



24 hours Around-the-Clock Generation Equality at CSW66

Concept Note

ORGANIZER: UN Women

SPONSORS:

WHEN: 16 March 2022

WHERE: Virtually hosted

CONTEXT

CSW66 takes place amid the continuing COVID-19 crisis, with large parts of the world still reeling from the impact of the pandemic and experiencing exacerbated inequalities, discrimination, and violence. In this context, and guided by this year's priority theme 'Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes', Generation Equality (GE) and its [Global Acceleration Plan for Gender Equality](#) offer a concrete opportunity to address the intertwined root causes of climate and environmental crises, gender inequalities, and advance girls' and women's rights to realize gender equality.

This 24-hour Generation Equality event will serve as an important opportunity for UN Women to update partners on progress and to outline the path ahead for Generation Equality and the Action Coalitions and the Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action (WPS-HA) Compact. It will be the first tentpole moment of the year and will highlight how UN Women will convene Generation Equality for the next five years and leverage the opportunities ahead. To aggregate the sessions related to Generation Equality and the Action Coalitions and the WPS-HA Compact that would otherwise be dispersed across the totality of CSW, the proposal is for all side event sessions to take place during a 24-hour agenda on 16 March 2022.

OBJECTIVES

Partners are invited to be part of the Generation Equality journey by timing and curating their – already organized – virtual multi-stakeholder and intergenerational sessions during the 24-hour window. The emphasis will be on amplifying the voices of diverse stakeholders (youth, civil society organizations, governments, the private sector) across regions and sectors who will share how the Global Acceleration Plan for Gender Equality is being implemented, contributing to the achievement of the Beijing Platform for Action and delivering on the transformative promise of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Generation Equality 24-hour side event sessions will maintain momentum for Generation Equality and continue to catalyze collective action for game-changing results for girls and women around the world.

The flagship UN Women Generation Equality high-level dialogue side event at CSW will anchor messaging for all the events, with a focus on providing concrete information to stakeholders about the Generation

Equality's forward trajectory that affirms confidence in UN Women's forward leadership of the process. This will include unveiling the online commitments dashboard with all 1,000+ ambitious commitments pledged at the Generation Equality Paris Forum and progress against the Accountability Framework that will monitor and measure progress for the next five years. This high-level dialogue will provide the opportunity for UN Women's Executive Director to outline her vision for the future of Generation Equality and re-ignite attention and momentum for the five-year journey.

FORMAT

To strengthen the ongoing localization of Generation Equality at regional and national levels, this Generation Equality 24-hour agenda will travel around the world, region by region, time zone by time zone, to 'land' in New York City at CSW66. Kicking off in Asia Pacific, UN Women will coordinate the Generation Equality CSW calendar based in three geographic locations and time zones: a) Asia / Pacific (9.00 pm to 3.00 am EST); b) Europe / Middle East / Africa (4.00 am to 9 am EST) and c) Americas (9.00 am EST onwards). (This effort will entail coordination and grouping of existing prospective events, rather than originating or commissioning new events.)

The Generation Equality side event sessions will consist of the flagship UN Women corporate side event, Action Coalition and WPS-HA Compact side events, and side events organized by other Generation Equality partners. These side event sessions should all be linked to the priority theme of CSW 66. By aggregating and 'packaging' all sessions within a 24-hour period, it is intended to create greater overall cohesion, impact and brand prominence for Generation Equality and the Action Coalitions and the WPS-HA Compact.

Partners will have the opportunity to amplify their side event sessions through media and social media as part of this overall Generation Equality event.

The Generation Equality side event sessions at CSW66 in New York:

- **Flagship UN Women and Generation Equality Side Event: Generation Equality High-level Multistakeholder Dialogue.** Hosted by UN Women.

The Generation Equality 24-hour event will culminate with a high-level multi-stakeholder and intergenerational dialogue held from 4.00 pm to 5.30 pm EST on 16 March 2022. The High-level dialogue will provide the opportunity for UN Women's Executive Director to outline her vision for the future of Generation Equality and re-ignite attention and momentum for the five-year journey. The closing session of the Generation Equality side event will act as a powerful 're-set' and recalibration moment for Generation Equality and reactivate its call for further financial, policy, and programmatic commitments to the Action Coalitions to advance gender equality over the next five years. The event will also reaffirm UN Women's plans to ensure invested stakeholders' continued leadership and engagement (particularly civil society, youth, and adolescent girls) throughout the implementation phase.

The event will be an opportunity to reflect, from experience on the ground, the challenges and opportunities to secure bold and accelerated progress towards achieving gender equality. In line with the Secretary-General's Common Agenda commitment to strengthen and accelerate multilateral agreements, the discussion will also provide valuable insights to ensure Generation Equality's 5-year journey becomes a critical catalyst towards fulfilling the promises of SDG-5 and the overall 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Generation Equality Action Coalition side event sessions. All events related to the Generation Equality Action Coalitions and the WPS-HA Compact, including events held by Action Coalition leaders, will be part of this 24-hour agenda unless formally agreed otherwise. Currently, sessions organized by Action Coalition leaders and the WPS-HA Compact to be aligned with the New York programme include the following, with further events to be confirmed:

Event session
<p>TITLE: Climate change and impacts on violence against women.</p> <p>WHEN: 16 March 2022, 7:00 – 8:15am</p> <p>WHERE: Virtually hosted</p> <p>ORGANIZERS: Leaders of the Action Coalitions on Feminist Action for Climate Justice and Action and Gender-based Violence</p> <p>DESCRIPTION:</p> <p>The side event “climate change and the impact on violence against women” will highlight the linkages between the impacts of climate change on gender-based violence (GBV) against women and girls and identify possibilities and strategies for preventing and responding to GBV in the context of climate change. It will explore how environmental and sustainable development initiatives can better mitigate against GBV related risks and the integration of GBV prevention and response into climate change related policies and programmes, including those which focus on the role of women’s rights organizations and women human rights defenders in addressing the impacts of climate change.</p>
<p>TITLE: The Road to Youth-Inclusive Implementation of WPS-HA Compact Actions</p> <p>WHEN: March 16, 2022 - 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM EST</p> <p>WHERE: Virtually hosted</p> <p>ORGANIZERS: WPS-HA Compact Board and Catalytic Members</p> <p>EVENT DESCRIPTION:</p> <p>The Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action (WPS-HA) Compact was launched in July 2021 at the Generation Equality Forum in Paris. As an inclusive and intergenerational platform, the Compact has a strong focus on harnessing meaningful youth engagement through its mandate and <u>actions</u>. The WPS-HA Compact will host an event on the margins of the 66th session of the Commission on the Status of Women with the aim of strengthening the intergenerational dimensions of WPS-HA work, and enhancing accountability for meaningful youth inclusion, particularly of young women. The event will emphasize opportunities and actions for WPS-HA Compact Signatories.</p>
<p>TITLE: Towards a Gender- and Climate-Just Economy: Financing the Climate-Care Nexus</p> <p>ORGANIZERS: Action Coalitions on Economic Justice and Rights & Feminist Action for Climate Justice</p> <p>WHEN: 16 March 2022, 8:30 – 9:45am</p> <p>WHERE: Virtually hosted</p> <p>CO-SPONSORS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diverse Voices and Action (DIVA) for Equality, Fiji/Pacific

- Global Greengrants Fund
- Government of Mexico
- Government of Sweden
- Government of Costa Rica
- International Labour Organization
- International Trade Union Confederation
- Women’s Environment and Development Organization

EVENT DESCRIPTION:

The Generation Equality Action Coalitions on **Economic Justice and Rights (EJR)** and **Feminist Action for Climate Justice (FACJ)** are joining forces to address the interlinkages between the climate emergency and the care economy. The event will explore ways forward for building a feminist green economy that centres women-led solutions to climate change, with a focus on care work, including care jobs as green jobs, and the potential of climate finance. The discussion will culminate in the announcement of a collective roadmap, to be jointly developed by Leaders of the Action Coalitions on EJR and FACJ, that identifies concrete actions towards an equitable, just and resilient economy that prioritizes the rights and needs of peoples and planet.

FORMAT:

This will be a moderated, high-level event that will include a panel discussion and Q&A session.

TITLE: The relevance of care work for gender equality – action for sustainability

WHEN: 16 March 2022 from 11:30am – 12:45 am

WHERE: Virtually hosted

ORGANIZERS: Governments of Mexico and Germany

SPONSORS: ITUC, ILO and UN Women on behalf of the Global Alliance for Care

EVENT DESCRIPTION: This high-level event will feature a multistakeholder and intergenerational discussion on how the Global Alliance for Care can play a catalytic role in promoting the incorporation the care dimension in the social, labor, environmental and economic policies; to bring about transformative change for gender equality and a sustainable and just future for all. The discussion will illustrate the particular relevance of sustainable care systems to successfully tackle climate change and build resilient societies, thus providing a unique opportunity to mobilize multistakeholder engagement and promote investment at scale for care systems and care systems solutions.

TITLE: Securing quality education, 21st century skills and the successful transition from school to work in a digital world

WHEN: 16 March 2022 from 11:30am – 12:45pm

WHERE: Virtually hosted

ORGANIZERS: Leaders of the Action Coalitions on Economic Justice and Rights & Technology and Innovation for Gender Equality

SPONSOR: Government of Finland and the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)

EVENT DESCRIPTION:

Despite the recognition that education is a fundamental human right that strengthens labour market outcomes for girls and young women, gender disparities in education are widespread, especially in digital access and competencies. To prepare them for meaningful and equal engagement in decent work, and for the job market shifts yet to come, multi-stakeholder dialogue and cooperation are required. The Action Coalitions on **Economic Justice and Rights** and **Technology and Innovation for Gender Equality** will explore actions for catalyzing change by providing girls and young women with the quality education and skills needed to prepare them for the future world of work, successfully transition into the labour force and become leaders in the labour market.

FORMAT:

This will be a moderated, high-level event that will include a panel discussion.

TITLE: Gender Equality for Climate Justice

WHEN: 16 March 2022, 1.00 – 2.15pm EST

WHERE: Virtually hosted

ORGANIZERS: Action Coalition Feminist Action for Climate Justice

CO-SPONSORS: Costa Rica and United Kingdom

EVENT DESCRIPTION:

The Generation Equality Action Coalition on Feminist Action for Climate Justice is hosting a side event to galvanize momentum, share innovative examples, and surface best practices for advancing gender equality and climate justice. It will showcase frameworks for action and create opportunities for synergies and multi-sectoral efforts towards a global transition to a climate-resilient future with gender equality at its heart.

FORMAT:

This will be a moderated, high-level event that will include a panel discussion and showcase new commitments for feminist action for climate justice.

TITLE: Popcorn Power Hour: Building a feminist movement for urgent action, strong powerful voices to ensure bodily autonomy & SRHR of women, girls and vulnerable populations for climate emergency responses Draft version – Will be edited promptly

WHEN: 16 March 2022, 14.30 to 15.45 p.m. EST

WHERE: Virtually hosted

ORGANIZERS: (and co-organizers if applicable) - tbc

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

An often overlooked aspect of the climate crisis is how it intersects with sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). There are a range of devastating impacts including, increased levels of sexual and gender-based violence, Reduced or unavailable services in areas affected by climate-related disasters, meaning access to services like contraception, safe abortion care, and STI testing, and treatment is blocked as well as impacts on menstrual health and hygiene. ²This session brings together a movement of strong feminist Action Coalition leaders, to share concrete actions which must be considered by stakeholders such as International AID Agencies, Governments, civil society, health and care workers.

TITLE: Generation Equality High-level Multistakeholder Intergenerational Interactive Dialogue

WHEN: 16 March 2022, 16.00 to 17.45 p.m. EST

WHERE: Virtually hosted

ORGANIZER: UN Women

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

The High-level dialogue will provide the opportunity for UN Women's Executive Director to outline her vision for the future of Generation Equality and re-ignite attention and momentum for the five-year journey. The closing session of the Generation Equality side event will act as a powerful 're-set' and recalibration moment for Generation Equality and reactivate its call for further financial, policy, and programmatic commitments to the Action Coalitions to advance gender equality over the next five years. The event will also reaffirm UN Women's plans to ensure invested stakeholders' continued leadership and engagement (particularly civil society, youth, and adolescent girls) throughout the implementation phase. The event will be also an opportunity to reflect, from experience on the ground, the challenges and opportunities to secure bold and accelerated progress towards achieving gender equality. In line with the Secretary-General's Common Agenda commitment to strengthen and accelerate multilateral agreements, the discussion will also provide valuable insights to ensure Generation Equality's 5-year journey becomes a critical catalyst towards fulfilling the promises of SDG-5 and the overall 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.