
(generally male) engineers with
technical skills - limited capacity
for addressing social impact and
community

Good practices on gender focused plans and programs

## ASSESSING IMPACT OF WATER AND CLIMATE-INDUCED MIGRATION ON WOMEN AND GIRLS

#### **Summary**

Migration and forced displacements are results of stressed resource systems and socio-economic uncertainties. Migration has been a long-standing adaptation measure in various marginal and vulnerable communities; it is often linked to water and climate events. Over 60% of total forced displacements at present are already due to climate and water-related factors, and by 2050 these drivers will force around a billion people to migrate, not by choice but as their only option. There is a severe lack of quantitative information and understanding direct and indirect water and climate-related drivers of migration, limiting effective management options at local, national, regional, and global scales. This calls for an in-depth investigation to impacts of water- and climate – related stressors on human migration and related gender inequities.



At the global scale, data on the water-migration nexus is limited, embedded, or

https://inweh.unu.edu/projects/assessing-impact-of-water-and-climate-induced-migration-on-women-and-girls/

- •To assess gaps and challenges towards addressing the social, economic, and political implications of waterand climate-triggered migration, and potential for **gender-focused solutions** for climate change adaptation.
- •To analyze how emerging patterns of conflicts and migration impact human development, for groups and individuals living in vulnerable situations for women and girls in particular and how these impacts can best be assessed.

## **Gender and Water Toolkit**

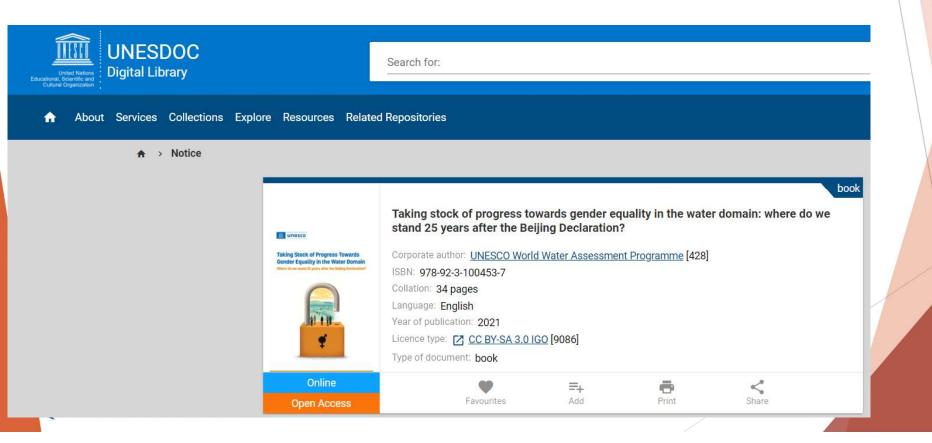
UNESCO World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP) spearheaded the formation of the "Gender and Water Toolkit" in 2014 to further the gender-water-related research and investigation through the development of new sex-disaggregated indicators (more so in the WASH sector)

"it is not an exaggeration to say there is virtually no sex-disaggregated data on water and sanitation sectors collected by the main international agencies and groups responsible for global data compilation."

The 2nd edition launched in **2019** incorporates 105 indicators in 10 different topics related to the SDGs (water governance, safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene, knowledge resources, transboundary water management, water for agricultural uses, water for industry and enterprise, and human rights-based water resource management).

## **Narratives and Insights for Future Action**

Taking stock of progress towards gender equality in the water domain: where do we stand 25 years after the Beijing Declaration?





#### Taking Stock of Progress Towards Gender Equality in the Water Domain

Where do we stand 25 years after the Beijing Declaration?



## Gender equality in the water domain is clearly off track

Women are not only the main persons responsible for water collection in many parts of the word, but they also possess invaluable knowledge with regard to water resources and play a key role in water and sanitation management at the local and community levels. Accordingly, women must be able to enjoy equal access to water and also have an equal say in the management and governance of water resources. Invently they evant after the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, progress towards gender equality through the fulfilment of the basic right to water and antitation is clearly off track.

**17%** 

of the water sector's

total workforce is composed of

Despite advances at the policy level in acknowledging the need to progress towards gender equality in the water sector - and the resulting benefits - large gender inequalities persist in practice. Women services are generally under-represented in terms of participation at all levels: from institutional bodies that manage antional or transboundary waters, to water-related institutions such as governmental water agencies and water utilities, to local water management institutions.

This report provides a detailed overview of the existing and emerging challenges to gender equality in the wate domain with a particular focus on: access to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), health, employment, climate change management, water governance, education and training, and data collection and funding. Systematic and sustained offorts to eliminate these inequalities are essential to achieve meaningful and lasting gender equality in the water sector, and to promote sustainable development in general.

Governments, international organizations, professionals and policy-makers in the water sector, academia and NGOs are invited to join forces to accelerate the achievement of gender equality in water for a more just, sustainable and peaceful future.

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  institutions such as governmental water agencies and water utilities, to local water
  management institutions.

#### Jobs in the water sector

3 out of 4 jobs that make up the global workforce are directly or indirectly dependent on water.

Water-related jobs in the water sector include water resources management, ecosystem restoration and remediation, infrastructure building and maintenance, the provision of sanitation services (sewerage and waste management), as well as in national and local government positions (UNESCO/UN-Water, 2016).

Women are disproportionately underrepresented in water-related jobs, and they face obstacles at multiple levels when they seek a career in the water sector (Das, 2017). Contributing factors are multiple and usually related to unbalanced distribution of domestic tasks and responsibilities between men and women, and persistent social norms that disadvantage women

Based on multi-stakeholder coordinated action, the SDG 6 Global Acceleration Framework is intended to speed up and scale uprogress on the 2030 Agenda commitments. The Framework relies on four "action pillars" (UN-Water, 2020a):

- Engage Improved engagement with country stakeholders
- Align Alignment of the policy, financial and operational efforts for more efficient support to countries
- Accelerate Acceleration of the progress in addressing the water commitments through five "accelerators" (Figure A) financing, data and information, capacity development, innovation and governance.
- Account Promote shared accountability through (i) better coordination among United Nations agencies; (ii) improved country
  support through optimized financial and operational approaches; and (iii) integration of "purpose-driven" collaboration into global,
  regional and country organizations.



Join our global #CallforAction to develop concrete actions & unlock the power of gender equality in the Water domain!

More about this Multi-Stakeholder Call: bit.ly/WaterandGender #AcceleratingGenderEquality



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Gender Equality
in the Water Domain

Through a Multi-stakeholder Call for Action



# Unlocking the Power of Gender Equality in the Water Domain

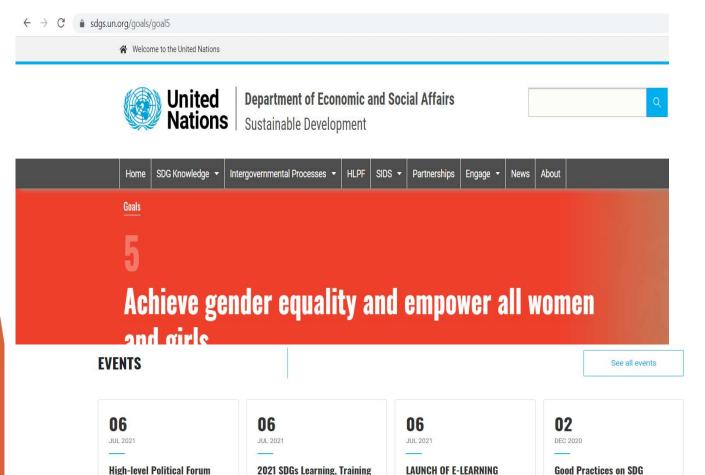
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