

# REGIONAL FORUM

ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE UNECE REGION

29 – 30 MARCH 2023 | HYBRID EVENT | GENEVA & ONLINE



## SIDE EVENT CONCEPT NOTE

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Event title

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Gender-Responsiveness in Partnerships for the Goals (SDG 17): Tools, Strategies, and Approaches

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Background and Rationale

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The distance to equal is long. And the time is short. We are not on track to achieve gender equality by 2030. These findings from UN Women’s SDG5 tracker highlight that with only seven years left remaining to achieve gender equality, moderate progress is deeply insufficient.

SDG 17, Partnerships for the Goals, prompts us to strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize global partnerships for sustainable development. This includes enhancing policy coherence (Target 17.E), encouraging and promoting effective multi-stakeholder engagement (Target 17.H), increasing the availability of quality data (Target 17.I), as well as developing measurements of progress (Target 17.J).

A cross-cutting theme amongst these varied targets is gender-responsiveness. This is of particular concern to the UNECE region, where alarms have been raised about a backslide on gender equality. According to the Gender Equality Index by the European Institute for Gender Equality, it will take more than 60 years to achieve gender equality in the EU at the current progress rate.

This event, organized as a training/learning session, draws insights from the expertise of a range of stakeholders to share tools, strategies, and approaches with regards to gender-responsiveness in partnerships for the goals. The session focuses on the status of implementation of 2030 Agenda in times of multiple crises by outlining available gender data, identifying critical data gaps, exploring new approaches in data production and progress measurement, as well as by presenting strategies to advocate for change and create partnerships.

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Session objectives and expected outcomes

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The objectives of this event are to provide a technical briefing on the tools, strategies, and approaches presented and to offer resources on gender-responsiveness in partnerships for the goals. This session builds on a 2022 UN HLPF SDG Learning Session “Achieving gender equality: measuring progress and advocating for systems change” and serves as a continuation of our collective efforts in the implementation of Agenda 2030. The expected

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outcomes of the session include the application of the shared tools, strategies, and approaches as a means to strengthen partnerships for the goals in gender-responsive ways.

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## Organizers

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**Lead organizers:** Center for Migration, Gender, and Justice

**Contributors:** UN Women, Women's Major Group, European Institute for Gender Equality (TBC)

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## Agenda and Structure

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Welcome: The state of Gender-Responsiveness in Partnership for the Goals

Data Tools: UN Women - SDG 5 Tracker

Progress Measurement Approaches:

- European Institute for Gender Equality (TBC) - Gender Equality Index
- Center for Migration, Gender, and Justice - Gender-Migration Index (GMI)

Advocacy Strategies: Women's Major Group – Until All of Us Are Free Series

Q&A

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## List of Panellists

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Moderator: TBC (tentatively UN Women)

UN Women: Antra Bhatt and Ginette Azcona

Center for Migration, Gender, and Justice: Lara-Zuzan Golesorkhi

Women's Major Group: Valentina Bodrug

European Institute for Gender Equality (TBC)

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## Sign-up / Registration Link

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