



UN WOMEN'S CALL TO ACTION TO PARLIAMENTARIANS



End Discriminatory Laws

Discriminatory laws affect some 2.5 billion women and girls around the world. By reviewing national legislation and prioritizing the elimination of any inequality in the law, parliamentarians can make laws work for everyone.



Get More Women in Parliaments, Cabinets and Leadership

By encouraging women to enter politics, adopting quotas or other methods to increase the numbers of women in leadership and implementing parity in cabinets, parliamentarians can make sure everyone has the same access to power.



Implement Progressive Law Reforms

By implementing legislation known to support gender equality, such as shared parental leave, equal pay and laws that support eliminating violence against women, parliamentarians can make progress happen faster.



Challenge Norms and Traditional Gender Stereotyping

By using their platforms to challenge the norms and stereotypes that hold women and girls back from fully enjoying equal rights and opportunities, parliamentarians can change their cultures and societies.



Support Other Women in Politics

By supporting and working with other women, including across political and party lines, for the common goal of gender equality, parliamentarians can work towards a greater consensus for a better world.

Progress towards gender equality in Parliaments will improve the lives of women and girls around the world.



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In 2020, it will be 25 years since the Beijing Platform for Action set out how to remove the systematic barriers that hold women back from equal participation in all areas of life, whether in public or in private. Despite some progress, real change has been agonizingly slow for the majority of women and girls in the world. Today, not a single country can claim to have achieved gender equality and multiple obstacles remain unchanged in law and in culture.

UN Women stands at the centre of mobilizing governments and civil societies to keep the promises of the Beijing Platform for Action to all of society. In everything it does, it is committed to making gender equality a lived reality for all women and girls who have historically been marginalized and who have waited long enough. This is a vision of a more prosperous, peaceful and fair world that is ultimately better for both women and men alike.

Generation Equality is the new groundbreaking and multigenerational campaign launched by UN Women in the context of its preparatory work towards the 25th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women in 2020. Through the campaign, UN Women is bringing together the next generations of women's rights activists with the gender equality advocates and visionaries who were instrumental in creating the Beijing Platform for Action more than two decades ago. Collectively, these change makers of all ages and genders can tackle the unfinished business of empowering women.

This Call to Action is born in the context of the Generation Equality campaign. Parliamentarians are invited to build on the experiences and best practices from Member States on how to best achieve a gender equal world via legislation and parliamentary work.

Information on UN Women's Call to Action to Parliamentarians can be found on www.unwomen.org