

GENERATION EQUALITY

of the Office of the High Commissioner
for Human Rights (OHCHR)



COMMITMENTS

On 30 June – 2 July, France is virtually hosting the Beijing+25 Generation Equality Forum (GEF), a civil society-centred, global gathering for gender equality, convened by UN Women. At this forum, six specifically themed multi-stakeholder Action Coalitions present their Blueprints for Action within the period of 2021-2026 to form part of a “Global Acceleration Plan for Gender Equality”. At the Forum, a Compact is also adopted on Women, Peace & Security and Humanitarian Action (WPS-HA). OHCHR is the UN agency in the Leadership group of the Action Coalition 6 on Feminist Movements and Leadership (AC6). OHCHR has made the following commitments towards the Generation Equality Global Acceleration Plan for Gender Equality.

OHCHR'S COMMITMENTS ON FEMINIST MOVEMENTS AND LEADERSHIP



1 JOINT UN COMMITMENT

— We, UN Leaders of Generation Equality, commit to actively promote an open, safe and

inclusive civic space and to take concrete progressive steps to promote, protect and ensure online and offline channels for meaningful participation of feminist movements and women human rights defenders of all ages and in all their diversity at global, regional, national and sub-national levels, with a view to ensuring different voices are heard and taken into account.

Co-signed thus far by: *UNFPA, WHO, UNICEF, UNEP, UNDP, ILO, UN Women*

3 OHCHR INDIVIDUAL COMMITMENTS

— OHCHR commits to step up our engagement and support to protection networks at global, regional and country levels, with a focus on women human rights defenders and movements so that by 2026, OHCHR's effective response and coordination is enhanced, including protection from reprisals for cooperating with the UN.

— OHCHR commits to step up our advocacy on online civic space, including within the UN system, so that, by 2026, we will have supported and contributed to an

accessible, free and safe internet for all feminist movements, activists and organisations, with digital divides and online misogyny rooted in gender-based discrimination better understood and addressed in our advocacy, whilst freedom of expression is respected.

— OHCHR commits to conduct advocacy, awareness-raising and capacity-building initiatives, dialogues and convenings as part of its efforts to ensure that, by 2026, feminist movements, activists and organizations have increased awareness of and access to independent international, regional and national human rights mechanisms and bodies.

4 COLLECTIVE COMMITMENTS WITH OTHER LEADERS OF THE ACTION COALITION

— We collectively commit to co-create a Global Alliance on Sustainable Feminist Movements so that, by 2026, feminist movements have better and more coordinated access to funding and are more politically supported and connected around the world.

Co-signed thus far by: *AWID, Equality Fund, CREA, The Netherlands, IWDA, Gucci, Global Fund for Women, Women Enabled International, UCLG, Young Feminist Europe (YFE), Gender Links, Global Affairs Canada*

— We collectively commit to recognize women human rights defenders and to counter the stigma and hate speech against them rooted in gender-based

discrimination they face through positive narratives, campaigns and advocacy for their protection and in solidarity with them so that, by 2026, women human rights defenders are better recognised, supported, protected and empowered in their communities, organisations and movements.

Co-signed thus far by: *CREA, Equality Fund, UCLG, The Netherlands, Gender Links, Gucci, Global Fund for Women, Women Enabled International, Young Feminist Europe, Global Affairs Canada*

— **We collectively commit to continue deepening an understanding of intersectional feminist principles and further integrate them** into the work of the Action Coalition, across the Generation Equality process and accountability framework, and in our organizations.

Co-signed thus far by: *Young Feminist Europe, Equality Fund, IWDA, UCLG, CREA, IPU, The Netherlands, Gucci, Global Fund for Women, Women Enabled International, Asamblea Nacional Política de Mujeres Indígenas*

— **We collectively commit to identify information and data gaps and compile a set of rights-based indicators**, drawing on and reinforcing related processes underway, to, by 2026, have strengthened our collective ability to measure, analyze and deepen our advocacy on civic space trends and progress for feminist mobilization, organizing and action, in all its diversity.

Co-signed thus far by: *Gucci, Equality Fund, CREA, the Netherlands, Global Affairs Canada*

3 COLLECTIVE COMMITMENTS WITH OTHER STAKEHOLDERS ON THE ACTION COALITION ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

— **We commit collectively with other partners** to support the scale-up/implementation of evidence - based and - informed multisectoral and coordinated prevention strategies guided by the RESPECT framework in at least 25 of the countries with high prevalence of violence

against women and girls. This support will include financial, technical (incl. capacity strengthening), coordination, convening, and advocacy and policy engagements. It will include a focus on adolescent girls and young women. It will build on existing efforts, in line with national priorities and commitments and in support of and full partnership with women led and women's rights organizations.

— **We commit collectively with partners** to eliminate Female Genital Mutilation, by supporting comprehensive gender-transformative prevention and response strategies and to prevent child early and forced marriage and ensure that girls who are already married are supported through comprehensive, gender-transformative prevention and response strategies.

— **Together with UNODC and UN Women, we commit** to working together and with other partners in at least 30 countries to prevent and respond to violence against women, including gender-related killings, and increase access to gender-responsive justice for women and girls in all their diversity and ensure perpetrator accountability. It aims to strengthen the capacity of police and law enforcement agencies to provide timely, effective and accountable police services that are trauma-informed, victim/survivor-centred, innovative and adaptable, as part of creating transformative change programming aimed at eliminating harmful gender bias, stereotypes and harassment within law enforcement institutions.

1 JOINT COMMITMENT ON THE WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY AND HUMANITARIAN ACTION COMPACT

— **OHCHR commits with UN Women to ensure that UN mandated investigative bodies supported by OHCHR receive support and guidance to integrate a gender perspective effectively into their work.**

